

# North Central Chat

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



July 2024

## A message from the Regional Landcare Coordinator

Hi everyone,

Winter is well and truly biting, with frosts and chilly days finding their way into the week. It's a great time to take stock, start preparing for planting, and enjoy some time reading the latest [Landcare magazine](#) in front of the fire.

Speaking of chilly, I enjoyed attending the field trip for Windharp Horizons last week. It happened to be on one of the coldest days of the year, with some sprinkling of much-needed rain thrown in. You can read a bit more about the field trip in this edition of the Chat, but it was great to get out and see some of the fantastic work landholders in the Buloke and Northern Grampians region have achieved. From leaky weirs in gullies that slow down water to successful saltbush grazing and fantastic buloke remnants, there's certainly a lot of valuable assets to protect and enhance across the landscape.

The Natural Capital Forum was also a huge success with a lot of fantastic discussions and networking going on. I certainly learned a lot, but it's an ever-evolving space so I encourage you to explore the resources on our website (see the News section of this Chat).

NAIDOC week is also upon us and there's plenty happening around the region to get involved in. The theme this year is "Keep the fire burning! Blak, Loud and Proud". Be sure to check the [NAIDOC week website](#) for events happening near you.

Finally, it's National Tree Day at the end of this month. I'll be planting trees with the Girl Guides of the region, with thanks to the Northern Bendigo Landcare Group. These partnerships are what Landcare does really well, and I'm proud to be a part of two fantastic community organisations. There's lots of Tree Day events happening around the region providing plenty of opportunities to get your hands dirty. See you out there!



Plant a tree this  
National Tree Day

NATIONAL  
TREE DAY  
28 JULY

SCHOOLS  
TREE DAY  
26 JULY



Remember – I would love to include more local stories in the Chat. Please send through a story and photo about your project or group.

Happy reading,

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## News...

### Water for Country

In May this year, the Barapa Barapa Wamba Wemba Water for Country Steering Committee (BBWW SC) members organised a week on Country to complete a Cultural Heritage Assessment (CHA) along sections of the Little Murray River. The Little Murray River is a culturally significant waterway for First Nations people, providing abundant resources.

The BBWW SC completed the CHA in collaboration with members of Wemba Wamba Aboriginal Corporation and Wiran Aboriginal Corporation. This is the second CHA undertaken by the BBWW SC, after a CHA was completed at Lake Murphy in May 2023.

Four days were spent out on Country, covering a total of 30.5 hectares at three priority sites along the Little Murray River.

The CHA provided a good opportunity for intergenerational learning, healing on Country, and an opportunity for First Nations people to discuss their aspirations for the protection and management of cultural heritage at significant sites.



North Central CMA CEO Brad Drust at the Natural Capital Forum.

### Wealth of information at Natural Capital Forum

More than 100 landholders and agricultural professionals explored emerging opportunities at the North Central Catchment Management Authority's (CMA) Natural Capital Forum in early June.

The forum covered environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues, natural capital, and carbon emissions.

Keynote speakers included Australian Farm Institute Executive Director Katie McRobert, La Trobe University Associate Professor Jim Radford, and Farming for the Future Strategic Engagements Manager Angela Hawdon. They highlighted the increasing importance of these topics for farmers.

"Australian farmers are under increasing pressure both locally and internationally to report on environmental performance," Assoc Prof Radford said.

Ms Hawdon emphasised resilience, productivity, and market access as key motivations for farmers to engage in natural capital initiatives. She noted natural capital is integral to mainstream farm management practices.

Farmers from various sectors shared practical applications of natural capital strategies. Clare Cannon of Woomargama Station discussed their involvement in a natural capital accounting project. "It's an opportunity to measure our progress, I was impressed with the depth of information and how complete the report was," she said.

Alison Kelly of Agriculture Victoria encouraged farmers to understand their emissions before acting on them.

Loddon Vale farmer Jo Bear who participated in the pilot said, "There's a lot of noise, it's hard to get really accurate information about what to focus on, we don't want to be left behind, we can't be left behind," she said.

Carbon farming was also featured, with Liam Costello of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action discussing tree-based carbon farming projects that provide multiple on-farm benefits.

The event was run by North Central CMA, with major sponsors the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, City of Greater Bendigo, and Cassinia Environmental.

The forum's wealth of insights, including presentation recordings, are available at [www.nccma.vic.gov.au/media-events/events/](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/media-events/events/)



Jo Bear, Narelle Beattie, Alison Kelly, and Olivia Lawson at the Natural Capital Forum.



64TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
16-18 JULY 2024  
BENDIGO, VICTORIA



## Grasslands Society of Southern Australia – 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The GSSA conference at Bendigo on 17 and 18 July will offer something for everyone.

The central theme will focus on Evidence Based Decision Making and the topics have been built around what farmers need to know.

Delegates will be able to choose from two bus tours – one to a property north of Bendigo integrating lucerne into a profitable livestock system and one to a higher rainfall perennial pasture property south of Bendigo.

Topics will include:

- Carbon - An informed farmers perspective
- Old clover identification and sub optimal clover nodulation
- Paddock livestock weighing
- Use of drones in agriculture
- Facial livestock recognition
- Remote pasture measurement
- N efficiency and endophytes in ryegrass pastures
- Introduction to fertiliser calculator tool.

For more information head to the [2024 GSSA Annual Conference website](#).

## Fungimap

### Be a Fungimap citizen scientist.

Not enough is known about fungi in Australia or where they occur. Fungimap has selected 100 target species to start the task of making distribution maps of fungi Australia-wide.

The best time to see the fruit bodies of fungi is autumn and winter, especially after rain.

Fungi are in all natural ecosystems, but the greatest diversity is likely to be found in places that are relatively undisturbed.

Get started by joining a fungi foray and familiarise yourself with what to look for by checking out the [Fungimap website](#) and newsletter.



Participants at the McAllister property Bonnie Brae on the Windharp Horizons field trip. Photo: Andrew Borg

## Windharp Horizons field trip

### Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network

Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network was selected in the Landcare Victoria pilot New Futures project earlier this year. The group has been actively developing its project vision and engaging with stakeholders. Recently, the group organised a field trip for stakeholders to explore the important landscape features of the region. The tour visited three local properties, all part of the pilot.

Some of the features on the properties included leaky weirs designed to slow the flow of water across the paddocks, enhanced remnants of bulokes and other native vegetation, extensive saltbush plantings used for livestock grazing, and a wildlife pond facilitated by irrigation water.

The remnant bulokes scattered throughout the area are an important feature of the landscape. These trees are known as the Wimmera Windharp and are classified as endangered. As land was cleared for agriculture, the buloke populations have sadly diminished as they were appreciated for the properties of their timber in fence posts and other structures.

Buloke trees are nitrogen fixing, long living, and highly tolerant of drought. They are a particularly hard wood that serve as critical habitat and food sources for numerous species including black cockatoos and babbler. With only three per cent woodland remaining in the area, it's critical to understand and protect what's left.

For more information and to follow along get in touch with the Windharp Horizons team at [windharp.horizons@gmail.com](mailto:windharp.horizons@gmail.com)



## WaterWatch Victoria

### Pesticide Watch

#### Seeking more participants

Pesticide Watch is an innovative citizen science program that is working with communities to learn how pesticide residues are impacting our waterway ecosystems.

After the success of the 2023 pilot, Pesticide Watch will continue as a PhD research project and continue collecting data through 2024.

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up, you will receive correspondence and your testing kit soon. They are seeking some additional participants, so to be a part of this important research, please complete [this form](#) or contact [brady.hamilton@deakin.edu.au](mailto:brady.hamilton@deakin.edu.au)



The summary report for the 2023 program can be [found here](#).

### Frogs in Focus – winter

Each season, we highlight some of the local frog species you may hear calling at that time of year, and a link for more information.

Southern Brown Tree Frog [\*Litoria ewingii\*](#)  
Whistling Tree Frog [\*Litoria verreauxi\*](#)  
Common Froglet [\*Crinia signifera\*](#)  
Plains Froglet [\*Crinia parinsignifera\*](#)  
Common Spadefoot Toad [\*Neobatrachus sudelli\*](#)



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### River Detectives schools shine at the 2024 ResourceSmart Schools Awards

The ResourceSmart School Awards is a positive, future-focused event celebrating sustainability leadership in Victorian primary and secondary schools.

Many River Detectives schools are also [ResourceSmart Schools](#) (RSS).

They embed their River Detectives learning about waterways and catchments into their broader sustainability curriculum and in turn, River Detectives activities help them achieve RSS actions.



Winners  
announced

ResourceSmart  
Schools Awards  
2024

15  
YEARS

I was thrilled to attend the recent awards at the MCG. I was even more thrilled to see River Detectives schools from around the state featured in 11 nominations by including their River Detectives work in their successful submissions to make it to the shortlist.

I was ecstatic to witness River Detectives schools winning five categories, with three of those schools from our North Central region.

Congratulations to Chewton PS – **WINNER** of RSS Primary School of the Year.



Congratulations to Castlemaine Steiner School and Kindergarten – **WINNER** of RSS Primary Student Action Team of the Year.



And congratulations to Gill Davey, Sarah Chamings and Erin Salm, Epsom Primary School – **WINNER** RSS Primary Teacher/s of the Year.



We are so proud of you and look forward to supporting you, and all our River Detectives schools, on their sustainability journey. To learn more about this year's finalists and winners click [here](#).

It was humbling to attend the awards to hear from passionate teachers and incredibly knowledgeable and articulate students of all ages speak with such positivity about the environment and the part they play in helping it survive and thrive. I came away inspired and uplifted about the role this future generation will play and very proud to be working in the sustainability education field with our very own River Detectives program.



Speaking with students at our stall in the Showcase area

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## Water Storages Update

Region	Water Storage	% full July 2023	% full 20 June 2024
Murray Storages	Dartmouth Dam	97.54	94.35
	Hume Dam	93.69	65.62
	Reedy/Middle Lk	78.96	88.80
	Kangaroo Lake	93.99	88.56
	Ghow Swamp	70.49	80.33
	Lake Boga	83.38	76.74
	Lake Charm	91.71	92.15
Loddon Storages	Cairn Curran Res	87.37	70.52
	Tullaroop Res	87.85	81.92
	Laanecoorie Res	68.19	47.44
Bullarook Storages	Newlyn Res	79.81	50.35
	Hepburns Lagoon	75.19	46.81
Goulburn Storages	Lake Eildon	96.75	90.21
	Waranga Basin	78.96	60.22
Campaspe	Lake Eppalock	92.95	90.88
Coliban Water Storages	Upper Coliban Res	81.6	81
	Lauriston Res	91.7	90
	Malmsbury Res	54.9	38

Sources:

<https://www.g-mwater.com.au/water-operations/storage-levels><https://coliban.com.au/about-us/our-reservoirs>

## Upcoming Events and Special Days

July	
<u>Plastic Free July</u>	July 1-31
<u>World Zoonoses Day</u>	July 6
<u>NAIDOC Week</u> <i>Keep the fire burning</i>	July 7-14
<u>World Mangrove Day</u>	July 26
<u>Schools Tree Day</u>	July 26
<u>National Tree Day</u>	July 28
August	
<u>National Landcare week</u>	7-13 Aug
<u>National Science Week</u>	10-18 Aug
<u>Keep Australia Beautiful Week</u>	16-22 Aug
<u>World Humanitarian Day</u>	19 Aug
September	
<u>National Biodiversity Month</u>	1-30 Sep
<u>National Wattle Day</u>	1 Sep
<u>National Threatened Species Day</u>	7 Sep
<u>National Bilby Day</u>	12 Sep
<u>National Organic Week</u>	16-22 Sep
<u>World Rivers Day</u>	22 Sep

## Courses & Resources...

### In good times and in bad – adaptive skills for your farming future

Farmers in northern and western Victoria have the perfect opportunity to prepare their business for the future with several two-day farm business courses coming up with agronomist Dr Kate Burke.

Agriculture Victoria Regional Manager Grains Services Felicity Pritchard said Dr Burke's Adaptive Skills for Your Farming Future courses are suitable for grain and mixed farmers including multi-generational family farms who wish to develop a climate adaption plan to suit their business goals and seasonal challenges.

"Dr Burke has extensive experience in crop agronomy and dryland agriculture and her practical farm finance workshops are well-received and popular," Ms Pritchard said.

"Attendees from the courses we held in February told us they enjoyed the interactive and thought-provoking group discussions and left the course eager to review their business plans and implement new milestones."

#### Course topics include:

- Key profit drivers and high-level benchmarks
- Income versus cost of production and impact of rotation
- Calculating basic financial benchmarks
- Understanding personal appetite for risk
- Understanding production potential to assess variation in profit
- Managing climate variability and farm financial performance
- Scenario planning for the 2024 and 2025 seasons and beyond.

#### Course dates and locations:

- 15 and 16 July, Colbinabbin Hotel, Colbinabbin
- 18 and 19 July, Bridgewater Recreation Reserve, Bridgewater
- 24 and 25 July, Brim Sports and Social Club, Brim
- 20 and 21 August, Goroke Recreation Reserve, Goroke
- 27 and 28 August, Joel Joel Hall, Joel Joel
- 7 and 8 September, Skipton Golf and Bowls Club, Skipton.

To book and see full course details visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/events](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/events) or [TryBooking](#).

These events are delivered through the Farm Business Resilience Program jointly funded by the Australian Government Future Drought Fund and the Victorian Government Future Agriculture Skills Capacity Fund.



### Grant Writing Workshops

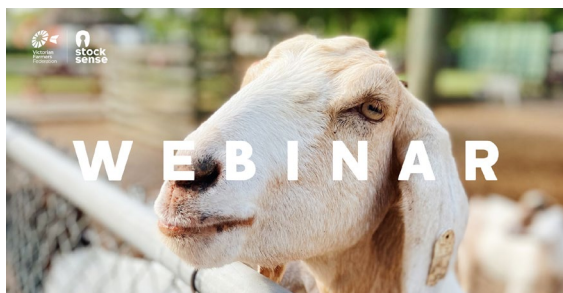
The Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre is running a series of workshops to support community groups in Bendigo with grant writing and preparation for getting grants.

The workshops will consist of four two-hour sessions over four weeks at the Bendigo Library in Hargreaves Street on the following dates:

- Thursday, 25 July 2024 - Introduction to the seven pillars of grant writing
- Thursday 1 August 2024 - Why grants need strategic planning and how to do it
- Thursday 8 August 2024 - Governance and budgets: behind your grant are good internal processes
- Thursday 15 August 2024 - The war chest and the grant writing process

[Apply here](#) or for more information contact [vlm@bgovolunteers.org.au](mailto:vlm@bgovolunteers.org.au)

For some handy tools in preparing your grant applications, check out the [templates on The Funding Centre's website](#).



## Goat ownership webinar series

Join Berwyn Squire of Agriculture Victoria for an insightful session on all things goat ownership, complete with a Q&A segment.

In part one, we will delve into essential topics such as hoof trimming, traceability requirements including eID, and critical welfare practices, including humane euthanasia. This is a valuable opportunity for anyone involved in agriculture to enhance their knowledge and practices.

In part two, join Goat Vet Oz owner Sandra Baxendell for an informative session that also features a Q&A segment.

**Part one – Tuesday, 16 July, 6pm to 7.30pm**

**Part two – Wednesday, 17 July, 6pm to 7.30pm**

For information and to register head to the [Victorian Farmers Federation events page](#).



## Research investment digs into the future of soil health

Two Victorian research projects are soon to be underway to protect the health of one of Australia's most important living assets – soil.

The Victorian Government, supported by additional funding from the Commonwealth Government, will deliver the \$6.47 million projects as part of the National Soil Action Plan 2023 to 2028.

Delivered over the next two years, both projects will expand on existing research and aim to build soil health and productivity across Australia's diverse landscapes.

Scientists from Agriculture Victoria and the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research will work together on the first project, focused on soil biology Across the Landscape.

Their research will focus on understanding microbial communities in agricultural land and in landscapes with native vegetation, including areas where rehabilitation programs such as revegetation are planned.

The second project will increase drought resilience in Victoria by targeting agriculture management practice changes that improve soil structure and function.

This will support greater water storage for plants, reduce nutrient loss to the environment, and increase the potential to build soil carbon.

Project delivery will commence in the second half of this year, with both projects to be completed by June 2028.

The National Soil Action Plan 2023-2028 is the first action plan under the National Soil Strategy. For more information about the National Soil Action Plan, visit [agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land](http://agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land).



## Healthy Landscapes program

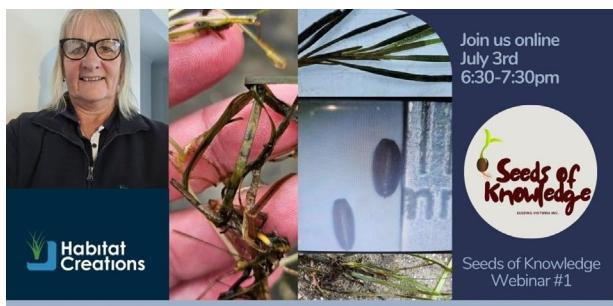
On 2 August, Healthy Landscapes will again be starting its successful Holistic Grazing Management course.

The course includes six meeting days over nine months to assist land managers in improving their skills and knowledge about grazing livestock, to increase soil health and perennial pasture species, including native species.

The Healthy Landscapes program is delivered as a partnership between Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Hepburn Shire Council, Mount Alexander Shire Council, the City of Greater Bendigo, A Healthy Coliban Catchment project (North Central Catchment Management Authority and Coliban Water), Melbourne Water and the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network. Places are available to rate payers from City of Greater Bendigo, Hepburn, Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander.

For more information and to register, visit [Healthy Landscapes](#)

## Events...



### Seeds of Knowledge webinar

#### From Sea to Land: Seagrass revitalisation and mine rehabilitation

Join Seeding Victoria in the first Seeds of Knowledge webinar, funded by Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network.

Habitat Creations Seed Bank Coordinator Sharen Coulter will speak about the Seagrass Restoration Research Project and the ecology of seagrass seeds.

Sharen will also discuss the relevance of native grass and forb seed with the Mine Rehabilitation Land Authority.

**When:** Wednesday, 3 July, 6.30 to 7.30pm

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP** [Register via Humanitix](#)



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BURNING!  
BLAK, LOUD  
AND PROUD**

**7-14 JULY 2024**

### NAIDOC week

National NAIDOC week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate

in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living culture on earth.

You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

To find local events where you are check out the Events on the [NAIDOC Week website](#).

Here's a few events happening in our region:

- [Bendigo NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony - CVGT Employment](#).
- [2024 BDAC NAIDOC Flag Raising and Awards Ceremony | Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative](#)
- [Free NAIDOC Week Activities in Loddon Shire | Humanitix](#)
- [NAIDOC Week 2024 Community and Family Day - Macedon Ranges Shire Council \(\[mrsc.vic.gov.au\]\(http://mrsc.vic.gov.au\)\)](#)
- [Recovering Language and Connections to Dja Dja Wurrung Country Hepburn Shire Council](#)
- [NAIDOC Celebrations 2024 - Maryborough & Surrounds \(\[bendigoregion.com.au\]\(http://bendigoregion.com.au\)\)](#)

### Protecting birds in a changing environment – online seminar

#### Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI)

The ARI ornithologists have been very busy in the field recently so the Protecting Birds webinar had to be postponed.

The new date is **Monday 15 July, 1pm to 2pm**.

Sign up for this webinar, keep informed about upcoming webinars and watch previous webinars on the [ARI Seminars webpage](#).



### Northern Bendigo Landcare National Tree Day event – getting in early.

Northern Bendigo Landcare is celebrating National Tree Day with the community a week early by adding native trees, shrubs, and ground-storey species to the surrounds of Goldleaf Wetland.

Come along to this hidden little gem in Huntly to boost habitat values. All equipment will be provided, and planting holes will be pre-dug.

**When:** Sunday, 21 July, between 10am and 1pm  
**Where:** Goldleaf Wetland. Entry from Pasley St Huntly.  
**Cost:** Free

### National Tree Day

Established in 1996, it has grown into Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event. The program is a call to action for all Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to their community.

Each year, about 300,000 people volunteer their time to engage in environmental activities that educate Australians about the world around them. While every day can be Tree Day, we dedicate celebration of Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day to the last Friday and last Sunday in July. It's a day to venture outdoors, get to know your community and, most importantly, have fun!

**Schools Tree Day: Friday, 26 July**  
**National Tree Day: Sunday, 28 July**

To find an event near you, have a look at the registered sites on the [Planet Ark National Tree Day website](#).



### Livestock conference

The Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC) is excited to announce its third biennial Livestock Conference with the overarching theme of environmental challenges and opportunities for Australian livestock industries.

Sessions will include keynote speakers and group workshop activities and cover the following:

- Improving land, air, and water
- Solutions for human capacity
- Economic considerations and market impacts.

[Click here](#) for more information about the upcoming conference.

If you would like to register for conference updates you can [join the mailing list here](#)

### Carbon EDGE

**Taking carbon from a concept to an action plan**



Carbon EDGE is a new training program for the red meat industry. Understand the opportunities for emissions reduction and carbon storage in your livestock grazing business. Use your own information to develop an action plan for your business.

This program will be delivered by Stuart Smith and Kate Carmichael of Pinion Advisory.

Carbon EDGE has been developed by Meat and Livestock Australia with the support of Environmental Accounting Services (EAS) and Pinion Advisory.

**When:** 29 and 30 August  
**Where:** Bendigo  
**Cost:** \$1000 + GST  
**Register via** [MLA Events page](#)

## Regional Roundtables

Join the conversation about what's happening in your local patch and pitch your ideas about the future of natural resource management.



Are you interested in land, water, and biodiversity management?

Come along to hear about current projects and discuss priorities that align with the 2021-2027 North Central Regional Catchment Strategy and opportunities to work together in the future.

Light meal provided.

**Trentham – Thursday 25 July 5.45pm to 8pm**  
**[Register for Trentham here](#) by 18 July.**

**Heathcote – Tuesday 30 July 5.45pm to 8pm**  
**[Register for Heathcote here](#) by 24 July.**

**Kerang – Monday 5 August 5.45pm to 8pm**  
**[Register for Kerang here](#) by 29 July.**

## Funding opportunities...

### Victorian Gorse Taskforce community grants now open

The VGT annual Community Grants Program is now open for 2024/25.

The Victorian Gorse Taskforce (VGT) with support from Agriculture Victoria offers funding support for community-led gorse control projects.

Community grants program objectives:

- Reduce the impacts of gorse on environmental, agricultural, and social values
- Strengthen community and stakeholder connections for better gorse outcomes
- Build community knowledge and capacity in managing gorse
- Promote best practice gorse management.

### Funding

Community groups may apply for funding up to \$8,000 for on-ground gorse control works on private land.

All participating landholders involved may receive up to \$1,500 in grant funding and must match this with their own monetary contribution.

### Eligibility

Grants are available to all Victorian community group organisations that have a focus on improving natural and agricultural areas.

### How to apply

Visit [vicgorsetaskforce.com.au/community-projects/community-grants/](https://vicgorsetaskforce.com.au/community-projects/community-grants/) and download a copy of the 2024/25 VGT Community Grants Funding Guidelines and Application Form.

Once you have completed your application, email to [info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au](mailto:info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au).

For more information, contact the VGT on 0417 593 250 or send an email to [info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au](mailto:info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au)



## Community tree grants

### Wheen Bee Foundation

The Carman's Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants support the planting of bee-friendly trees in extended gardens, community-owned land, school grounds, sporting club precincts, and urban corridors.

The program provides funding to community groups and organisations to increase vital habitat, providing spaces for bees to forage, live and breed.

The program is proudly supported by Carman's.

Applications are now open. There are 21 grants of \$500 available.

Grants are open to not-for-profits, school groups, Landcare groups, community organisations, and sustainability groups.

Applications require a brief summary of the bee-friendly planting proposal, planting area and planting dates.

Applicants will be judged on three criteria:

- **Pollinator Impact:** How the planting will benefit bees and other pollinators

- **Area covered:** The size of the planting and the details of the area (was it previously an unused site, does it extend existing pollinator-friendly garden)
- **Community reach:** How many people are involved in the planting, how many people will learn more about the importance of planting for pollinators as a result of the grant

Applications close 15 July 2024.

To apply and for more information visit the [Wheen Bee Foundation website](#).

## Other funding opportunities

### Australian Communities Foundation

Hamer Sprout Fund

Closes 30/09/2024

<https://www.thehamersproutfund.com/apply-for-funding>

Eligible to unincorporated groups, individuals, and not-for-profits

Funding: Max \$10,000. Total pool: \$25,000

### Bendigo Bank, Community Enterprise Foundation

Community Bank Rushworth Open Sponsorship Program

Closes 31/12/2024

[Community Bank Rushworth & District | Bendigo Bank](#)

Eligible to not-for-profits and schools

### Community Enterprise Foundation

Community Bank Inglewood & District Grants Program

Closes 31/12/2024

[Grant - Foundation](#)

[communityenterprisefoundation.com.au](http://communityenterprisefoundation.com.au)

Eligible to TAFEs, state and territory governments, schools, unincorporated groups, universities, not-for-profits, and local governments.

### Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (VIC)

Bushfire Recovery Planning and Building Assistance Rebate Scheme

Closes 31/05/2025

[Planning and building assistance rebate scheme](#)

[water.vic.gov.au](http://water.vic.gov.au)

Eligible to individuals

Funding: Max \$5,000.

### Patagonia

Environmental Grants and Support

Closes 30/04/2025

[How we fund - Patagonia Australia](#)

Eligible to not-for-profits

Funding: \$5,000 to \$20,000.

### WorkSafe Victoria

WorkSafe Grants program

Closes 06/08/2024

[WorkSafe Grants | WorkSafe Victoria](#)

Eligible to TAFEs, state and territory governments, schools, businesses, unincorporated groups, individuals, universities, not-for-profits, and local governments.

Funding: Max \$300,000.

