

## Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



### April 2023

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### Welcome to our new e-newsletter

We have combined the Environmental Volunteering Update with the Victorian Landcare Program Update to bring you one e-newsletter filled with great content.

We have merged the distribution lists so you should only receive one copy, but please let us know if there are any issues.

Please also forward this on to anyone that you think might enjoy reading about news, grants, research and opportunities.



### Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants now open

The 2023 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants are now open, with \$450,000 for projects to help young people learn about valuing and caring for Victoria's biodiversity and our natural environment.

Grants of up to \$5,000 each are available to fund projects that provide young Victorians with an opportunity to participate in biodiversity focused hands-on projects or environmental learning activities.

The grants are open to all schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, Scouts, Girl Guides, youth and Junior Landcare groups in Victoria.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Junior Landcare](#)

Grant applications close at 3pm on Friday 12 May.



### Victorian Landcare Grants now open

Through the 2023 Victorian Landcare Grants, Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks can apply for project grants of up to \$20,000 for on-ground works and community education projects that protect or improve the natural environment including native vegetation and wildlife, waterways and soils.

Support grants of up to \$500 are also available to help with group and network administration and running costs.

For more information and to apply, please visit our [grants website](#).

Grant applications close at 5pm on Tuesday 16 May.

### Training Available

Volunteering Victoria runs public training workshops year-round on issues related to managing volunteers effectively.



These are run on demand with a variety of dates scheduled throughout the year.

Participants will learn from experienced trainers and be able to share knowledge and form networks within the sector.

For more information, please visit [Volunteering Victoria Events](#).

### Exploring the National Volunteering Strategy - 5 April

12:00pm - 1:00pm (AEST), Wednesday 5 April 2023, Free Online Webinar

Last month saw the launch of Australia's first National Strategy for Volunteering in a decade at the 2023 National Volunteering Conference. You are invited to a webinar to explore the National Strategy in more detail.

The webinar will cover:

- The Vision
- The Aims
- The Strategic Objectives
- How you can use the National Strategy in your work
- What's next?

The presentation will be followed by Q&A.

The entire volunteering community is invited to join, and we encourage you to share this with anyone you know who has an interest in volunteering.

Read and download the National Strategy for Volunteering at [volunteeringstrategy.org.au](#).

### Citizen Science on the Resources Hub

We recently shared our Resources Hub which has a lot of information to support you in various aspects of volunteering for nature.



April is Citizen Science month and we'll be sharing some wonderful stories over the next couple of weeks.

If you'd like to find out more about citizen science, data collection, online tools and ways to improve your community research project, please visit our [website](#).

### Digital Capacity of Volunteer Involving Organisations - opportunity to be involved in nationwide research

Funded by the Federal Government, Volunteering Victoria and all Volunteering Peak Bodies across Australia are undertaking important research to investigate the digital capacity and capability of Volunteer Involving Organisations (VIOs).

They want to ensure that all volunteer-involving organisations have access to best practice knowledge and tools to attract and engage volunteers.

You're invited to contribute to this research by completing the VIO Online Accessibility Survey. It will help identify any barriers on online access and technology use. All participating organisations will receive a copy of the final report.

Take the Volunteer Involving Organisation online accessibility [survey](#).

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

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

Please also look at our [interactive map](#) and let us know if you need anything updated.

Please send us an email at [environmental.volunteering@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:environmental.volunteering@delwp.vic.gov.au) if you need any assistance or if you have a great story to share about volunteering in your area.

Resources for the Victorian Landcare Program are available on the [Victorian Landcare Gateway](#). You can find information on the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program, events, training and more.

Please email [landcare@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:landcare@delwp.vic.gov.au) if you have any questions or want more information about the Victorian Landcare Program.



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.

