

# Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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## Celebrating Landcare Week 4 - 10 August 2025

It's Landcare Week and what better time to recognise the important role that Landcare and environmental volunteering groups play in protecting our environment.

This year's campaign theme - Landcare Is For Everyone (L.I.F.E.) - promotes the inclusivity and diversity of Landcare volunteers and their projects across Australia.

The annual event recognises thousands of people, groups and organisations for their contributions in caring for our soil, land, waterways, coasts, plants, animals and landscapes.

For more information visit the [Landcare Australia website](#).

## National Student Volunteer Week

National Student Volunteer Week also runs from 4 to 10 August. The week is a great opportunity to acknowledge the impact that students and young people make through volunteering.

Volunteering Victoria reports that more than 69% of young Victorians (15-24 years old) are volunteering - the highest rate of any age group.

There are some great resources available to engage young Victorians including:

- A guide to Engaging and Working with Youth Volunteers - an overview of the legal issues you need to consider ([from Justice Connect](#))
- Youth Volunteering - an [article](#) covering common questions and considerations for organisations looking to recruit and engage youth volunteers
- Youth Ready [Guide](#) and [Assessment Tool](#) - practical tools for you to use to support your engagement with young people

There is also a session on 18th August doing a deep dive into the 2025 State of Volunteer report with a focus on youth.

For more information and to register: [Volunteering Victoria youth session](#)

The [successful recipients](#) of the Victorian Government's 2025 Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants were recently announced, providing support for young Victorians to care for our natural environment.

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## EVM Grow Gippsland - a great success!

At the end of June, we held a regional Environmental Volunteering Manager (EVM) event at Nakunbalook Environmental and Cultural Centre in Sale.

This provided an opportunity for Gippsland's volunteer leaders to connect, learn and share.

There were sessions on volunteering leadership, behavioural insights and a networking World Cafe. After lunch there was a walk-through of the Seed Community Garden.

The statewide EVM Grow is coming up later in the year and we are working on the program and arrangements now. Will let you know as soon as we have news to share.

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## Nature next door

The "Nature next door" winter e-newsletter is out this month, sharing updates about conservation areas and progress protecting some of our most threatened species under the Melbourne Strategic Assessment (MSA) Program.

In the next issue, discover stories about a growing population of growling grass frogs in critical habitat across Victoria, precision drone technology tackling weeds in the Western Grassland Reserve, our progress in securing conservation areas, the importance of planned burns and more.

To receive the next edition, sign up now at the [MSA Program homepage](#). If you know anyone who may be interested in receiving the newsletter, please encourage them to sign up too.

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## Grants available

### **Our Catchment, Our Communities Leadership Development Grants - closes 14 August**

This is a great opportunity to apply for up to \$10,000 to support your leadership and professional development activities or projects related to catchment management. These are grants that go to individuals, not to organisations.

There are three streams - Aboriginal Leadership; Women in Leadership; and Innovation.

## Training opportunities

### Guide to your springtime recruitment drive - 10am Wednesday 13 August

Spring is a season of renewal, growth and fresh starts - making it the perfect time to revitalise your volunteer recruitment drive.

Recruitment is about finding the right person for the right volunteer role and ensuring the match will deliver quality services. There is also a balance between meeting the needs of the service recipient, the volunteer and community organisation.

For more information and to register, visit [Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre](#)

### Navigating Professional Boundaries - Wednesday 17 September

An interactive session looking at how to navigate professional boundaries as a volunteer manager in the modern era.

For more information and to register, please visit [Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre](#)

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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 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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