

# Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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## Celebrating National Volunteer Week 2025 (19 - 25 May)

Thank you so much for all the work you do caring for our environment and supporting our local communities.

This year we created three videos to showcase how environmental volunteering helps to build relationships that enrich people's lives and strengthen communities. We have the Friends of Edwardes Lake and Action Sweetwater Creek preserving and nurturing the ecosystems of their local area and we also profiled the DEECA Helmeted Honeyeater Feeding Program which is an important element in the protection and recovery of this species in Yellingbo Reserve.

The videos will be coming out across [DEECA social media](#) during the week, but we also have them on our website [here](#) for you to enjoy.

## Indigenous Plant Nursery Map released

There are over 100 nurseries who supply indigenous Victorian Native plants for revegetation projects across the state.

The [Indigenous Plant Nurseries in Victoria Map](#) shows nurseries across Victoria that stock locally indigenous plants— including species that are native to specific areas and vital to the health of local ecosystems.

Whether you're a home gardener, an environmental volunteer, or simply interested in supporting biodiversity, this map will help you source the right plants for your region and contribute to caring for Country.

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## EVM Grow Gippsland Event

Calling all Gippsland Environmental Volunteer Managers!

We are very excited to invite you to the upcoming EVM Grow Gippsland forum. EVM Grow Gippsland is a regional get-together of environmental volunteer professionals – a space for connection, learning and sharing.

When: June 24, 2025 (10am-4pm)

Where: Nakunbalook Environmental and Cultural Education Centre, Sale

Who: The target audience for this event are paid or unpaid Victorian Environmental Volunteer Managers who lead and support environmental volunteers/volunteer groups.

Cost: FREE!

Please register [here](#), and we look forward to sharing more information with you soon, including an agenda with speaker information and activities for the day.

The organising committee for this event includes staff from Coastcare Victoria (DEECA), Biodiversity Community Programs (DEECA), West Gippsland CMA & East Gippsland CMA.

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## Partnerships Against Pests grants open

Are you a member of a community group looking for funding to tackle established invasive species? The Partnerships Against Pests grants program can provide funding of up to \$50,000 for one- and two-year projects that boost your community's capacity to manage established weeds and pest animals.

There is a webinar at 11am on Friday 23 May 2025 to the objectives and criteria for the new round and allow attendees to ask questions.

For more information and to apply visit [Agriculture Victoria](#).

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## Landcare News

**2025 National Landcare Conference and Awards early-bird pricing extended to 1st June**

We have provided one last extension for Early Bird registrations to June 1. The program events and speakers will be announced in late May.

If you would like to buy an early bird ticket now and pay in the next financial year, please email [meetings@face2faceevents.com.au](mailto:meetings@face2faceevents.com.au) to make this request.

The program dates are:

Sunday 21 September - First Nations Landcare Gathering and NextGen Landcare Summit

Monday 22 September - Conference and evening Welcome Reception

Tuesday 23 September - Conference and evening 2025 National Landcare Awards Gala Dinner

Wednesday 24 September – Field Trip Program.

For more information about the National Landcare Conference visit the conference website here: <https://nationallandcareconference.org.au/>

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## 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](mailto:environmental.volunteering@deeca.vic.gov.au)

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