

North Central chat

JUNE 2019

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

A message from the Regional Landcare Coordinator

Hi everyone,

As I write to you, the wind chill factor reads 5.5°c, the skies are grey and videos of snowfall at Ballarat, Spring Hill and Tylden are circulating social media- winter is certainly upon us.

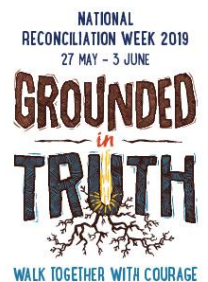
I am biased, but central Victoria must be the best place to enjoy the beauty that comes with late autumn. I have been relishing botanical garden visits to Castlemaine and St Arnaud, and long drives passing freshly sown paddocks, wintering vineyards and wriggly little lambs playing in the sunshine.

If you're a green thumb, you'll be well aware that bare-rooted plantings are now booming and support is available to understand how to best care for your new fruit trees through the 'Apple Centre of Victoria's' newest community group, the [Harcourt Organic Farming Co-Operative](#). Their blog is a great read and contains very practical tips for helping keep those buds blooming.

For me, the past month has been full of meetings and conversations with groups and networks discussing their plans for the coming year (July-June). Plenty of interesting chats have been had about the future of Landcare, coordinating landscape action, strategic planning, forming corporate partnerships and actions to promote greater youth engagement.

I am an advisory panel member on the Agriculture Victoria 'Rabbits and Weeds' projects 'Young people and invasive species workshop, which was held on May 6 at Melbourne Museum. The event was hugely successful and refreshing. Walking into a room full of new faces alongside Landcare veterans and government agency staff, provided a wealth of experiences and insights which shaped the discussion and created an energetic day from start to finish.

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A collective of 10 projects were co-designed, and it is hopeful these projects will be supported and delivered in the coming year. In addition, Agriculture Victoria will soon be launching a competitive grants program to directly support similar projects that seek to engage young people in invasive species management.

For now, I'm focused on supporting the 160+ eligible groups and networks with their VLG grant applications and mapping. After which, I will away on four weeks leave as of June 21, escaping to a European summer.

Au revoir,

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News...



Premier's Sustainability Awards recognises volunteers

Volunteers are being recognised by a new category in Victoria's leading environmental awards program, the 2019 Premier's Sustainability Awards.

The Environmental Volunteering category acknowledges the contribution made by thousands of dedicated individuals and groups who give so generously to protect and improve the environment for social, economic and environmental outcomes.

Over the past four decades, a diverse number of environmental volunteering groups and programs have emerged, with an estimated 100,000 Victorians participating in environmental volunteering each year.

Entries in the Premier's Sustainability Awards are now open and close on Thursday 13 June.

Visit the website for more information; <http://www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au>

Bringing back the bittern

It's a bird that is a key part of Australia's culture and mythology, but most people don't even know what it looks like. The Australasian bittern is also known as the Bunyip bird, it's mating call, mistaken for the mythical creature the Wemba Wemba Traditional Owners and European settlers feared, lived on the banks of creeks, rivers and wetlands.

Unfortunately, the Australasian bittern numbers aren't as great as they once were, something the CMA is looking to change.

"Under the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, we have attracted funding for

National Reconciliation Week is from 27 May to 3 June.



This year's theme is grounded in truth, walk together with courage. What can you do?

Scroll around the web to **learn more about our shared history:**

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOOZGAIJeIQ>

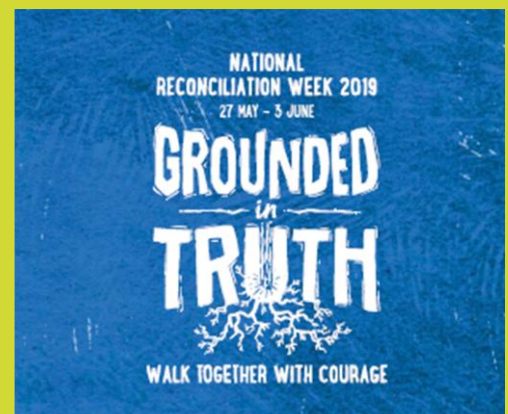
Buy from an Aboriginal business -there's heaps from [Pink Lake Natural Salt](#) in your supermarket to [Children's books](#). The products are unique and the benefit to people is direct!

Be an equality ally – call out racist jokes and comments

Show respect – Acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where you gather or play sport

Share stories across social media – visit pages like <https://www.facebook.com/bendigoreconciliation/>

Events are happening right across Victoria, such as the Central Victorian Indigenous Film Festival – if you like the movie version of things this is for you. <https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/About/Document-Library/2019-Indigenous-Film-Festival>





five years to try to Bring Back the Bittern,” North Central CMA Project Manager Amy Russell said.

“And we want the community’s help to do it.”

There are now only about 2000 Australasian bitterns left in the world, and at the last count about 40 of them were in the North Central CMA area.

“Landscape change since European occupation, introduced predators and climate change have decimated the bittern population,” Ms Russell said.

“We have managed water for the environment at some of the internationally-recognised Kerang Wetlands, and in 2017 we counted at least 16 at one time at Lake Cullen.

“The aim of this project is to find suitable wetlands to create the environment they need to survive and thrive.”

However, the CMA is not just looking at public places to create the right habitat for the birds. There are more than 1500 wetlands on the Loddon Plains and at least half of these are on private property, creating a perfect opportunity to work with the local community.

“Those who have a wetland on their property, no matter how small, are usually aware of it. It could be a small depression, or a place that stays too wet for too long.

“This project could be a great chance to turn a small piece of private land into bittern-friendly habitat, and it’s an opportunity for the local community to be involved in a project that is bringing back one of our most cherished birds.”



If you are interested in finding out more, contact Amy Russell on 03 5448 7124 or amy.russell@nccma.vic.gov.au

200 Trees for Mum

Northern Bendigo Landcare Group Secretary, Nicole Howie

On Sunday May 12 Northern Bendigo Landcare Group celebrated Mother’s Day with our fourth annual Trees for Mum event.

Trees for Mum is a free national event inviting families to celebrate their mum and the beauty of life, by planting a tree with her or in her honour.

We are always looking for innovative ways to connect people with nature and have found that Mother’s Day and mother nature fit together beautifully.

Just as mums nurture families, we love to provide the opportunity for people to come along and nurture their local environment which in turn nurtures our community spirit.

Trees for Mum has become one of our favourite and best attended annual events.

We enjoyed a marvellous afternoon with sparkling winter sunshine, green grass after recent rain, lots of happy families extremely grateful for the very special experience and 200 native trees added to the Bendigo Creek Streamside Reserve in Huntly.



Many thanks to the Fifteen Trees organisation who provided us with the plants donated generously by GJ Gardner Homes Bendigo.



2019 Victorian Landcare Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Victorian Landcare Awards, which recognise and celebrate the achievements of the countless individuals, groups, networks and organisations who make significant contributions to protect, conserve and restore Victoria's environment.

We are asking for your support to please promote the 2019 Victorian Landcare Awards with your groups and networks etc.

There are nine National Landcare Award categories and six Victorian Award categories. See below:

National Landcare Award categories:

- Landcare Farming Award
- Innovation in Agriculture Land Management Award
- Individual Landcarer Award
- Partnerships for Landcare Award
- Coastcare Award
- Junior Landcare Team Award
- Young Landcare Leadership Award
- Indigenous Land Management Award
- Landcare Community Group Award

All Victorian winners of the National Landcare Awards categories will proceed as finalists (representing Victoria) at the 2020 National Landcare Awards.

Victorian Landcare Award categories:

- Joan Kirner Landcare Award
- Landcare Network Award
- Dr Sidney Plowman Travel & Study Award
- Heather Mitchell Memorial Fellowship
- Urban Landcare Award
- Environmental Volunteer Award

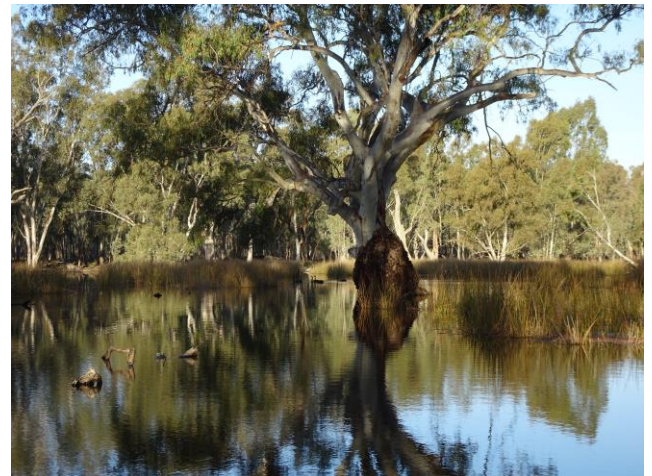
Entries close: 7 July 2019

More information: on criteria and how to nominate for the 2019 Victorian Landcare Awards go to www.landcareaustralia.org.au/landcareawards2019

Reed Lagoon receives a top-up

North Central CMA Project officer Sophia Piscitelli advised that the CMA is managing an important top-up of Reedy Lagoon in Gunbower Forest from late-May. Reedy Lagoon is one of our best wetlands for aquatic plants and provides high quality habitat for native animals.

Over summer and autumn, it has drawn down to a small residual pool. Topping it up will provide refuge for waterbirds, native fish and other animals in the forest over winter. For more details please go to www.nccma.vic.gov.au.



National Pest Animal and Weed Survey

The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) is conducting a second national survey on pest animal and weed management for the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

The survey is aimed at agricultural businesses covering; broadacre, horticulture, dairy and other livestock enterprises. **The survey will be open from 9 May 2019 until 15 July 2019.** This is the second national survey by ABARES on pest animal and weed management, with the first undertaken in 2016. The survey asks questions about the incidence of and problems pest animals and weeds cause, the cost of management and the types and effectiveness of control actions—both on-farm and conducted by local groups.

If you are interested in providing a response, use the following link to complete the survey: www.agriculture.gov.au/PAWsurvey

Note: Once you begin the survey you cannot leave the survey and return. The survey should take you around 30 to 40 minutes to complete.



Hello everyone,

This month has been full of wonderful adventures. Britt and I have caught up with some of our volunteers across the catchment, we will keep trying to lock in dates to catch up with everyone who we haven't seen over the next month or so.

We were excited to receive our fancy new Waterwatch high-vis vests. We had these made up for all our wonderful volunteers, so they can be easily seen when out and about testing our wonderful waterways! Britt and I are handing vests out to volunteers as we catch up over the coming months.



We also received our new and very blue Waterwatch sampling bottles this month. These bottles have been designed for our Waterwatch volunteers to use as sampling bottle (PLEASE DO NOT USE FOR DRINKING). These fancy new bottles will start to make a splash across our region. Wow, with the new high-vis vests and water bottles, our volunteers won't go unnoticed.



Lastly, the month of May brought with it a bunch of events from Saltwatch Week, National Volunteer Week and Education Week. This is our opportunity to say thank you to everyone involved in volunteering and our River Detective schools. Without you, important information about our local waterways and our natural environment would not be available and we would be limited with the amount of available information we have about the environment. Volunteering is important for both data collection but also for social and mental health and wellbeing.

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National Volunteer Week - Making a world of difference.

[Volunteering Australia Article](#)

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers.

Volunteering Australia is pleased to announce the theme for National Volunteer Week 2019 – "Making a world of difference".

From 20–26 May 2019, thousands of events were held across the country to say thank you to the 6 million Australians who volunteer their time. The week-long celebration included breakfasts, morning/afternoon teas, and luncheons, as well as open days, award ceremonies, picnics, forums and training sessions.



Celebrating our volunteers!

Meet John and Veronica Groat, Strathallan



John and Veronica Groat of Strathallan are multiple things, they are passionate Waterwatch volunteers, dedicated Landcarers and committed members of the Environmental Water Advisory Group (EWAG) at the North Central CMA.

John and Veronica have been in north central Victoria since 2002. They began their journey with the North Central CMA in 2003 when Veronica saw an ad in the local newspaper calling out for Waterwatch volunteers. Veronica urged John to join the program as he loved to visit the river, “I suggested it would be good for John to get involved in this program to get him out of the house!” said Veronica. John and Veronica then began monitoring the Campaspe River. What they didn’t realise is the river had been experiencing a drought for the past four years.

Prior to being involved in Waterwatch, John and Veronica didn’t have a lot of knowledge of waterway health, though Veronica, a journalist from the Upper Yarra Valley would often be required to report on flooding and other waterway health issues within the Yarra Valley region throughout her career.

Since moving to their river-side retreat, John and Veronica have memories of the river often being characteristic of large disconnected pools of water “I remember them being chock-a-block full of carp” said Veronica.

In 2010, the rain came, and it just kept raining, and we lived through the 2010/11 floods and experienced the flooding throughout the region. John and Veronica said they used to see platypus in the Campaspe River “We don’t really see them

much anymore, there was lots of talk about them in the river before the drought” said John. “We still see water rats (Rakali) and when we first moved to the area, we would catch cod in the river” John explains. John and Veronica haven’t caught a cod since 2004.

In 2017, when John and Veronica hosted the first ever Campaspe Carp Catch event - a participant caught one (and released it back to the river). Since, this event, it has grown into what is now an annual event with hundreds of people participating each year in a collaborative event with five other Landcare and Angling Groups along the river. “It’s wonderful to see so many people passionate about the river” says Veronica.

John and Veronica have made observations of the river using traditional methods and even their own “We measured the height of the water using an old ladder that was in the river, this was washed away in the floods, but now we have an old fallen tree that we use to measure the height, nature is a fascinating creature” said Veronica.

The biggest change John and Veronica have seen is the increase in the native fish. “It’s been great for us as Landcare members to have been involved in the EWAG, we have learnt so much, we now understand that there are increased fish populations as a result of the environmental water. We also have this wonderful insight into what is happening with the river now and we can share this information with our Landcare group on our Facebook page, some of our members are farmers and they love knowing what is happening with river” said Veronica.

This observation appears to coincide with John’s monthly water quality testing “Turbidity used to always be 30+NTU and now it’s usually below 15NTU, the clearness of the water now is out of sight!” says John. Each month, John and Veronica add their Waterwatch results to their Facebook page as another way of keeping the community informed about their waterway.

“By being involved in both Waterwatch and EWAG we notice more about the river and what is happening in terms of its health, we used to walk down by the river and take photos, now we notice the decreased number of carp in the river and all the good things that are happening as a result of the water for the environment and our Waterwatch monitoring. Our appreciation of the river and the way we look at the river has changed, when we look at the river now, sometimes it looks glassy and you can see the reflections of the trees and the old tractor on the surface” said Veronica.



John and Veronica have enjoyed many of the Waterwatch events held over the years with a particular note to the 20 years of Waterwatch event held at Newbridge. *“The Newbridge event where we celebrated 20 years of Waterwatch was a highlight, people came together from all around the region and we felt safe because we were all likeminded people - we are involved, because we love the river”* said Veronica.

Ask the Expert Webinar a Hit with Dr. Pete

On 29 May, nine River Detectives schools and around 200 students' from across Victoria participated in a Virtual Learning online session with a focus on Fascinating Freshwater Fish. This 'Ask the Expert' style session was hosted by the North Central CMA and attended by our resident fish expert, Dr. Peter Rose. Pete works to improve habitat and water quality for fish through implementing our [Native Fish Recovery Plan](#).

Peter gave us lots of interesting information on freshwater fish including learning about a range of common and not so common species (including the not so well-known little guys), their importance in the environment, habitat and food sources. We also learnt what causes a 'fish death' event.



Pete & Britt deliver a virtual learning session with students online

Students were able to pre-submit questions for Peter to answer. We thought the best question was submitted by Sam at Huntly Primary School; “Where do fish go in a drought?”. Pete went on to explain the importance of remnant pools in our waterways, and that many fish instinctively move to these pools as the water level drops. Life size cut-outs of many of our native fish were displayed

on the wall behind to show kids the range of species and sizes.

Pete is a wealth of knowledge and we really appreciated having him join us for the session. Thanks Dr. Pete!

Celebrating our milestones!

National Volunteer Week was an opportunity for North Central Waterwatch to say thank you to our community volunteers, or citizen scientists, for their commitment to monitoring the health of the region's wetlands and rivers. Some of the North Central Waterwatch volunteers have been collecting data for 10, 15 and for two volunteers, more than 20 years!

While we say thank you to all our volunteers, we'd like to recognise those who have reached a milestone. They are:

15 years

- Cathy McCallum

10 years

- Naomi Hewitt-Ware

5 years

- Terri Williams
- Tess Williamson

2 years

- Jason Faux
- Brian Walton
- Trevor Wilkinson
- Bill Astro

“I think it's really important to have this type of data collected for our bigger waterways, but it's also just as valuable to have this information about our smaller waterways so we can help inform governmental decisions or for scientists to have access to the data so they can understand what is happening in our waterways across Victoria” Tess Williamson.

Shadow testing with our Citizen Scientists

Early in May we held an event for our Bendigo Creek and Castlemaine citizen scientists, with a focus on 'shadow testing' to ensure consistency in our water quality testing methods and equipment.



We also brainstormed some great ideas for an event we are planning in to launch our River Health reports.

Bendigo Creek Citizen Scientists are monitoring Bendigo Creek and their data will be used in the One Planet Living Report through the City of Greater Bendigo. The data captured through the project will help create a baseline understanding of the creek’s health and monitor changes over time because of environmental works and climate change.

The Castlemaine Urban Waterways Citizen Scientists are monitoring three creeks, Forest, Barkers and Campbells Creeks and their data will be used in the report on the health of the waterways and any impacts from surrounding land use. The data will also be used to inform the local Landcare Groups about future waterway health management and will monitor changes over time as a result of environmental works and climate change.

Upcoming events and special days

June	
World Environment Day	5 June
World Oceans Day	8 June
Global Wind Day	15 June
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	17 June
July	
NAIDOC Week	8 – 15 July
World Population Day	11 July
Schools Tree Day	27 July
National Tree Day	29 July
August	
National Science Week	10-18 August
International Youth Day	12 August
Keep Australia Beautiful	19-25 August

Water storages update

With continued limited inflows, most storage levels continue to decrease:

Region	Water Storage	% full at 28 April	% full at 20 May
Murray Storages	Dartmouth Dam	63.38	↑63.98
	Hume Dam	14.58	↑15
	Torrumbarry Weir	100.02	↓96.82
	Third Lake	100.66	↓96.27
	Reedy/Middle Lake	96.00	↑96.28
	Kangaroo Lake	93.69	↓96.26
	Kow Swamp	85.33	↓83.26
	Lake Boga	71.75	↑71.93
Campaspe	Lake Charm	88.27	↓88.15
	Lake Eppalock	37.71	↓36.93
Loddon Storages	Cairn Curran Reservoir	32.22	↓31.85
	Tullaroop Reservoir	39.10	↑39.22
Bullarook Creek Storages	Laanecoorie Reservoir	36.63	↑44.88
	Newlyn Reservoir	30.90	↑31.83
Goulburn Storages	Hepburns Lagoon	21.75	↑26.70
	Lake Eildon	36.00	↓35.79
	Waranga Basin	35.46	↑37.12

Source: www.g-mwater.com.au/water-resources/catchments/storage-levels

Events...

Outside the Square-Curious About Climate?

Make A Change's collective aim is to deliver a successful event that supports 80-100 participants to develop their ideas and grow positive change in their communities.

You're invited to an evening of talks, information and networking. Find out the latest on how changes in weather may impact you. Hear about the interesting solutions locals are creating in response

While the event is in Rochester, it's for people across the region. This offers a great opportunity to get together, share ideas and take action to a new level.

When: Thursday 20 June, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: Rochester Shire Hall, 45 Mackay St, Rochester

RSVP: Book your FREE ticket at this link: bit.ly/curious-climate



Healthy Kids, Healthy Planet - Mini Expo

Growing and eating healthy food, drinking water, recycling, and composting your waste is good for you and good for the planet too.

You can learn more about how to live sustainably through fun, interactive and educational activities and games at the Swan Hill Regional Library mini expo. The expo is free for the whole family and there will be giveaways too!

Experts will join in from Swan Hill District Health, Lower Murray Water, North Central Catchment

Management Authority and Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group.

When: Tuesday 9 July, 2-4pm

Where: Swan Hill Library

RSVP: Bookings are preferred. Children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult. contact the library on 5036 2480.

Do stuff that matters!

Are you from the Mt Alexander / Central VIC regions?

Passionate about the environment?

Intrepid Landcare is heading this way to deliver an epic Youth Leadership Retreat over the weekend of the 9th - 11th August 2019. Jam packed with good vibes, awesome humans, spectacular nature, cultural connections, outdoor adventure, environmental conservation and leadership development, plus all the goods you need to do stuff that matters in your community.

Applications close July 14. It's free! Apply now: <https://forms.gle/XaJr6aBTdRnvMhFW6>



When is National Tree Day?

The dates for 2019 are:

- Schools Tree Day Friday 26th July 2019 and
- National Tree Day Sunday 28th July 2019

Since 1996, over 25 million trees have been planted by more than 4 million people. This number will continue to grow with the help of our dedicated volunteers around the country.

Courses and Resources...

Farm Business financial management for dry seasons workshops

Agriculture Victoria has partnered with Meridian Agriculture and Partners in Ag to deliver workshops to boost awareness and capability in farm business planning, risk management and financial literacy.

One follow-up individual consultation will be available to workshop participants to provide further support.

The workshops will include: an overview of financial literacy, analysing and improving the performance of a farm business, understanding and managing risk, planning for profit, evidence-based decision making.

These workshops are available to farm businesses from all regions of Victoria.

Upcoming workshops dates in our region include:

- Boort: Thursday 11 June & Thursday 18 June
- Donald: Wednesday 12 June & Wednesday 19 June

For registrations and more information contact Partners in Ag via Nickie Berrisford on 0428 622 655 or email admin@partnersinag.org.au

The workshops are free, but places are limited, and registration is required. To register or to find out more contact the relevant service provider for the relevant locations listed above.

For more information about support available to farmers experiencing the effects of dry seasonal conditions visit www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons or call 136 186.

Regenerative Agriculture Project updates

A new webpage is available for the CMA's [Regenerative Ag project](#). Find contacts for Regen Ag Community Group Facilitators, latest project news and resources

Access to soil moisture probe and weather data for our region is also available via: [Data Farmer](#)

[Ag Vic moisture probes](#) – (username dpi and password dpi)

[Raywood Regen Ag Group moisture probes](#)

- (username: LSS Password: LSS)

Check out the Upper Loddon and Avoca Regenerative Farmers Facebook page, for regen ag resources and notifications of upcoming events in that area.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Training Workshop 2019 Applications NOW OPEN

Aboriginal Victoria (AV) has developed an innovative and exciting training program for all Aboriginal Victorians with an interest or role in the State's unique and irreplaceable Aboriginal cultural heritage.

This program consists of an introductory three-day workshop *Past and Present* followed by an accredited Certificate IV level training course.

This year, two three-day workshops will be offered to introduce the larger Certificate IV training course and to build-on existing cultural heritage skills and knowledge within the community. This will be followed by the nine-week Certificate IV course delivered by La Trobe University in 2020.

To be eligible to take part in the Certificate IV program you must complete one of the three-day workshops. Sponsorship for each workshop includes accommodation and meals for participants. Travel is reimbursed for public transport or petrol costs (upon receipt).

The dates and venues for the 2019 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management workshops are:

- Bundoora, Melbourne, La Trobe University July 16th to 18th, 2019 - (www.latrobe.edu.au/melbourne)
- San Remo Silverwater Resort- August 20th to 22nd, 2019 - (www.silverwaterresort.com.au/)

You can also download forms and read more about this exciting program via:

www.vic.gov.au/aboriginalvictoria/grants-funding-and-training



Funding news...

CLOSING SOON: Victorian Landcare Grants- North Central

North Central CMA is delivering the Victorian Landcare Grants program, which is open for application until Wednesday June 12.

Guidelines including the SmartyGrants application form links, and iMap mapping guidance, are available on the [CMA website](#)

Project Grants (up to \$20,000) and Support Grants (\$500) are available for Landcare, Friends of, Conservation Management Networks, and environmental volunteer groups and networks.

The total pool of funds for the North Central region is approximately \$160,000.

2018-19 Drought Support Grants

These grants provide funding for community groups to run a single event or a series of events in their community to address mental health.

Community groups, local government, and VFF branches are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$1,500 to run social events and community initiatives that bring together neighbours and the community to spend some time off farm to relax with family and friends.

There are two grant programs open for the following communities:

1. Fire-affected communities in south west Victoria
2. Drought-affected communities in eastern Gippsland and northern Victoria (includes Loddon, Bendigo, Ganawarra, Campaspe, Buloke, Swan Hill and Northern Grampians)

Helen MacPherson Social Impact Grants

These grants are supporting initiatives for up to three years that deliver positive long-term social impact supported by a sustainable business model in the areas of: Community; Education; Arts and

Culture; Environment; Health - with \$90,000 - \$200,000 funding.

Organisations must be registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

Closes 6 June 2019. [Click here](#) for more info.



Victorian schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, Scouts, Girl Guides and youth groups that are interested in working on a Junior Landcare biodiversity project in 2019-2020 can apply for the 2019 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants, which are now open.

The Victorian Department of Environment, Land Water & Planning (DELWP), in partnership with Landcare Australia, is giving school and youth groups etc. the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 through the 2019 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants.

These grants offer funding for projects that seek to involve and educate young Victorians in valuing and actively caring for our natural environment. <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/victorian-junior-landcare-biodiversity-grants/>

Grant funding: up to \$5,000 is available for projects. The grants are for either direct action (i.e. projects with an on-ground component) or in direct action (i.e. projects with an environmental education component), or a mixture of both.

Grant Guidelines:

<https://landcareaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-Victorian-Junior-Landcare-and-Biodiversity-Grants-Guidelines.pdf>

To access the application form log into the [Landcare Australia Communities portal](#) (or register if you haven't applied for a Landcare Australia grant before)

Applications close: 3pm on Friday 21 June 2019



North Central Landcare Report card

2017-18 Snapshot

Data is taken from 56 'Landcare Group Health' surveys during the 2018-19 Victorian Landcare Grants.

MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER HOURS



37*

AVERAGE MEMBERS PER GROUP



242

NEW LANDCARE MEMBERS



10

SUPPORTED BY

LOCAL LANDCARE FACILITATORS



24%

of groups have engaged with a Traditional Owner group or an Aboriginal organisation in the past 12 months.



\$353,850

The Victorian Landcare Program invested \$353,850 into the region through the Victorian Landcare Grants, Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program, Landcare Support.



59%

of groups are using an NRM plan to guide activity



151

Number of Landcare and Community NRM Groups

