

Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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Volunteering Naturally 2023 - be counted in our community

It's almost time for our annual snapshot of environmental volunteering across the state.

We'd love to make sure you are included in the collective contribution of environmental volunteer groups and organisations.

We know that volunteering is more than just how many hours people have spent doing their work, but it's important to show alongside the great stories, project outcomes and social benefits that volunteering provides.

If your group does work with Parks Victoria or has a Landcare Facilitator, we can extract your data from those contributions. If not, we can collect this information via a short survey.

Please [email us](#) if you want to check that we have a current contact email address for the person that can provide this information for your group or organisation.



Training and webinars

Promoting your impact: environmental volunteering, 11 July 3 pm - 4 pm

This webinar is for volunteer coordinators and managers of Victorian environmental groups interested to learn more about how to better promote their people, projects and achievements.

The session will include hints and tips from a communications expert and a Q&A with environmental groups who are kicking goals in this space.

For further information and to attend, please complete the [registration form](#).

Online workshop: community groups interested in the circular economy.

Join Sustainability Victoria for a series of forums for community groups getting involved in circular economy projects. The sessions are free but spots are limited.

Setting Up for Success - (let's talk about systems and strategies) **8 June 2 pm**

Surviving and Thriving (ways to keep your program viable) **14 June 12pm**

Youth Participation - workshop for volunteer managers, 17 June 9 am - 12 pm

This session will provide some basic theory and guidance on developing strategies for ethical practice in your group. It will also include a facilitated discussion with other environmental volunteer managers.

For more [information and to register](#).

Coastcare Victoria Traditional Owner Led Sea Country Workshops

Coastcare Victoria will shortly be releasing a number of Sea Country workshop sessions available to marine and coastal volunteers from all across Victoria.

These sessions will be led by Traditional Owners from respective areas and open to all Coastcare community networks. Sessions will run from June to August 2023 and involve important dialogue about working in relationship with Country, and how we as volunteers, community and environmental stewards, can contribute to caring for Sea Country.

Dates and times will be sent out to the Coastcare mailing list. If you'd like to hear more please [email Coastcare](#).

Award nominations welcomed

Tidy Towns and Cities Sustainability Awards - closes 18 June

[Tidy Towns and Cities Sustainability Awards](#) now in their 41st year, recognise, celebrate and share the environmental achievements and strong community spirit of community groups, educational institutions, businesses and councils across Victoria.

Premier's Sustainability Awards - closes 30 June

Delivered by Sustainability Victoria, this is the 21st year of the [Premier's Sustainability Awards](#). There are six categories with two award types: Community Champion and Industry Leader.

Volunteering Victoria Awards - closes 17 July

The [Victorian Volunteering Awards](#) recognise and celebrate the impact volunteers have in building resilient communities, services and connections across Victoria.

There are information sessions available to assist in submitting a nomination.

Resources - Inclusive Volunteering Guide

Bellarine Catchment Network has recently published an [Inclusive Volunteering Guide](#).

This practical guide provides community and environment groups with a framework to make volunteering inclusive.

The guide dives deep into 4 different communities:

- First Nations and the Wadawurrung
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse
- people with disabilities,
- and people who are LGBTIQ+

This guide features resources and practical tips about planning events, advertising and facilitating volunteering opportunities.

This is also on our [Resources Hub](#) where you will find all sorts of guides and advice to support people volunteering for nature.

Grants Available

[Victorian Gorse Taskforce Community Grants](#) - closes 30 June

[Drought Resilience Scholarships for Farmers](#) - closes 9 June

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, events, training and more.

If you have a 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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