

Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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EVM Grow - Registrations Open

Join us on Tuesday 11th November to strengthen our community of practice and the future of environmental volunteering in Victoria.

EVM Grow provides an opportunity for Victoria's Environmental Volunteer Managers and Leaders to connect, learn from each other and share successes and opportunities.

You can attend in person at Melbourne (Abbotsford Convent), Bendigo, Colac or Mildura or online from where you are.

For more information and to register for this free event, please visit [EVM Grow 2025](#)

Landcare News - Celebrating Success at the 2025 National Landcare Awards

DEECA's Biodiversity Community Programs - Victorian Landcare Program team proudly coordinated the 2024 Victorian Landcare Awards, with all finalists for national categories progressing to the national awards.

We're thrilled to share that Victoria has taken home three wins across nine categories at the 2025 National Landcare Awards last week!

- Next Gen Landcare Award winner - [Bruce Watts-Parker, Mallacoota, East Gippsland](#)
- Junior Landcare Award winner - [Tavish Bloom, Chewton, Central Victoria](#)
- Australian Government Community Partnerships Landcare Award Winner - [Merri Creek Management Committee, Melbourne](#)

For all 2025 National Landcare Awards winners, please visit [2025 National Landcare Awards winners](#).

Grant opportunities

Summer by the Sea Grants - closes 15 October

Organisations can apply to share in \$70,000 of funding to deliver events that engage Victorians with their local coastlines.

The theme this year is 'The Coast, the Sea, and our Community' reflecting the value and importance of community in how our beautiful local places are cared for.

Grants of up to \$7,000 are available for organisations to deliver Summer by the Sea events from 3 - 18 January 2026.

For more information and to apply, please visit: [Summer by the Sea 2026](#)

2025 Port Phillip Bay Fund - closes 12 November

The 2025 Port Phillip Bay Fund is now open with \$2.16 million available to support projects that strengthen the bay, ensuring its environment and coastal habitats remain healthy for the community.

There are two streams of grant funding available for 2025:

- up to \$200,000 for large-scale projects over two years
- up to \$20,000 for smaller projects over one year

For more information and to apply, please visit: [Port Phillip Bay Fund](#)

Training opportunities

Behaviour Change workshops for Environmental Volunteers

Interested in learning behaviour change techniques to drive impactful waterway initiatives in your local community?

Melbourne Water, in collaboration with BehaviourWorks Australia, are delivering free behaviour change workshops across October and November tailored to environmental volunteers.

These workshops will provide you with the tools and techniques to design and implement behaviour change initiatives, for recruiting new volunteers, reducing litter and improving environmental outcomes for your local waterway.

To register for one of the four workshops being held across Melbourne, click on the links below:

- [Friday 17th October, 10am - 3pm, Manor Lakes](#)
- [Wednesday 29th October, 9.30am - 2.30pm, Mounty Waverly](#)
- [Wednesday 12th November, 10am - 3pm, Sunbury](#)
- [Friday 21st November, 9.30am - 2.30pm, Docklands](#)

DEECA has a range of grants and training opportunities on our website which we keep up to date for your information: <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/volunteering/grants-and-training>

Tidy Towns and Cities Sustainability Awards

In their 43rd year, Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria's Tidy Towns and Cities Sustainability Awards shine a spotlight on the exceptional sustainability initiatives undertaken by community groups, councils, educational institutions, and businesses across Victoria.

Included in the finalists are some fantastic environmental volunteering groups and organisations including Frankston City Councils Bushland group, Kooyongkoot Alliance, and the Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation group.

For more information on the finalists and tickets to attend the awards, please visit: [2025 Tidy Towns and Cities Sustainability Awards](#)

Want to know more?

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

Need assistance or want to share a great story of environmental volunteering in your area? Send us an email at environmental.volunteering@deeca.vic.gov.au

Resources for the Victorian Government Landcare Program are available on their [website](#). If you have a specific question on the Victorian Landcare Program, [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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