

Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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EVM Grow 2024 - Save the Date - Tuesday 3rd December

We're excited to share that planning is well underway for our annual Environmental Volunteer Managers event - EVM Grow.

For paid and unpaid managers of environmental volunteers, it's a great opportunity to learn, share and connect.

We will have an in-person venue in Melbourne, some local hubs in the Loddon Mallee region and of course the ability to join online from wherever you are.

Please save the date and we will have further information to share with you soon.

If you'd like to receive an invitation for this event, please register your interest [here](#).

ATO changes for all environmental volunteering groups

DEECA has provided funding to Landcare Victoria to support environmental volunteering groups with the recent tax changes in the Not-For-Profit sector.

There are drop-in sessions and one-on-one support available with a dedicated staff member to assist.

For more information please visit the dedicated [website](#)

Community Circular Economy Guides

Sustainability action is needed at every level and we know that collective action works.

To support Victorians to get involved, Sustainability Victoria has created a set of guides to provide practical information for groups and organisations who want to establish community-based circular economy initiatives.

Ranging from repair cafes to food rescue and distribution, each guide will provide practical advice and also has a list of useful resources and networks to support your planning, knowledge building, and communications.

To look through the guides and get more information visit the [Sustainability Victoria website](#).

Grants and Training Opportunities

Tiny Towns Fund – closes 25 October

Supporting projects in communities with populations below 5,000 people in regional Victoria and outer metropolitan local government areas.

Grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000 are available for community-driven projects.

For more information and to apply visit: [Tiny Towns Fund](#)

Building a Volunteer Engagement Plan workshop - 30 October

Having a new or fresh plan will ensure your program is built on solid foundations and has systems and processes that flow. Your volunteers will feel safe, supported, and valued and your reputation will grow as a best practice program.

For more information on how you can attend this online workshop visit [Volunteering WA](#)

Bunurong Cultural Education Session - 13 November

Cultural awareness training day with Bunurong to help create a culturally safe environment. This will be on Country departing from Altona at 9.30am, a great day session for NRM staff.

For more information and to register visit [Humanitix](#)

The Great Biosecurity Quest is back!

This October, join the Quest and help us protect Victoria from unwanted pests and diseases, including the invasive Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) which is a serious threat to Australia's biosecurity.

These bugs can feed on or damage up to 300 types of fruit, ornamental trees and vegetable crops.

To find out how you can be involved, visit Agriculture Victoria's [Biosecurity Quest website](#).

Frog Month Victoria

Victorians are being invited to record their local frogs throughout October as part of Frog Month Victoria to contribute to vital conservation research.

Download the Frog Census App and help to record frogs across Victoria to protect our local frog species. Your participation can make a difference!

For more information head to the [Frog Month Victoria website](#).

Landcare News

Victoria Landcare Program 2023 Reporting

The Victorian Landcare Program strengthens and supports environmental volunteer groups across the state.

The 2023 achievements and outcomes are now available and it shows the impact across the [whole program](#) including the individual contributions of the [Facilitator Program](#), [Landcare for Country](#), [Victorian Landcare Grants](#) and [Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants](#).

Further information is available on the [Landcare website](#).

Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management Magazine - new issue out now

Issue no. 88 (Spring 2024) is out now and features stories on revegetation and restoration projects.

This edition highlights the impressive results from various revegetation projects, including decades-long, landscape-scale efforts and individual landholder initiatives.

Read how Kyabram Urban Landcare Group has transformed the Ern Miles Reserve from a weed-infested drainage basin into thriving native bushland since 2001, with local school students continuing to volunteer at the site as they grow up.

The magazine is available on the [Landcare Gateway](#).

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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