

Environmental volunteers and landcarers

Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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From the Ground Up - Film Festival - 18 July

Experience eight incredible films exploring the efforts of volunteers working for the environment in Greater Melbourne.

Melbourne Water and Grassland Films proudly presents the inaugural From the Ground Up video series, lighting up the big screen in a special afternoon screening compered by Costa Georgiadis.

Featuring eight inspiring environmental volunteer stories from across the Melbourne Water region, you'll also hear from a panel of special guests.

This event is free but tickets are required.

Thursday 18 July 2.45 -5.30pm at Cinema Nova in Carlton.

[Click here for tickets](#)

Volunteering Naturally 2024 - it's time to prepare

In the coming months, we'll be releasing our annual snapshot of environmental volunteering across Victoria.

Delivered annually since 2019, the *Volunteering Naturally* report is a collection of data about active environmental volunteer groups and organisations in Victoria.

We'd love to ensure your group is recognised for its contributions alongside other environmental volunteer groups and organisations.

We know that volunteering is more than just the hours spent, its also about the great stories, project outcomes and social benefits that it creates.

If your group does work with Parks Victoria or has a Landcare Facilitator, we can extract your data from those contributions. If not, we can collect this information via a short survey.

Please [email us](#) if you want to check that we have a current contact email address for the person that can provide this information for your group or organisation.

Image: Impressive volunteering figures from Volunteering Naturally 2023.

Volunteering Naturally 2023

ANNUAL SNAPSHOT OF VICTORIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEER GROUPS



Volunteer contribution has been assigned a monetary value of \$44.16/hour based on ABS 2017-2018 volunteer data and a 5.9 per cent wage increase. Volunteer hours contributed is based on data from the most recent financial year. *70 per cent of known active groups captured and reported their data.



Grants and Awards

Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants - closing 14 June

Funding of up to \$5,000 is on offer for projects that involve and educate young people in valuing and actively caring for Victoria's biodiversity and natural environment. These grants are open to all schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, Scouts, Girl Guides, youth groups and Junior Landcare groups in Victoria.

For further information and to apply, please visit [Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants](#)

Volunteering Victoria 2024 Awards - closing 22 July

The Volunteering Awards are an opportunity to recognise and thank Victorian volunteers for the incredible contributions they make to our state and local communities.

Information sessions are available to help with your nomination and further information can be found [here](#).

These Awards are run by Volunteering Victoria with support from the Victorian Government.

2024 Victorian Landcare Awards Ceremony - 18 July

The Victorian Landcare Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday July 18 at Docklands (Marvel) Stadium.

The Victorian Landcare Awards are held every two years to recognise the achievements of individuals, groups, networks and organisations who make significant contributions to care for Victoria's natural environment.

We're looking forward to acknowledging and celebrating all the winners and nominees at this prestigious event.

Understanding Income Tax Reporting Changes

In early May, Landcare Victoria held a webinar to help environmental not-for-profit groups understand recent changes in income tax reporting.

Over 500 people attended. If you were unable to attend you can watch the session [here](#) and also access additional information [here](#).

North Central Newsletter

If you live and volunteer within the North Central CMA, you can sign-up to their newsletter. Filled with useful information, resources and local opportunities the latest edition is available [here](#).

If you'd like to subscribe to receive it directly to your inbox, please provide your details [here](#).

Good Neighbour Program

The Good Neighbour Program is preparing for another year of submissions with applications closing at the end of June.

The program supports landholders and community groups in controlling the spread of invasive species on the public-private boundary. This is not a grants program, but funding is available for projects that are on the interface of DEECA or Parks Victoria managed land and private land.

Want to know more? How to get in touch...

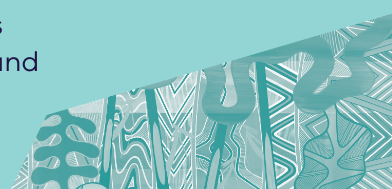
There's a lot of information on [our website](#), so take a look at some of the great resources, research and reports.

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](#). You can 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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