



## New Growth Projects

Supporting youth volunteers to help protect Victoria's biodiversity and environment  
**Case Studies from the Loddon Mallee Region**



**Project name:** Youth Take Over North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) Citizen Science

**Funding recipient:** North Central CMA

**Project location:** Gunbower Forest

**Outcomes:** Six young people, the 'Youth Takeover Squad', were provided training and mentorship in citizen science and environmental stewardship. The Youth Takeover Squad peer-reviewed the North Central CMA citizen science program and provided recommendations to make it more inclusive and engaging for other young people. They surveyed 246 young people and used this information to run citizen science activities about the Bats at the Gunbower Bioblitz for young people.



**Project name:** Stories to Action

**Funding recipient:** Bendigo Sustainability Group

**Project location:** Bendigo

**Outcomes:** Eight young people learnt how to create compelling short videos about 'taking action' on environmental issues they care about. Over the nine-week environmental videos program, they developed storytelling skills, video-making skills, gained confidence, connected with like-minded peers and learnt about local environmental volunteering opportunities. The five environmental videos were shared with friends and family and have the potential to move and inspire viewers to become active in environmental volunteering initiatives.



**Project name:** Loddon Mallee Climate Youth Network + Adapt Workshops

**Funding recipient:** Loddon Mallee Climate Youth Network

**Project location:** Bendigo and Mildura

**Outcomes:** A series of climate adaptation workshops were designed based on consultation with young people. The workshops empowered and up-skilled young people to undertake climate action in different areas which are relevant to their lives, including food security, energy efficient homes and caring for the natural environment. This built strong connections between the young people involved and local environmental volunteering organisations.

