

Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants are now open!

Find out how your school, youth group, Scout or Girl Guide group can apply for a grant of up to \$5,000.

These grants aim to help get the next generation interested and involved in valuing and caring for native plants, wildlife and the environment.

For more information visit: environment.vic.gov.au

EVM Grow 2024

We held our 4th annual Environmental Volunteer Managers Forum (EVM Grow) in December last year. It was a wonderful opportunity for Victoria's EVMs to connect, learn and share.

The focus for the 2024 program was on innovation in the face of social and environmental challenges caused by climate change. For the Melbourne attendees, this included a guided walk through the [Yalikut Willam Nature Reserve](#) showcasing the transformation from golf course to wetland.

With 93 attendees joining us in Melbourne, online and in five regional hubs, it was great to be part of such a fantastic event. We look forward to EVM Grow 2025 and will let you know more details through this newsletter.



Victorian Wildlife Rehabilitation Guidelines

Wildlife rehabilitation is undertaken by a diverse network of volunteer shelter operators and foster carers.

They do an incredible job providing appropriate care to sick, injured and orphaned native animals, with the goal of restoring them to their natural condition and releasing them back to the wild. They can also access veterinary assessment and treatment and nursing support where required.

The guidelines offer general information and also specific species related guidance for common Birds, Mammals, Reptiles and Amphibians.

You can read the guidelines here: wildlife.vic.gov.au/victorian-wildlife-rehabilitation-guidelines

Grants and Training Opportunities

Building an Inclusive Volunteer Program - 18 March 2025

This interactive workshop will provide participants with the skills and knowledge needed to recruit, engage, and retain a diverse team of volunteers, including reviewing organisational procedures and workplace culture.

Date: Tuesday 18 March 2025

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Location: Online, via Zoom: Register via: volunteeringvictoria.org

Volunteer Screening Deconstructed - 25 March 2025

This interactive session looks at the elements of volunteer screening and how to implement them in a way that protects your organisation from risk without leaving you tied up in red tape. It's the perfect workshop for those looking to understand the difference between a Police Check, a Working With Children's Check, and how to effectively interview volunteers.

Date: Tuesday 25 March 2025

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Location: Online, via Zoom: Register via volunteeringvictoria.org

For more training opportunities please visit our website: environment.vic.gov.au

Landcare News

Carbon Farming Outreach Program

The Carbon Farming Outreach Program assists Victorian farmers to understand their emissions and the benefits of carbon farming. Events to help landholders understand carbon farming are rolling out across the state until 2026 - keep an eye on the calendar on the website for events near you.

When: all year

Where: various locations and online

More information: on the [Landcare Victoria website](#)

Rabbit Management - community information sessions

The North Central Catchment Management Authority are offering a series of free rabbit management sessions in March.

When: 17, 18 and 20 March

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: Daisy Hill, Kerang and Bendigo

Registrations: via [eventbrite](#)

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.

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](#). 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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