

North Central Chat

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



December 2021

A message from the Regional Landcare Coordinator

Hi everyone,

I write to you on the back of a wonderful 2021 Victorian Landcare Awards ceremony, where numerous North Central Landcarers were highly commended in their field alongside four outright category winners from our region- Congratulations to all our nominees.

I was very humbled to receive the Steadfast Young Landcare Leadership Award, nominated by North Central CMA alumni and Goulburn Broken CMA RCS Project Coordinator Ashley Rogers. To be honest, I am aging out of the category, so it was now or never for the nomination! All jokes aside, I am very grateful to have a career in NRM and Landcare which enables me to promote Landcare and advocate for the support we all know is needed to continue what is arguably the longest serving volunteer program in Victoria.

On that note, let's wish Landcare a Happy 35th Anniversary! It was on November 25, 1986, with the generous support of community members, farmers and Victorian departmental officers, Heather Mitchell (then President of the Victorian Farmers Federation) and Joan Kirner (then Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands) were able to establish the movement, with the first official Landcare group in Australia, the Winjallock Landcare Group.

In the past three decades, Landcare has achieved a great deal of good work and has grown into an international movement. As the home of Landcare, North Central Landcarers have much to be proud of.

While the usual celebratory events were unable to be confidently planned ahead of time due to COVID-19 restrictions, I know groups, networks, and volunteers will be celebrating this milestone in a variety of ways across the catchment. With the announcement of the 2021 Victorian Landcare grant funding, I presume a great deal of working bees, weed control, and site prep is underway.



Andrew Borg and Ken Coates from Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network received the 2021 Landcare Network Award.
Photo: Courtesy of Victorian Landcare Program

This is our final edition of the North Central Chat for 2021, and as we reflect on the past 12 months, it's so encouraging to know that despite the disruptions usual seasonal actions, plants still went in the ground, weeds, rabbits and other pests were dealt with, beautiful signage was installed, and plenty of information events were hosted. Most importantly, Landcare kept communities active and engaged, with more than 500 new Landcare members reported to have joined local groups as at June 2021.

I hope the Christmas period brings a great harvest and a long-awaited summer with family and friends.

Who knows what's in store for us in 2022, but let's say a very strong farewell to 2021 through a collective "tools down and feet up".

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year,

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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...

2021 Victorian Landcare Awards

The Department of Land, Water and Planning Victorian Landcare Team coordinated another wonderful Victorian Landcare Awards ceremony online on Friday 26 November, a day after Landcare celebrated its 35th Anniversary.

Congratulations to all the nominees, highly commended and award winners across the 16 award categories.

I can't go past showcasing our catchment's award recipients, and we're proud to say there were plenty. Congratulations to:

🏆 ACM Landcare Community Group Award - Newham and District Landcare Group

🏆 Urban Landcare Award - June Johnstone

🏆 Landcare Network Award - BNG Landcare - Buloke & Northern Grampians Landcare Network

🏆 Steadfast Young Landcare Leadership Award - Tess Grieves

Highly Commended acknowledgements were also passed onto the following very deserving nominees

🏆 Australian Government Partnerships for Landcare Award - Highly Commended Strathallan Family Landcare Group

🏆 Environmental Volunteer Award - Highly Commended Dr Michael Moore

🏆 2021 inaugural Joan Kirner Award - Highly commended Christine Brooke and Kaye Rodden

The award winners are detailed in the Spring 2021 edition of the Victorian Catchment and Landcare Magazine-
[online now!](#)



2021 Victorian Landcare Grants announced

In early November, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio announced the recipients of the 2021 Victorian Landcare Grants with more than 450 groups and community organisations benefitting from just over \$4 million in grants across the state.

Minister D'Ambrosio said: "This latest round of Landcare grants continues our support for vital work by volunteers – particularly in our regional communities – protecting our natural environment and improving habitats for native plants and animals."

The North Central CMA was thrilled to award close to \$500,000 of funding to 28 Project Grants and 39 Support Grants

Details of the funded projects are available here: <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/grants/vlg>



Covid and Volunteering - A Roadmap webinar

Are you part of an organisation coordinating volunteers, or perhaps you are a volunteer yourself?

Volunteering Victoria hosted a COVID and Volunteering Webinar: State Government Discuss the Vaccine Mandate and Roadmap on November 24 which provided a great deal of insight and clarity into policies, guidance and vaccination mandate requirements for volunteer-based organisations.

Clear guidance and Q&A sessions was provided directly by Lucy Percival, (Director) Directions Policy, Public Health Policy Strategy, COVID-19 response - Department of Health.

You can rewatch the hour-long webinar and access the slides via: [COVID-19 For Volunteers - Volunteering Victoria](#)

Echuca-Moama Bridge Project construction update

Major Roads Projects Victoria has provided the following update in relation to Stage 3 and 4 of the Echuca Moama bridge project. Construction of the new bridge over the Murray River is well underway.

“We’ve cast all 43 concrete bridge segments spanning the waterway. Find [out more information](#) on this milestone. We’ve finished earthworks and installing drainage at the Meninya Street intersection and have shifted traffic lanes to begin installing drainage and earthworks at the Perricoota Road intersection.”

Take a virtual tour of the Echuca – Moama Bridge Project

Check out the animation showing how they’ve built a new roundabout at the intersection of Murray Valley Highway and Warren Street, upgraded Warren Street and what the new river crossings and upgraded intersections in Moama will look like when complete.



Changes for river users

Until late December 2021, there’ll be changes in place on the Murray River near the Victoria Park boat ramp. Vessel operators are advised to exercise caution when navigating and to pay attention to signage and buoyage near our works.

Transport for NSW (Maritime) has introduced a four-knot speed limit while these changes are in place.

For more information, contact the Transport for NSW (Maritime Infoline) on 131 236 from 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, or 8.30am to 4.30pm on weekends and public holidays.

Managing feral animals can help Australia’s transition to net-zero emissions

A recent article published by the [Centre for Invasive Species Solutions](#) caught my eye in the lead up to summer and our annual Rabbir Buster month campaign in February.

Effective management of feral animals can play a part in achieving net-zero emissions in Australia by 2050, according to Andreas Glanznig, CEO of the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions.

The Centre for Invasive Species Solutions is a national collaborative research, development and extension organisation, formed to tackle the ongoing threat from invasive species.

Mr Glanznig cited Centre analysis which has previously found controlling rabbits, feral goats and camels at scale has the potential to make a significant contribution to emission-reduction targets: by reducing the impact of feral herbivores on native vegetation — our native grasses, shrubs and young trees — can act as a more effective carbon sink.



Controlling rabbits and other feral animals at scale can help reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions. Credit: Rick Nash Centre for Invasive Species Solutions.

Further research undertaken by CSIRO in 2015 found the most cost-effective strategies to increase the probability of the many threatened species found in the Lake Eyre Basin persisting under climate change over the next 50 years, were the control of pigs, horses and donkey, cane toads, camels, and rabbits.

“The cost to Australia from invasive species is staggering — it’s over \$25 billion a year; the annual cost to agriculture is more than \$6 billion,” Mr Glanznig said.

“These costs are rising and will continue to rise into the future without effective interventions — interventions that will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the resilience of landscapes, ecosystems and threatened species.”

In response to the threat of invasive species, the Centre is working collaboratively with its members and partners to develop innovation pipelines that harness new biocontrol technologies.

One of its pipeline strategies — for rabbit biocontrol — led to the successful delivery in 2017 of the first new rabbit biocontrol agent released in Australia in 20 years. This release built on Australia’s long history of rabbit biocontrol beginning in the 1950s, that collectively has generated well over \$70 billion in increased agricultural production.

“We know rabbits will develop resistance to biocontrol agents over time, so our Centre pipeline strategy is really important to delivering new biocontrol measures, as and when they’re needed,” Mr Glanznig said.

“Australia also needs to back potential game-changing technologies, such as research into the application of genetic biocontrol technologies to suppress vertebrate pest populations.”

The North Central Chat will feature more resources, research and information on effective rabbit control in the February 2022 edition of the chat, as part of our annual Rabbit Buster Month campaign.

New fire fighters learn the ropes in Horsham and Creswick

Forty-seven of Forest Fire Management Victoria’s (FFMVic) newest firefighters have recently completed a tough and informative training camp where they have learnt the skills needed to protect communities and the environment from bushfires.

The recruits will respond to bushfires across the region and state, as well as conducting bushfire fuel management work such as planned burning, slashing, track clearing, and other land management activities as part of their roles.

Completion of training means the new recruits will work alongside current staff, where they’ll continue with on-the-job learning from experienced fire fighters while completing bushfire preparedness and response work.

This year FFMVic has 83 Project Fire Fighters (PFFs) in the Grampians Region to help keep communities safe.

Thirty-six of these PFFs have worked with FFM Vic during previous fire seasons.

Grampians PFFs will be based in DELWP and Parks Victoria depots at Bacchus Marsh, Serendip, Ballarat, Daylesford, Beaufort, Horsham, Halls Gap, Cavendish, Edenhope, and Wail.

Soil Week Australia



Across Australia, land managers are demonstrating how to look after the land and the soil.

Join the organisations that are showcasing the benefits of healthy soil across Australia as part of Soil Week Australia December 5 - 12, 2021.

If you've got an event coming up for Soil Week 2021, register to promote your event now:

<https://soilweekaustralia.com.au/submit-your-event/>





Communities Caring for Catchments

Waterbug and platypus monitoring

In mid-November North Central CMA staff were joined by Barapa Barapa Traditional Owners for three days of intensive macroinvertebrate sampling in and around Kerang.

Samples were collected from 22 sites from along the Gunbower Creek, Loddon River, Box-Pyramid Creek, and the Little Murray River and taken back to base at the Kerang Valley Resort for identification and data collection. This data will support the recovery of native fish populations in north central Victoria and contribute to the annual RiverScan report which monitors the ecological health of these waterways.

CMA officers Cass and Pete were also joined by representatives from Yorta Yorta Nation at three sites along the Upper Gunbower Creek on Wednesday 15th November.



Barapa Barapa woman Jada collects an eDNA sample for the GAPS project on Gunbower Creek.

As well as collecting waterbug and water-quality data, eDNA samples were collected as part of the [Great Australian Platypus Search](#). This Citizen Science project will detect eDNA from all aquatic vertebrates, meaning that scientists will be able to develop a comprehensive cross-section of species living in waterways across the state. While some results may not reveal that platypus live in the waterway being sampled, they will still offer

scientists an understanding of what other species are present.

A Healthy Coliban Catchment

North Central Waterwatch has been supporting the 'A Healthy Coliban Catchment' project with waterbug sampling of six volunteer monitored sites on November 23. Project Manager Ange met with volunteer David Tiller, North Central CMA Waterwatch staff Britt and myself at the Tylden Hall to identify a range of waterbugs from these sites. Not surprisingly, there was greater waterbug diversity at sites with more native vegetation than those dominated by willows.



CMA Waterwatch officer Britt demonstrates water quality monitoring methods to Jess and Kayla from Djandak on the Coliban River, November 25

On November 25, Djandak team members Jess and Kayla, together with indigenous staff members Rochelle and Annalise, undertook Waterwatch water quality training with Britt. Jess and Kayla have committed to undertake regular water quality monitoring at two additional sites along the Little Coliban River to fill data gaps in the project area and give them an opportunity to get out on country regularly.

While in the field, the group also took some eDNA samples for [The Great Australian Platypus Search](#). Britt said: "They were all very interested, enthusiastic, engaged and had a go at everything."

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Will you be part of River Detectives in 2022?

Registrations have opened for schools and youth groups to join the River Detectives program in 2022 and will remain open until February 15th.

The statewide River Detectives program is coordinated from the North Central CMA region and is a free and fun education initiative connecting young people to nature by caring for their local waterway.

Students learn how waterways are integral features of a healthy ecosystem and healthy community and participants are provided with equipment, support, training, and resources.

The program can be tailored to various situations; primary schools, secondary schools, youth groups, after-school care providers, home schooling, etc and can be facilitated by teachers, parents or passionate community members.

The program enables students to gain an intimate knowledge and love for their local waterway through a variety of hands-on activities, including regular water-quality testing, water-bug sampling and habitat surveys.



Students develop skills in monitoring and enhancing riparian habitats and are encouraged to become custodians of their local waterway. There are great opportunities for Landcare groups or community members to support their local school's River Detectives journey;

- Maybe you are a Waterwatch monitor yourself and would like to help students complete monthly water quality tests?
- Maybe you enjoy spending time at a local waterway and would enjoy taking students on a guided walk and share your knowledge of native flora and fauna?
- Maybe you love fishing and could share your passion with students?
- Maybe you are a history buff or have lived in the area for many years and could tell students about the life and times of their waterway (times of drought, flood, etc)?
- Maybe you are a Landcare group conducting on-ground works along a waterway and have opportunities for the school to be involved.

I'm sure schools would love to tap into your knowledge/skills and embed their learning into the wider community.

Check out the website www.riverdetectives.net.au and if you are keen to get involved in some way we'd love to hear from you.

I'd like to thank all our 2021 schools for their participation in what has been a very challenging year. I sincerely hope the last few weeks of the school year go smoothly and all teachers and students enjoy a very well-deserved break over the summer holidays.

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Water Storages Update

Region	Water Storage	% full at 27 Oct	% full at 24 Nov
Murray Storages	Dartmouth Dam	82.32	↑84.94
	Hume Dam	98.00	98.00
	Third Lake	N/A	37.94
	Reedy/Middle Lk	96.55	↓92.02
	Kangaroo Lake	95.16	↑96.10
	Kow Swamp	91.95	↑95.64
	Lake Boga	88.06	↓85.80
	Lake Charm	93.76	↑95.24

Loddon Storages	Cairn Curran Res	66.25	↑68.11
	Tullaroop Res	73.82	↑74.47
	Laanecoorie Res	44.88	↓40.75
Bullarook Storages	Newlyn Res	100.29	↓99.41
	Hepburns Lagoon	102.02	↓101.07
Goulburn Storages	Lake Eildon	84.03	↑86.78
	Waranga Basin	96.37	↑97.36
Campaspe	Lake Eppalock	56.77	↑58.16
Coliban Water Storages	Upper Coliban Res	100.30	↓100.10
	Lauriston Res	96.90	↓96.80
	Malmsbury Res	102.50	↑102.70

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

www.coliban.com.au/about-us/our-reservoirs

Upcoming Events and Special Days

December	
World Soil Day	5 Dec
International Volunteer Day	5 Dec
Coastcare Week	6-12 Dec
International Mountain Day	11 Dec
January	
Penguin Awareness Day	20 Jan
February	
World Wetlands Day	2 Feb
World Pulses Day	10 Feb
International Day of Women & Girls in Science	11-12 Feb



Natural and cultural hiking experience opens in the Grampians

The [Grampians Peaks Trail](#) – a unique 160-kilometre natural and cultural hiking experience has opened, providing a much-needed boost to western Victoria’s regional economy.

Showcasing the stunning Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park, the trail connects the park’s spectacular peaks – from the massive sandstone outcrops around Mount Zero in the north, to Mount Abrupt in the south.

By 2025, 34,000 walkers a year are expected to experience the wonders of the park, generating \$6.39 million in economic benefits and tourism development opportunities.

The trail can be tackled in day-hikes, multi-night sections or an epic 13-day journey. With 11 camp grounds, featuring raised tent pads, communal shelters, and small huts at two campgrounds, hikers will be able to experience the stunning night sky of this ancient landscape.

The trail will bring visitors closer to the rich Aboriginal culture of the Jardwadjali and Djab Wurrung peoples, who have lived in these ranges for thousands of years.

Barengi Gadjin Land Council, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, and Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation have worked with Parks Victoria to guide the trail alignment and shape the visitor information and stories, which promote awareness and respect for this special cultural landscape.



The State Government is also investing in other areas of the park with a \$7.76 upgrade to the popular MacKenzie Falls visitor area, a \$5.8 million upgrade to Brambuk – the National Park and Cultural Centre and \$5.5 million for more access points to the trail.

Sustainable Ag Snippet...

Talking native pastures at the Bears

The Normanville Farm Advance group organised to meet Jo and Greg Bear to discuss their family farming operation at Canary Island. Ecologist and botanist Paul Foreman was also there to assist participants in the identification of many species and to discuss the ecological function of the landscape.

The Bear's practices are based largely on holistic grazing strategies. Their property is a semi-arid landscape and has been heavily impacted by past irrigation. Several years ago, they decided to switch from traditional more-intensive and high-input farming to a model based on multiple (triple bottom line) considerations with significant personal benefits to all those involved.



Paul Foreman talking to participants about native grasslands

They adopted a grazing system that created and maintained diverse pastures, incorporating significant resting and good decision making that considers floods and droughts as part of the system and not consider them as rare or random natural disasters. While exotic grasses are part of their landscape eg. barley grass and rye grass, these can be managed and add value to the grazing system by promoting species diversity and ensuring grazing is timed appropriately.

The sheep are an important low-cost tool in their farming system. They assist in changing the plant composition to increase to more desirable species, contribute to the water and energy cycles of plants, trampling down litter, providing protection to the soil and create a diverse mix of species that contributes to animal health.

Ground cover and grazing was seen as an important part of the process in transforming former irrigation paddocks

that were barley grass and roly poly dominant to a mix of native grasses, herbs and forbes. The success of this process was captured by Jo through photo point monitoring, which indicated how the paddocks changed over time.



Photo points of changes in ground cover and plant structure at the Bear's property (Above: 2008. Below: 2021)

The future management by the next generation is a current focus for Greg and Jo. They have been investigating potential projects such as carbon sequestration and natural capital accounting, which will provide benefits to the property and the next generation of farmers.

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Courses & Resources...

Release of the improved Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST)

The Department of Agriculture, Water, and the Environment has released the improved Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST).

The tool helps to identify matters of national environmental significance, protected by the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), that are likely to occur in a particular area. There are nine matters of national environmental significance which the EPBC Act covers. These include, but are not limited to:

- World heritage properties
- National heritage places
- Wetlands of international importance
- Nationally threatened species and ecological communities
- Migratory species
- Commonwealth marine areas
- The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
- A water resource

If a project is to occur in an area covered by one of the above categories, then it may require further assessment and approval by the department.

The improved tool is a valuable resource to help those planning a project that may impact the environment. The search function in the tool can be used as a first step to undertake research and provide information in a referral under the EPBC Act assessment process.

The search tool is user friendly and has step by step information making it simple to use. With the new functions in the tool you can search, draw, generate reports, and access additional information to help make decisions about a project. This tool may also be helpful in NRM planning around Commonwealth priorities and future investment.

Guidance material to assist in using the enhanced tool, including an instructional video, is now available within the tool and [on the department's website](#).

Events...

Cohuna carp catch and Canoeing



North Central CMA is thrilled to be hosting the 2021 Cohuna Carp Catch & Canoeing event on December 5.

For the carp catch event: Register on the day from 10am. Enjoy A BBQ lunch at 12.30pm. Prizes on offer and all children need to be accompanied by an adult.

For the canoeing sessions: You must pre-register by calling the CMA on 03 5448 7124. Registered participants will meet at Gateway Info Centre carpark to carpool into Reedy Lagoon. Canoe for 1.5hrs with all Equipment supplied. Children must be 13 years old and over to canoe.

Carp catch: 10:30am -1.30pm
Canoeing: 10am and 1pm

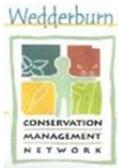
When: Sunday 5 December 2021

Where: Cohuna Garden Park

Cost: Both events are FREE

What to bring: This event is COVID-19 Safe. Proof of double vaccination required.

RSVP to canoe: Call North Central CMA (03) 5448 712



Wedderburn Conservation Management Network invite members and guests to their Wetland Walkabout, BBQ lunch and AGM.

Hosted at the Gatjin Dja Wetlands, Glenalbyn, (Mt Korong) the CMN will host a walk talk and gawk around Korong ridge.

This invitation is open to current, past and future Landcarers and friend. The more the merrier.

When: Saturday 11 December, 2021 from 12:30 pm
Where: Wedderburn Serpentine Road, Glenalbyn.
RSVP: to WCMN Secretary Trudy Nelsson via trudynelssonwcmn@gmail.com or 0419 800 980

Managing pests: what to do and what not to do



Trust for Nature is hosting a free online event on 15 December.

Deer, rabbits, foxes – these introduced species pose a number of challenges for protecting native wildlife and habitat. How best to manage the threat? In this webinar, hear from experts in the field on the dos and don'ts of pest management.

Trust for Nature works with landholders across Victoria to protect the state's threatened wildlife. It has worked with more than 1,500 landholders across the state who have volunteered to protect habitat on their property forever with conservation covenants.

Event supported by Bushfire Recovery Victoria.

When: Dec 15, 2021 12:00 noon
Where: ONLINE
Register: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Funding opportunities...

Northern Grampians Shire Council Community Grants - Now Open

Community Grants

Council's Community Grants Program supports locally-based projects that can demonstrate a positive impact on health, wellbeing, and community participation. Council is seeking applications from community groups, clubs, associations and not-for-profit organisations that:

- Increase healthy eating and active living
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Access to health services
- Reduce family violence
- Support early years development (0-12 year olds)
- Reduce waste and community environmental initiatives
- Act on climate change

Community grants applications are open until the 13 December

Grant value up to \$5,000.

For details on eligibility and to apply, visit www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Residents/Grants

Preparing Australian Communities - Local Stream

This National Recovery and Resilience Agency grant program provides locally identified and locally led projects with up to \$10 million in funding to improve the resilience of communities against natural hazards.

By supporting communities to undertake disaster reduction and resilience initiatives, the public will benefit through reducing impacts of future natural hazards and reducing cost and expense of future disaster recovery.

Grants: \$20,000 to \$10 million to cover eligible project costs.

Applications close: **6 January 2022**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Environment Restoration Fund - Priority Species Grants

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment grant program provides funding to undertake activities that will protect, enhance, rehabilitate, recover and/or restore priority species and their habitats.

The objective of this program is to assist efforts to improve the trajectories of priority species which are identified in the grant opportunity guidelines.

Grants: \$50,000 to \$250,000 covering up to 100% of eligible project expenditure.

Applications close: **13 December 2021**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Volunteering Innovation Fund

The Victorian Government has an exciting new opportunity to inspire ideas and encourage innovation by funding community-led projects that consider new ways of volunteering in and for the environment.

Parks and forests in Victoria are supported and enhanced by a host of passionate volunteers. The Volunteering Innovation Fund is building on this incredible work and inviting everyone to enjoy [Victoria's Great Outdoors](#) through volunteering.

The Volunteering Innovation Fund will award \$2million in funding over four rounds, with the final round closing in 2022.



Round three opens soon with funding up to \$30,000 available.

How to apply

We are looking for innovators, nature-lovers and community minded people to expand and diversify environmental volunteering across Victoria. To apply:

1. Think of a creative idea that inspires more Victorians to volunteer in and for nature
2. Read the [Funding Guidelines](#) to make sure your idea

aligns

3. Apply online through [ParkConnect](#)

Youth Volunteering for Nature Fund

The Victorian Government is excited to announce Parks Victoria, in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, has launched its first-ever Youth Volunteering for Nature Fund, as part of Victoria's Great Outdoors Program which seeks to get more Victorians, from all walks of life outdoors enjoying nature.

The Youth Volunteering for Nature Fund is looking to empower young people aged 18–29 to create innovative answers to challenges facing Victoria's environment and increase participation in environmental volunteering by young Victorians.

As a Youth Volunteering for Nature Fund recipient, you will be awarded:

- Up to \$1,500 to help fund your environmental volunteering idea
- 6-month mentorship with an expert in your field of interest (flora/ fauna/ marine/ terrestrial/ Aboriginal cultural heritage/ historic heritage/ advocacy and awareness)
- Opportunities to share your ideas, brainstorm and network
- Workshops to build your knowledge and skills
- An opportunity to present outcomes and learnings from your project to Parks Victoria and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning staff and the wider community

Round 1 closes 5 pm Monday 20 December 2021.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Youth volunteering for nature \(parks.vic.gov.au\)](#)

