

# Environmental volunteers and landcarers

## Resources and information for Victorians caring for nature



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### "From the Ground Up" short films available to view

We're excited to share that the short films shown at the *From the Ground Up* Film Festival, are now available to watch on the Melbourne Water website.

The series of eight short films showcase the diversity of efforts and activities defining environmental volunteers across the Greater Melbourne area. Each film tells a unique story of dedication and passion, highlighting the incredible impact these volunteers have on our environment.

To view the films visit [melbournewater.com.au](https://melbournewater.com.au)

### More trees for a cooler greener west update

Over the past three years, the More Trees for a Cooler Greener West team has been hard at work transforming Victoria University's Werribee campus into a thriving green space. They've partnered to plant 12,600 trees across the site, with the first trees from 2022 now towering above head height!

Check out the progress in this year's National Tree Day effort in the video below.

Big thank you to the VU team and our program partners who continue to support the delivery of these fantastic projects.

To learn more about the program watch the video below or visit: [More trees for a cooler greener west](#)



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## Grants available

### **Landcare Australia Community Grants Program – closes 20 September**

In celebration of Landcare Australia's 35th anniversary, they are launching the \$300,000 Landcare Australia Community Grants program. This initiative supports efforts to revive nature, enhance biodiversity, and empower volunteers.

Grants between \$5,000 and \$20,000 are available for Landcare groups, Bushcare, Dunecare, Coastcare, "Friends of" groups, Traditional Owners, First Nations organisations, and youth environmental groups (18+).

For more information and to apply visit: [Landcare Australia](#)

### **Partnerships Against Pests Round 3 - closes 11 October**

Do you have a great idea to help upskill your community to combat established weeds and pest animals in Victoria?

Community groups can receive \$10,000-\$50,000 to plan and deliver education and training programs that provide local and long-term solutions to invasive weeds and pests.

Webinar: Join on Monday 9 September at 11am for details on the grant program and application process. Register now or catch the recorded session on website below.

For more information and to apply, visit the Agriculture Victoria website [agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au)

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## Training Opportunities and Resources

## Cultural Awareness Training - Tuesday 10th September, 10am-4pm, Wangaratta

Join Ovens Landcare Network for this free cultural awareness session with Bangerang elders from Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Education (ACHE).

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. Booking essential by clicking [here](#).

### First People's cultural knowledge - updated resources available

We have recently updated our resources where you can learn more about cultural sensitivity and safety when engaging Traditional Custodians in volunteer projects and activities.

The resources also include guidelines, protocols, links and factsheets which will assist volunteer groups to navigate Cultural Heritage Assessments for grants, engagement practices, identifying your local First Nation group, understanding Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country and more.

For more information visit [First Peoples Cultural Knowledge](#)

### Volunteering Gateway for Volunteer Managers - Volunteering Australia

Volunteering Gateway is designed to connect Volunteer Managers, Coordinators and Leaders across Australia with the tools and resources to help them succeed.

Information is available on how to help you recruit, train, inspire, maintain, and retain volunteers and enable your organisation and its volunteers to thrive.

Visit the website for more information: <https://volunteeringgateway.org.au/>

Additional Grants and Training information can be found on our [website](#).

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## 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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