

Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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EVM Grow - Save the Date

We're looking forward to spending the day with environmental volunteer managers at EVM Grow 2025 which will be held on Tuesday 11th November.

We're currently finalising the program and will share details and registration information in our October newsletter.



September is Platypus Month

Take action this September for Platypus Month and protect these incredible animals from loopy litter! Items like rubber bands, hair ties, plastic rings, fishing line, string, and twine are deadly traps for the platypus.

Join the **Seize it, Snip it, Bin it** movement and help protect our unique platypuses:

- **Seize It:** Pick up any litter, especially loop litter. Litter dropped on the ground ends up in our rivers and creeks
- **Snip it:** Cut rings or loops, like hair ties or rubbers bands, before disposal to reduce the risk of entanglement
- **Bin it:** Always dispose of litter correctly to stop it from reaching our waterways

For more information, please visit <https://wcma.vic.gov.au/take-action-this-platypus-month-seize-it-snip-it-bin-it/>

Planting - a day of community action and celebration

Join Melbourne Water and Landcare Victoria Inc on Sunday 7 September for a day of community, connection and culture. Taking place at nine locations across Melbourne in the morning and culminating at Fed Square for a Planting Party in the afternoon.

Planting is more than putting seedlings in the ground. It is a shared celebration, offering hands-on opportunities to connect with nature, culture and each other.

For more information and to register: <https://landcarevictoria.org.au/planting>

Victorian Environment Friends Network (VEFN) new website

The VEFN is pleased to announce their new website is now "Live".

The site already hosts over 170 groups, each with their own searchable profile and provides:

- **Visibility** - groups can showcase their work and be found by the public
- **Accessibility** - new volunteers can search by location or interest to find a group to join
- **Support** - some groups are moving away from maintaining their own websites and using their VEFN profile as their main online presence.

You can explore the new website at <https://www.vefn.org.au/>

Landcare Magazine issue 90 hot off the press!

The Spring 2025 issue of the Landcare and Catchment Management Magazine is available online today.

This issue is full of stories about grassroots energy and inspiring wins for sustainability across Victoria. It is a testament to how local action and collaboration can ripple out into real change - from goats munching weeds to kids building frog homes.

It is also an opportunity to celebrate milestones including 20 years of the Cactus Warriors, 30 years of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network and 40 years of the Goulburn Valley Tree Group.

To view the magazine online, please visit: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/landcare-magazine/spring-2025>.

Grants and Training opportunities

Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal: Strengthening Rural Communities Grants - closes 17 September

There are two streams available for these grants and you can only apply for one stream.

Small and Vital - gives small remote, rural and regional communities across Australia the opportunity to access funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/src-small-vital/>

Prepare and Recover - supports remote, rural and regional communities across Australia to implement initiatives that prevent and prepare for future climate related impacts. It can be also used to recover from existing disasters in the medium to long-term timeframe, generally one to 10 years after the disaster.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/src-prepare-recover/>

Cross Cultural Awareness Training with Bendigo volunteer Resource Centre - Wednesday 15 October

An online workshop to assist participants to understand who our local communities are and how to adapt your organisation's volunteer programs to support diversity and inclusion.

For more information and to register, please visit: [Cross Cultural Awareness Training - Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre](#)

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>

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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