

# Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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## International Volunteer Managers Day - 5 November

International Volunteer Managers Day is an opportunity to thank all the paid and unpaid environmental volunteer managers across Victoria.

Volunteer managers and leaders are a powerhouse of volunteering. Their dedication, expertise and heart make the world a better place and bring about change in our communities.

Thank you for all the work that you do supporting volunteers to care for nature.



## EVM Grow 2023

Thanks so much to those of you that recently attended the third annual Environmental Volunteer Managers Forum. Whether you were in the room at Melbourne Zoo, at one of the regional hubs or online, we hope you enjoyed the day.

The [feedback survey](#) is still open, so feel free to let us know your feedback so we can use it in our planning for EVM Grow 2024!

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## Training

### Cultural Burning Webinar - Thursday 9 November 1-2pm

Join us for a cultural burning webinar to learn about cultural burning in DEECA's Port Phillip Region with Liam Gallagher, and to hear about a project to bring traditional Wurundjeri burning back to Christmas Hills with Doug Evans.

For [more information and to register](#)

## Resources

### Protecting our wildlife, lands and agriculture sector over the summer

Agriculture Victoria (AgVic) works with Victorian farmers and the agriculture sector to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disasters including fires, floods and storms.

A new [Fire Preparedness Toolkit](#) has been launched to assist farmers and private land managers with preparing their farm business, livestock, staff and infrastructure ahead of the fire season.

### Volunteer Manager Resources

A timely reminder about some great resources available to support volunteer managers organised into key topics with practical tools.

[Volunteering Resource Hub: Quick Guide to Volunteer Management](#)

Also, some great research from the Volunteering Strategy to reinforce the value and importance of volunteer managers and leaders.

[Without Leadership there is no volunteering: The importance of strategic investment in leadership development in Australia](#)

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## Events

**Wadawurrung cultural education session - Thursday 9 November 9.45am - 4.30pm**

Join Landcare volunteers and other NRM professionals on a cultural education and immersion day on country with Wadawurrung man Ash Skinner.

A bus will transport participants between three sites over the day departing from and returning to Eynesbury.

For [more information and to register](#)

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## Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Update

DEECA is looking towards future planning for the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program and undertaking a review.

We want to ensure the current program continues to deliver the most effective support for the Landcare and environmental volunteer community, Landcare facilitators and employers.

Feedback and input from the Landcare and environmental volunteer community will be critical to understanding what makes the program great, and what can be improved.

An independent engagement specialist will run consultation sessions and an online survey with multiple ways for people to contribute. The independent specialist will analyse and collate everyone's feedback to provide to DEECA.

Please keep an eye out for opportunities to contribute to the consultation process in early 2024.

If you'd like any further information at this stage, please [send an email](#) to the Landcare team.

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## Opportunities

### Iramoo Young Stewards - 11 November

Do you have a passion for nature and want to make a positive impact?

We are working to gear up the next generation of people to love and care for Iramoo and other remnant native grasslands in the west of Melbourne. We are looking for people aged 16 - 29 years to come along and share their ideas and explore the possibilities.

For more information register [here](#).

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## Want to know more? How to get in touch

There's a lot of information on [our website](#), so take a look at some of the great resources, research and reports.

Make a cup of tea, take a look at our [interactive map](#) and let us know if there's any information that requires updating for your group.

Need assistance or want to share a great story of environmental volunteering in your area? [Send us an email](#).

Resources for the Victorian Landcare Program are available on the [Victorian Landcare Gateway](#). You can find information on the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program, Landcare groups' boundary maps, resources and more.

If you have a Victorian Landcare Program specific question, [send an email](#).



We acknowledge Victorian Traditional Owners and their Elders past and present as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters and commit to genuinely partnering with them and Victoria's Aboriginal community to progress their aspirations.



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