

Our quiet heroes: those looking after nature



Ann and Stella from Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare.

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[/dropcap]ne of the many beautiful things about living in South-West Victoria is the wild environment that surrounds us, from the ocean, to the rivers, the estuaries and the native bush.

While we are so fortunate to have access to such natural beauty, there is a legion of volunteers who are doing their bit to keep it that way and to reduce the environmental impact of humans.

South-West Victoria is home to several well-established and active environmental groups, including Friends of Merri Marine Sanctuary, Making a Difference for the Merri, Friends of Ralph Illidge Sanctuary and the [Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group](#).

It is the latter that we have chosen as our hero of the week

after finding two of its members – Ann and Stella – hard at work digging out weeds and knee-high grass from an area known as Harris on Merri, near the Rail Trail in South Warrnambool.

We reckon that getting down on your hands and knees and weeding for several hours in order to make a public space more beautiful is worthy of reward: if only the small one that we offer. Thankyou Ann and Stella, and all those like you.

If you would like to know more about landcare groups in the area, the Basalt to Bay Landcare Network is a great place to start. Check their website [here](#).

[box] Bluestone Magazine is donating a voucher for coffee and cake to each of our quiet heroes. This week it will be Lozzar's Lounge Cafe, 52A Kepler St, Warrnambool.[/box]



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