

# North Central Chat

Keeping you up to date with all the Landcare and WaterWatch news



March 2025

## A message from the Regional Landcare Coordinator

Hi everyone,

The Chat is a bit late this month as I have just returned from a week and a half in beautiful Tasmania. We spent the first few days hiking in the Walls of Jerusalem National Park. We were meant to be doing the Overland Track, but due to the still-going bushfire in the area our walk was cancelled. I visited the Walls of Jerusalem two years ago, and how different it was back then. There was water and mud everywhere last time, whereas this year many of the areas were dry. The fires next door and further west of the state were testament to this dry season. It's been a dry 12 months up here in Victoria as well, and it's timely to check ground cover in paddocks and water levels in dams. Leaving stock in paddocks too long can lead to soil erosion and the loss of all-important organic matter. Check out the article in the News section on managing ground cover if you have stock. Agriculture Victoria also has some great resources on fire and emergency preparedness which are worth looking at.

We also visited Maria Island while in Tassie, a place of interesting European history and amazing wildlife. We were extremely lucky to have a Tasmanian devil saunter past us on our first night there. There is a population of devils that were taken to the Island as insurance from the facial tumour disease that has had a terrible impact on devils on the Tasmanian mainland. The island has been used as a refuge for other species too, including Cape Barren geese. Highly recommend a visit.

February in the north central region has been busy, starting with a Landcare Facilitator meeting at Kolara in Newham (near Woodend). We toured the property to see the work the owners, Karl and Brigitte Kny, have done over more than 20 years. This includes various trials in exclusion plots, planting various species at different densities, and setting up a soft release site for wombats. It's always great to connect in person with the Facilitator team, and fantastic to see Landcare in action.



A very obliging ocellated coolskink spotted on Tasmania's Maria Island.

The end of February saw the North Central CMA partner with the City of Greater Bendigo, Parks Victoria, and Trust for Nature to once again deliver an in-person streaming of the Women in Conservation Breakfast event. It was a great day for more than 70 agency staff and environmental volunteers to connect and network. Check out our socials for some great pics.

Finally, in exciting news, the Victorian Landcare Grants are now open, closing on April 16. See more on how to apply in the News section.

Happy reading,

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## Connecting rivers, landscapes, people

The North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) acknowledges Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the region, their rich cultures, spiritual connection to Country.

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## News...



Dust arising and transported as a cropping paddock is being prepared for sowing. Photo: Agriculture Victoria, Victorian Resources Online

## Maintain ground cover to protect soils

**Clem Sturmfels, Agriculture Victoria**

Isolated dust storms recently are a reminder of how fragile some of our soils are.

They are also a good reminder there is still time to prevent this damage by de-stocking more vulnerable areas of the farm. While dust storms contain mostly mineral materials, they also contain significant quantities of organic matter, one of the most valuable components of our soils.

Leaving stock in a paddock for an extra couple of weeks to make use of remaining water supplies can be all it takes to expose the paddock to the risk of wind erosion.

Dust storms or wind erosion occur when the speed of the wind at the soil surface exceeds the forces holding soil particles in place. Typically, soil particles exist as a small pea sized peds or aggregates.

As these peds or aggregates break down the soil becomes more vulnerable to erosion.

Once the process of wind erosion starts it can be nearly impossible to stop as the larger sand grains bounce and roll across the soil surface stripping remaining vegetation and smashing (or sand blasting) the soil in front of them.

The most vulnerable areas are those with lightly textured soils, little groundcover and shelter belts and topography that exposes them to high wind speeds. Lighter textured soils are those containing a high proportion of sand with little or no clay.

Wind erosion can start anywhere the soil has been disturbed, such as in gateways, along tracks and around water troughs.

Read the full article [here](#).

## Fully recovering Australia's threatened species would cost 25 per cent of GDP. We can't do it all at once, so let's start here

### CSIRO

This new research estimates the price and benefits of recovering threatened species – and offers cost-effective ways for environment groups, farmers, governments and others to make a difference.

[Fully recovering Australia's threatened species would cost 25% of GDP. We can't do it all at once – so let's start here - CSIRO](#)



## Early bird registrations now open

Secure your discounted ticket for the 2025 National Landcare Conference. Join us at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre from 21 to 24 September 2025 for the country's largest Landcare gathering. Save nearly 40 per cent with a two-day early bird ticket. Offer ends 1 April 2025 (or until tickets are sold out).

Early bird includes:

- ★ Full access to Monday and Tuesday sessions
- ★ Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea
- ★ Entry to the Welcome Reception and 2025 National Landcare Awards

Further information and registration [here](#).

## Victorian cat management strategy

### Animal Welfare Victoria

The Victorian Government has developed a state-wide cat management strategy (the strategy) to guide cat management in Victoria over the next decade. Effective cat management is important, as it addresses significant challenges related to both cats and their impact on the environment.

The strategy seeks to ensure the wellbeing of both cats and wildlife while establishing a coordinated and integrated approach to managing cats across all land types. It has been developed through extensive research, expert insights, and consultation with a wide range of stakeholders involved in cat management including councils, animal welfare organisations, land managers, conservation groups, veterinary professionals and cat owners.

The strategy's objectives are to:

- Promote cat welfare and responsible ownership,
- Protect native wildlife, the environment and community from the negative impacts of cats
- Improve processes, cooperation and knowledge sharing in cat management.

[Victorian cat management strategy](#) | [Cat management initiatives](#) | [Cats](#) | [Animal Welfare Victoria](#) | [Livestock and animals](#) | [Agriculture Victoria](#)

## 2025 Victorian Landcare Grants open

Applications are now open for the 2025 Victorian Landcare Grants.

Through the 2025 Victorian Landcare Grants, \$3.55 million is available for Landcare and other environmental volunteer groups and networks that are working to protect and restore land and the environment.

Up to \$20,000 is available for project grants and up to \$500 for support grants.

The grants are open to environmental volunteer groups, including Landcare groups and networks, Friends groups, Conservation Management Networks, Committees of Management, Coastcare groups and Aboriginal groups to support their important work in helping protect the health of our land, waterways and biodiversity.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 16 April 2025. For more information go to

<https://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/get-involved/landcare/>



Cultivating **community carbon** in Central Victoria

We are looking for landholders with a planting area of five hectares or more, or a collaboration with neighbours, to create native vegetation corridors. The Grow Towards Zero program is a unique opportunity for landholders to enhance biodiversity, offset carbon emissions, and restore ecosystems through large-scale revegetation.

Attract diverse wildlife, increase visual appeal, reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, and enhance your water quality.



Group presentations on offer throughout February.

**Book now**

**Join us in promoting habitat restoration while enjoying lasting personal and environmental rewards - every action counts towards a sustainable future.**

**For more information, including eligibility criteria:**  
Visit - [www.nccma.vic.gov.au/grow-towards-zero](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/grow-towards-zero)  
Email - [GrowTowardsZero@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:GrowTowardsZero@nccma.vic.gov.au)  
Phone - (03) 5448 7124







## WaterWatch Victoria

### The new WaterWatch and EstuaryWatch website is live!

We're thrilled to share that the brand-new WaterWatch and EstuaryWatch website and data portal is now live.

This platform makes it easier than ever for volunteers, researchers, and the community to explore water quality trends and see the incredible citizen science efforts happening across the state.

What's new?

- A fresh, modern website with up-to-date project info
- Interactive charts for instant data trends
- The Explain for Me tool to help interpret parameters
- Traffic-light water-quality indicators (where minimum annual data collection allows)

It's been a big project for the team at WaterWatch Victoria. Thanks to everyone who contributed ideas and helped test the new features.

We plan to run an information session soon for WaterWatch monitors to help you understand the new features.

The team will monitor the site for a few weeks to fix any bugs, so if you spot anything, let us know! Your feedback will help make it even better (click Contact on the website).

Check it out now! <https://www.vic.waterwatch.org.au/>



### Frogs in Focus – autumn

At the start of each season, we highlight some of the local frog species you might hear calling at that time of year, along with a link for more information.



Frogs might hear during the autumn months in the North Central region include:

Bibron's toadlet	<i>Pseudophryne bibronii</i>
Striped marsh frog	<i>Limnodynastes peronii</i>
Common froglet	<i>Crinia signifera</i>
Victorian smooth froglet	<i>Geocrinia victoriana</i>

Our full field guide can be downloaded [here](#)

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COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIP  
PROGRAM

### Looking back and making plans

#### We are incredibly proud of the River Detectives program and how far it's come post-Covid-19

At the end of 2021, Agnico Eagle's Community Partnership Program committed to three years of sponsorship of the River Detectives program statewide.

This sponsorship that concluded at the end of the 2024 school year has enabled stability, growth and positive engagement of school students and staff across four Catchment Management Authority regions. This was particularly important at the time, as schools emerged from Covid-19 with a strong desire to offer meaningful, practical, outdoor learning to re-engage students.

We are very pleased to share some incredible numbers that demonstrate the statewide impact of the program, and Agnico Eagle's sponsorship, during 2022-2024.

**27,119****Students engaged****163****School incursions delivered****423****Educators supported****380****Active waterway monitoring sites**

We thank Agnico Eagle's Community Partnership Program for contributing funding to support the River Detectives program in the North Central CMA region during 2025.

This will allow us to continue the good work and continuity of learning.

**Schools continue to seek our environmental education program to learn about waterways.**

Almost 100 schools and youth groups have signed up to participate during 2025 across the program's five delivery areas; North Central CMA, Wimmera CMA, North East CMA and Corangamite CMA regions, along with the Melbourne Water area.

Schools see the program as the perfect vehicle to embed concepts of sustainability, culture, and community while gathering meaningful data to learn about the waterways and catchments in their local area.

In the North Central CMA region, we'll be supporting thirty-five enthusiastic groups; primary schools, secondary schools, youth groups, and home-schooling groups.

Congratulations to the schools listed below who have made a commitment to learning about waterways and catchments. They will engage in citizen science investigations at their adopted waterway; water quality testing, macroinvertebrate sampling and habitat surveys.

Our program adopts a train-the-trainer model. Workshops will be rolled out during March to upskill educators and increase their confidence to implement the program, whilst understanding the raft of support that we offer throughout the year.

If you would like to know more about the River Detectives program, check out the recently released 2024 [annual achievements report](#) or [video](#) that tell inspiring stories of school participation, student action and community collaboration.

If you are a Landcare or Friends group near any of the above schools and would love to involve them in your projects, feel free to reach out. Schools would love to work with you!

2025 River Detectives participants
Bridgewater Primary School
Bullarto Primary School
Camp Hill Primary School
Campbells Creek Primary School - Guildford Campus
Castlemaine Steiner School and Kindergarten
Catherine McAuley College
Chewton Primary School
Daylesford Dharma School
Epsom Primary School
Girton Grammar School
Golden Square Primary School
Gunbower Primary School
Heathcote Primary School
Kyneton Primary School
Langley Primary School
Lockwood Primary School
Lockwood South Primary School
Loddon and Surrounds Homeschool Group
Mallee District Aboriginal Services Youth Group - Swan Hill
Malmsbury Primary School
Marist College Bendigo
Murrabit Group School
Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School
Riley Street Wetland Homeschool Group
St Francis of the Fields Primary School
St Joseph's Primary School Kerang
St Kilian's Primary School Bendigo
St. Joseph's College Echuca
Taradale Primary School
TwisteED Science
Victory Christian College
Weeroona College Bendigo
White Hills Primary School
Winters Flat Primary School
Woodend Primary School - Carlsruhe Campus

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### Water storages update

Region	Water Storage	% full	% full same time last year
Murray Storages	Dartmouth Dam	85.73	96.70
	Hume Dam	35.92	78.76
	Reedy/Middle Lk	96.87	95.69
	Kangaroo Lake	95.60	94.75
	Kow Swamp	95.30	90.63
	Lake Boga	79.98	85.73
	Lake Charm	97.32	92.06
Loddon Storages	Cairn Curran Res	50.73	85.35
	Tullaroop Res	56.35	93.25
	Laanecoorie Res	34.55	84.13
Bullarook Storages	Newlyn Res	31.48	70.46
	Hepburns Lagoon	25.39	61.51
Goulburn Storages	Lake Eildon	73.60	96.08
	Waranga Basin	44.24	83.34
Campaspe	Lake Eppalock	67.72	97.35
Coliban Water Storages	Upper Coliban Res	63	97
	Lauriston Res	84	92
	Malmsbury Res	19	55

### Upcoming events and special days

March	
Parks Week	3-10 Mar
International Day of Action for Rivers	14 Mar
International Day of Forests	21 Mar
World Water Day	22 Mar
Earth Hour	22 Mar



Zero Waste Day	30 Mar
April	
World Earth Day	22 Apr
May	
International Compost Awareness Week	4-10 May
World Bee Day	20 May
International Day for Biological Diversity	22 May
National Reconciliation Week	27 May-3 Jun

## Sustainable Ag snippet

### Are you interested in learning more about carbon and carbon emissions on your farm?

The North Central CMA and Agriculture Victoria are partnering to deliver a new project called Carbon Outreach. The project will deliver training workshops to increase farmer knowledge on carbon farming and carbon farming activities. The training workshops can be structured to suit the participants, including half day, full day, or through webinars.

The intention of the training workshops is to provide farmers with information that will help them start their carbon farming journey and point them to useful information and resources and support their learning.

The training workshops deliver sessions on topics, including

- Introducing carbon farming.
- What carbon farming means for farmers and land managers.
- Your greenhouse gas account.
- Planning carbon farming activities.
- The Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme.

These topics contain several sessions that go into more detail about each topic. The training sessions can be tailored to suit the participants. Farmers can choose to learn about the whole package, which would take a couple of days or tailor the sessions to parts that are suitable for their business.

This could include sessions on:

- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and carbon sinks relevant to agriculture.
- Understand carbon farming activities and technologies.

- Knowing the co-benefits and risks of carbon farming.
- Understand calculators and the data required.
- Calculating GHG emissions and carbon storage for your property.
- Knowing the ACCU Scheme and what ACCUs are.
- Understanding the most appropriate carbon farming activities or practices for your operation.

There will be workshops running in our region over the next six months, if you would like to participate, please email your contact details to the North Central CMA [CFOP@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:CFOP@nccma.vic.gov.au)

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## Courses and Resources

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Ben Major

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### Holistic Management – a foundation for regeneration

This full Holistic Management course covers Allan Savory's core thinking for managing holistically: The Holistic Nature of our Environment, Context and Decision Making, Holistic Grazing and Financial Planning, Ecological Monitoring, and An Introduction to Land Planning.

The eight-day course is structured as 4 two-day sessions, four to eight weeks apart, allowing time to implement the new information and see how it fits in. Sessions usually run from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

- Gain a solid understanding of the holistic nature of the environment.
- Gain a deep understanding of holistic financial and holistic grazing planning
- Learn how to use animals as a positive tool to improve environmental health.
- Learn how to make decisions that are simultaneously socially, environmentally, and financially sound using the Holistic Management Framework.
- Improve time management and communication skills.
- Create a holistic context for yourself and your business/family.

Post-course support is also included:

- An Educator can assist – just an email or phone call away.
- A post-support group mechanism is initiated, enabling regular meetings to be set up to share learning and successes. An active post-course support group assists greatly with the adoption of change.

**When:** The Bendigo course is starting on 30 April.

**Cost:** \$2,420

**Inquire or enrol [here](#)**

## Events



### Engaging diverse volunteers – making environmental volunteering more accessible webinar

The latest community-of-practice session was focused on reducing barriers and making environmental volunteering more accessible. This webinar shared ideas, strategies, and lived experience stories to help remove barriers and make environmental volunteering more accessible.

Watch the recording [here](#).



### Sustainable grazing – enhancing natural capital field day

**Hosted by Paringa Livestock, Murrindindi**

Visit a farm at Paringa with leading experts to explore the important relationship between soils, grazing, livestock, biodiversity, and on-farm profitability. Learn from experts in the field about natural capital, where it is on your farm, and how it drives productive, sustainable grazing systems. Hear experiences from other farmers and join the team for a paddock walk and soil test demonstration.

Guest speakers include:

- Joel Williams – optimising soil health and soil biology in pasture systems
- Hamish Webb – Soil carbon productivity benefits and market opportunities for farmers
- RCS Coach Dom Walker – Livestock in the landscape and profitable grazing systems
- Grant Sims – maximising pasture production and role of multi species
- Imogen Semmler – Farming for the Future – evidence that on-farm natural capital benefits biodiversity and farm business performance.

**When:** Friday 14 March 9am to 4pm

**Where:** Paringa Livestock, 93 Creeds Road, Murrindindi, Victoria 3717

**Cost:** \$30 per person or \$50 per farm business

**Register [here](#)**





## Free rabbit management community information sessions

Three free community information sessions on managing rabbits are coming up this month. Stay tuned for some rabbit management demonstration days in coming months, delivered by Landcare Groups and Networks.

**Monday 17 March, 5.30pm to 8pm** - Daisy Hill Community Centre (near Maryborough)

**Tuesday 18 March, 5.30pm to 8pm** – Kerang Golf Club

**Thursday 20 March, 5.30pm to 8pm** – Bendigo (this session is now fully booked, stay tuned for another date soon).

A light meal will be provided.

Registrations will be essential for catering purposes.

**To register and find out more, please head to the Eventbrite page [here](#).** Please monitor this page as we update it with other information and dates for further activities

## Calving essentials webinar series

### VFF Stock Sense

New to calving? Wanting to learn more? Maybe you just need a quick refresher!

This FREE webinar is perfect for you. Get ready for the calving season with a checklist covering everything you need to know.

Webinars include:

- 101 essentials
- Methods to prevent calving problems – a whole system approach
- Question and answer session

**When:** Tuesday 18 March and Wednesday 19 March, 6pm to 7.30pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** Register [here](#).



## Inclusive Volunteering Special Interest Group

### Practical stories – volunteering for newly arrived migrants

The Inclusive Volunteering Special Interest Group (SIG) is dedicated to ensuring that all Victorians have the opportunity to participate in volunteerism.

Its mission is to work collaboratively to explore:

- **Advocacy:** Expanding volunteer opportunities to foster social inclusion.
- **Best practices:** Sharing trends and insights on inclusive volunteering.
- **Provide support:** Engaging diverse volunteers, including multicultural, LGBTIQ+, youth, seniors, Indigenous, and those with disabilities.
- **Capacity building:** Helping Volunteer-Involving Organisations (VIOs) engage diverse volunteers.
- **Fostering connections:** Strengthening partnerships to improve opportunities for CALD communities, refugees, migrants, LGBTIQ+, Indigenous peoples, and volunteers of all ages.

- **Knowledge sharing:** Applying insights to enhance service delivery.

Work together to foster an inclusive and accessible organisation so anyone can thrive as a volunteer.

If you're interested in hearing more about supporting diversity and inclusion, join the Inclusive Volunteering SIG to exchange ideas with others in the sector.

This session features Alistair Shaw of the [Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre](#) and Adele Braun of [EV Strengthening Communities](#).

**When:** Wednesday 19 March 11am to 12.30pm

**Where:** online via Zoom

**Cost:** Free

**Register [here](#)**



## Managing volunteers and the law

Organisations that engage volunteers need to understand their legal obligations and how to legally and safely recruit and manage their volunteer workforce. Volunteer managers will walk away from these training sessions with useful legal information, tips, tools, templates and resources to support them in their roles. An online three-hour session presented by Justice Connect Not-for-Profit Law will focus on the top legal issues you need to be aware of and provide additional tools and resources to help people confidently administer their volunteer programs.

Learning outcomes include:

- Defining the volunteer relationship
- Equal opportunity in volunteer recruitment
- The duty of care organisations owe to their volunteers
- Work health and safety duties
- Child safety requirements
- Legal responsibility for the actions of volunteers
- Risk management processes
- Reviewing or ending the volunteer relationship
- Top tips and additional resources

**When:** Wednesday 19 March 2025 10am to 1pm

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** Free

**Register** via [bvrchub@bgovvolunteers.org.au](mailto:bvrchub@bgovvolunteers.org.au)



## Build your own nest box for brush-tailed phascogales

### Harcourt Valley Landcare

Phascogales have specific needs in a nesting box - not just any box will do. Miles Geldard of [Wildlife Nesting Boxes](#) will take participants through the unique needs of phascogales and how to make the perfect nesting box.

Materials, lunch, and tea/coffee are supplied and nest boxes can be taken home. Participants don't need to be a whiz with the tools and there are some power drills on hand if needed. Box installation is included in the ticket price (within the Mount Alexander Shire area).

To find out more, [visit the group's Eventbrite page](#) which includes answers to a heap of questions. There are 20 spots available, and at only \$30 each, they will fill quickly. So register today.

**When:** Saturday 22 March 10am to 12.30pm

**Where:** Harcourt Valley Primary School, 3 Wilkinson Street, Harcourt

**Cost:** \$30

**Registrations** essential via the group's [Eventbrite page](#)



## Volunteer screening deconstruction

This interactive session looks at the elements of volunteer screening and how to implement them in a way that protects organisations from risk without leaving them

tied up in red tape. It's the perfect workshop for those looking to understand the difference between a police check and a Working with Children's Check, and how to effectively interview volunteers.

Learning outcomes:

- Understand the importance of appropriate volunteer screening in line with the National Standards of Volunteer Involvement
- Identify common screening tools used in volunteer recruitment
- Assess screening tools and techniques as relevant for different volunteer roles
- Identify relevant risk assessment processes for your organisation to assess ongoing roles in the future.

**When:** Tuesday 25 March 9.30am to 12.30pm

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** Free

**Register** at [bvrchub@bgovolunteers.org.au](mailto:bvrchub@bgovolunteers.org.au)



## Bendigo Sustainability Festival

Now a hallmark of Bendigo's annual event calendar, the Bendigo Sustainability Festival is back on Sunday 30

March, 10am to 3pm to engage, empower and inspire positive action in our community.

This year, the festival will be something incredibly special, run by young people and including young artists, speakers and stallholders.

The North Central CMA will be there highlighting the many ways people (especially youth) can engage.

Highlights will be Kai Humphries sharing his experience with the Unplug and Play initiative in 2024 and listening to the inspiring work of our youngest Landcarers including Tavish Bloom who won the Junior Landcare Award at the Victorian Landcare Awards in 2024.

The festival will also feature:

- First Nations involvement
- Kitchen Table Talks program
- Main stage program
- Art show
- Sustainable fashion show
- Clothes swap
- Activities for kids and families
- Stallholders and information
- An EV expo

**When:** Sunday 30 March, 10am to 3pm

**Where:** Gardens for the Future, White Hills

**Cost:** Free

Email [festival@bsg.org.au](mailto:festival@bsg.org.au) for more information.



## Funding opportunities...



### Apply for a Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant

Applications are now open for grants of up to \$5,000 to fund projects that involve and educate young people in actively caring for Victoria's natural environment and biodiversity.

The grant can fund your next biodiversity project, such as:

**A day to inspire** - An excursion to your local wildlife sanctuary or botanic garden, or an incursion from a scientist with a nature or wildlife theme

**Curiosity knows no bounds** - Citizen science activities to collect and analyse data about the natural environment

collaborate with local Landcare facilitators to plant Indigenous vegetation to provide vital habitat for Victorian native wildlife.

For inspiration, [project examples](#), and [budgets](#), discover how previous grant recipients brought their projects to life [here](#). For help coming up with a project idea, or tips on how to write a great application, check out the [online info session here](#).

All schools, Scouts, Girl Guides, youth and Junior Landcare groups in Victoria are eligible to apply. **Applications close at 3pm on Friday 28 March.**

#### [Apply here.](#)

The Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants program is delivered by Landcare Australia and funded by the Victorian Government's Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action to provide young Victorians with an opportunity to participate in biodiversity focused learning activities and/or on-ground projects.

## Get expert grant guidance – at no cost

Confused about which grants to apply for? Expert assistance is available!

The North Central CMA's free public access grants portal offers more than a billion dollars in grants, suitable for various applicants including unincorporated groups, not-for-profit, tax-deductible entities, schools and individuals,

If you have any doubt, contact us for free support.

*To avoid conflict of interest, we cannot write the grant for you. Advice is provided only.*

For assistance, email [bdp@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:bdp@nccma.vic.gov.au) or call 03 5440 1805.

Access the grants portal here

<https://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/resources/grants-search/>

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