

Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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Events



It's Landcare Week!

Landcare Week is an annual celebration of Landcare volunteers and their achievements, showcasing the amazing people who volunteer to protect, restore and enhance our natural environment. It's also an opportunity to highlight some of the reasons volunteers get involved in Landcare and inspire and empower others to join in.

For more information on Landcare Week activities and to read about some incredible Landcare stories, visit [**Facebook**](#)

EVM (Environmental Volunteer Managers) Network in the North – conversations around engaging diverse audiences

4-6pm on Wednesday the 6th of September at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre

Do you work with environmental volunteers, in local government or a not-for-profit or community group? Do you work in Banyule City Council, City of Darebin, Hume City Council, Manningham City Council, City of Melbourne, Merri-bek City Council, Nillumbik Shire Council, City of Whittlesea, or the City of Yarra? If so, you are invited to join us at EVM Network in the North!

Come along to network with colleagues and to share stories and insights on engaging diverse audiences in environmental volunteering.

Register here - be quick as there is limited capacity. More details are available on the registration page.



Save the Date – EVM Grow - Thursday 19th October at Melbourne Zoo.

Do you manage environmental volunteers?

While the more than 173,000 Victorians volunteering for nature are critical to achieving environmental outcomes we recognise that effective volunteering doesn't just happen; it requires ongoing leadership from volunteer managers. Part of the Department's approach to supporting a thriving and connected environmental volunteer sector is the annual state-wide event for paid and unpaid environmental volunteer managers – EVM Grow.

Hear from guest speakers and panellists addressing a range of subjects important to the environment and volunteering sectors. Meet, connect and collaborate with EVMs from across Victoria and consider sector trends and insights to continue thriving together.

Save the date, more information to come

Grants

Saving Native Species Program (Priority Species)

The Australian Government's Saving Native Species Program is providing \$224.5 million over four years to support the recovery of our unique plants, animals and ecological communities.

The program will run over four years from 2022-23 to 2025-26 and will boost outcomes for threatened native plants and animals. The objective of the grant program is to reduce the threat of extinction or increase the population of 110 priority species.

Closing Date: 7 September 2023

For more information and eligibility criteria please visit [here](#)

Our Marine Parks Grants - Round 4

Round four of the Australian Government's Our Marine Parks Grants is providing funding of \$8.6 million for projects between \$30,000 and \$500,000. Grants are available to support organisations to build their capacity and take an active role in the management of Australian marine parks, support evidence-based decision making, and improve ecosystem health.

This grant is open to a wide range of applicants including First Nations organisations, community groups and scientists.

Closing Date: 27 September 2023

For more information and application details, visit [Our Marine Parks Grants Program](#).

Training and Resources

A-Z of Volunteer Management - Tuesday 5 September Online Workshop

This interactive workshop run by Volunteering Victoria provides participants with a sound understanding of best practice volunteer management. Participants will be taken through each stage of the volunteer's involvement, based on the 'life cycle' model of volunteer management.

The free workshops will also help you to identify your strengths as a manager or leader of volunteers and discuss how to build a positive workplace culture through values-based leadership.

For more information and to register click [here](#)

Student Volunteer Experience Webinar – Thursday 10 August 5pm

In honour of National Student Volunteer Week (7 – 13 August) join Volunteering Victoria for a panel discussion on the Student Volunteer Experience.

Learn, connect and be inspired as our student leaders discuss how volunteering activates students to contribute to causes they care about.

The panel will also reflect on their insights as student volunteers and will cover key questions including:

How do we inspire and enable students to get involved?

What do organisations need to do to remove barriers and encourage participation?

This discussion will be followed by an interactive Q&A where you have the chance to ask our panellists any burning questions you may have or topics you would like to address.

For more information and to register click [here](#)

Volunteer Management Resource Library

Volunteering Victoria's new volunteer management resource library organises lots of great volunteer management resources in one place. The library's resources include; policies, procedures, templates and checklists that provide clear guidance and practical tools for volunteer managers.

Click [here](#) to find out more



Victoria's Biosecurity Strategy - Consultation Draft

A new Biosecurity Strategy is in development for Victoria. The strategy is building on Victoria's Biosecurity Statement endorsed by the Victorian Government in 2022. The purpose of the strategy is to turn the vision from the Biosecurity Statement into clear priorities.

To ensure this strategy is relevant to all Victorians, consultation is being run to gain insights from key groups and the public to strengthen the biosecurity system in Victoria.

To have your say on how to strengthen the biosecurity system in Victoria to protect our land, waters, communities, culture, and economy **please visit [here](#)**

The survey will close on 16 August 2023.



Victorian Environment Friends Network's 2023 Awards

The Victorian Environment Friends Network's Awards recognise and reward the extraordinary voluntary work that is performed by Friend Groups, their members and volunteers.

This year there are five award categories:

1. Best Friend Award
2. Lifetime Achievement Award
3. Young Best Friend Award
4. Outstanding Environmental Group Award
5. Habitat Connections Award

For more Information on criteria and nomination forms click [here](#)

Nominations close Friday 25 August at 5pm.



The Victorian Landcare Program & Victorian Landcare Grants 2022 Achievements & Outcomes

Environmental volunteer and Landcare groups, networks and individuals supported by the Victorian Landcare Program achieved some incredible results in 2022. For example, 12,686 volunteers act for nature as part of the program, contributing a huge 288,986 volunteer hours with an economic value of \$12.06 million. View [a snapshot](#) of the 2022 Victorian Landcare Program and Community Achievements and Outcomes Case Studies.

The Victorian Government funds the Victorian Landcare Grants to support Landcare and environmental volunteering groups and networks for on-ground works, education and capacity building projects that protect and restore our land and natural environment.

The community delivers amazing results for the environment through the Victorian Landcare Grants. Outcomes achieved in 2022 include improvements to 45,000 hectares of land and 414 community events. The Victorian Landcare Program and Grants support [Biodiversity 2037](#), the Victorian Government's long-term plan to protect Victoria's environment.

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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