

Community Grants Guide

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ABOUT THE GRANTS GUIDE

This guide has been produced by the Landcare Team at North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) to help individuals and community groups access funding and resources. In this guide, you'll find information on Landcare groups in your region, information that will help you get funding and deliver on projects, and a comprehensive listing of grants and other funding programs available to community groups in the region.

We would like to acknowledge the Port Phillip and Westernport Landcare Team and their generous sharing of knowledge which helped us develop this guide.

How to use this guide

PART 1 of this guide provides information about incorporation, insurance, tax, volunteer recruitment and tips on applying for grants – topics that you will need to understand to successfully apply for funding and acquit projects. Links to more information about each topic can be found under each topic heading in this guide.

PART 2 of the guide outlines all of the grants and incentives available at the time of printing.

This section is broken into the six colour coded key funding areas that funding can be accessed through: government and agency grants; local government grants and incentive schemes; philanthropic trusts; corporate foundations; labour market incentives; and market based incentives. Under each funding area you will find listed all of the grants or incentives available, as well as a summary of each grant, eligibility requirements and money available (if known), and applications dates. The column on the left hand side is a quick reference guide that will allow you to easily find grants that fund specific activities by the symbols listed.

A quick snapshot of the different funding areas:

- Government and agency grants - usually larger amounts of money with tight accountability.
- Local government grants and incentive schemes – usually easier to access, smaller dollar amounts, with less reporting responsibility.
- Philanthropic Trusts – less structures, but often requires groups to be a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) or an Income Tax Exempt Charity (ITEC) see www.philanthropywiki.org.au/index.php/Deductible_Gift_Recipient_Status.
- Corporate foundations and support programs – more of these opportunities are becoming available as corporate culture recognises the importance of supporting community-based environment initiatives.
- Labour Market Schemes and other relevant contacts – programs other than money i.e. those that help with labour.
- Market based incentive schemes – aim to balance ecosystem health and agricultural productivity. Their purpose is to provide incentives for producing ecosystem outcomes such as clean water and biodiversity.

PART 3 of the guide lists further sources of information: useful websites; a list of common acronyms and their meanings; common catchment terms and information on the Victorian Landcare Gateway.

Keeping the information up to date

This grants guide is periodically revised to ensure accuracy and relevance. The most recent version is available to download in PDF format from www.nccma.vic.gov.au. If you know of any grants for individuals or groups in the North Central Victorian region that are not included or need updating please contact:

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Always check closing dates and other grant details directly with the organisation, as details may change.

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KEY OF COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GROUPS ON THE MAP BELOW

1	Donald and District Landcare Group
2	Kooreh Landcare Group
3	Charlton Landcare Group
4	Emu Landcare Group
5	Lalbert Landcare Group
6	Tyntynder Landcare Group
7	Myall Landcare Group
8	Macorna Landcare Group
9	Eaglehawk Environmental Group
10	Avon Plains Landcare Group
11	Marnoo Land and Water Management Group
12	Jeffcott North Landcare Group
13	Wycheproof Landcare Group
14	Teddywaddy Landcare Group
15	Carapooee Landcare Group
16	Stuart Mill Landcare Group
17	Appin/Leaghur Landcare Group
18	Lake Boga and District Landcare Group
19	Watchem Landcare Group
20	Murrabit Landcare Group*
21	Kerang Landcare Group
22	Benjeroop Landcare Group
23	Callawadda Landcare Group
24	Banyena Landcare Group
25	St Arnaud Hills Landcare Group
26	Winjallok Landcare Group
27	Yawong Conservation Group
28	Friends of Campbells Creek
29	Natte Yallock Landcare Group
30	Fairley Bael Bael Sandhill Lake Landcare Group
31	Lake Charm Landcare
32	Mt Pleasant Creek Catchment Landcare Group
33	Echuca West Salinity/Landcare Group
34	Nanneella-Timmering Landcare Group
35	Koyuga-Kanyapella Landcare Group

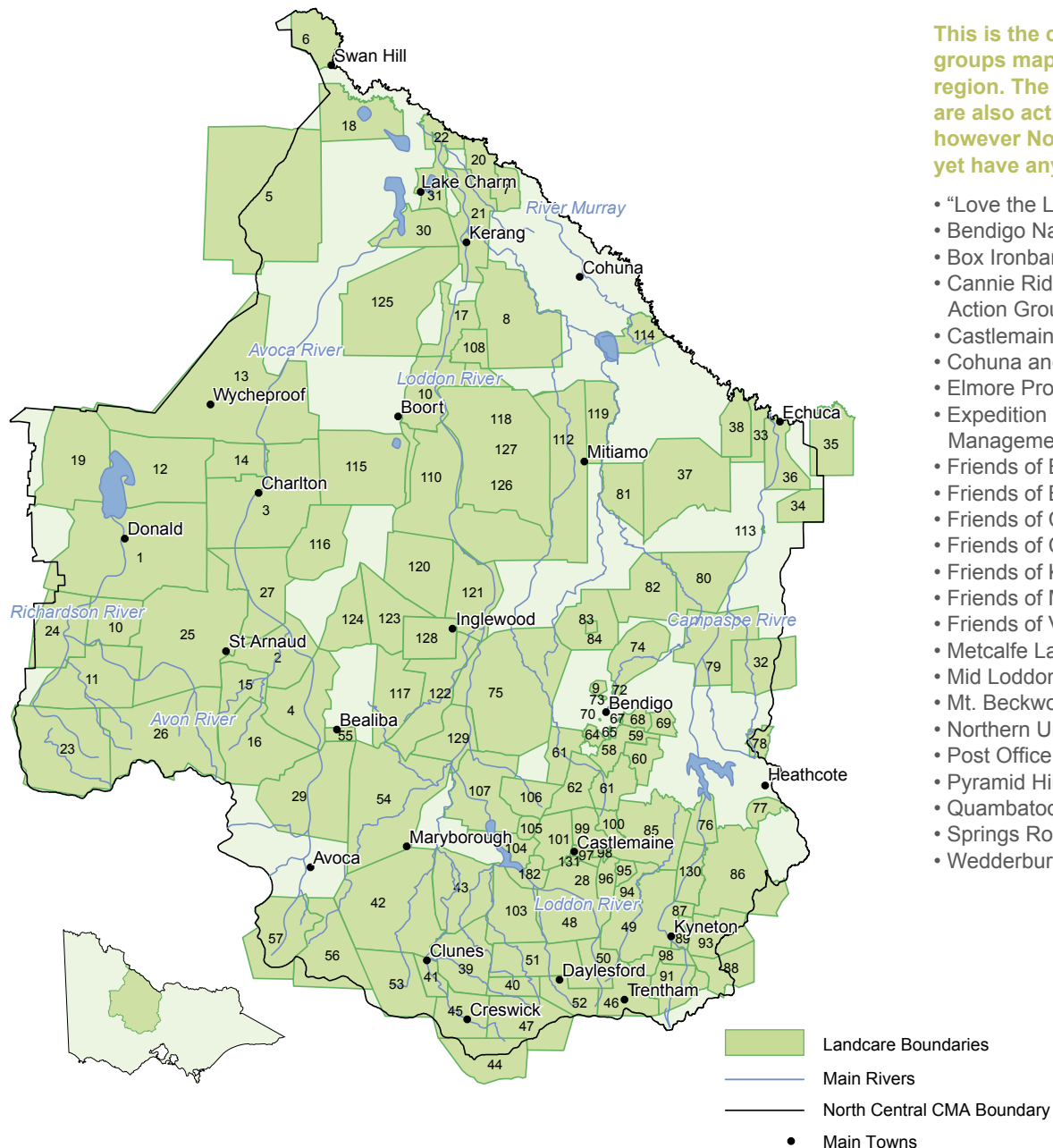
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37	Lockington Landcare Group (in recess)
38	Wharparilla Landcare Group
39	Ullina Landcare Group
40	Blampied Kooroocheang Landcare Group
41	Clunes Landcare Group (in recess)
42	McCallums Creek Landcare Group
43	Moolort Landcare Group
44	Wattle Flat Pootilla Landcare Group
45	Bald Hills/Creswick Landcare Group
46	Trentham Landcare Group
47	Rocky Lead Landcare Group
48	Guilford Upper Loddon Landcare Group
49	Malmsbury District Landcare Group
50	Glenlyon Upper Loddon Landcare Group
51	Shepherds Flat Landcare Group
52	Daylesford Region Landcare Group
53	Mt Bolton/Beckworth Landcare Group
54	Timor West Landcare Group
55	Friends of Bealiba
56	Lexton Landcare Group
57	Ampitheatre Landcare Group
58	Sheepwash Creek Landcare Group
59	St Francis of the Fields Primary School*
60	Axe Creek Catchment Landcare Group
61	North Harcourt-Sedgwick Landcare Group
62	Ravenswood Valley Landcare Group
63	Upper Spring Creek Landcare Group
64	Kangaroo Flat Residents Association*
65	Spring Gully Creek Recreation Reserve Committee
66	Latrobe Environmental Action Group

67	Friends of Kennington Reservoir
68	Friends of the Junortoun Bushland*
69	Longlea and District Landcare Group
70	Bendigo Field Naturalists Club
71	Peppergreen Farm
72	Friends of the Botanic Gardens
73	Friends of Jobs Gully
74	Northern Bendigo Landcare Group
75	West Marong Landcare Group
76	Campaspe Valley Landcare Group
77	McIvor Landcare Group
78	Lady's Pass St Johns Wort Action Group
79	Campaspe Runnymede Landcare Group
80	Hunter Landcare Group
81	Bendigo Creek Floodplain Group
82	Kamarooka Landcare Group
83	North Central Landcare Group
84	Neilborough Progress Association
85	Sutton Grange Landcare Group
86	Baynton Sidonia Landcare Group
87	Friends of Bald Hills Reserve
88	Newham and District Landcare Group
89	Campaspe River and Land Management Group
90	Tylden Landcare Group
91	Ashbourne Landcare Group
92	Woodend and Five Mile Creek Landcare Group
93	Pipers Creek and District Landcare Group
94	Taradale and District Walking and Landcare Group
95	Elphinstone Land Management Association
96	Chewton Landcare Group
97	Castlemaine Landcare Group
98	Golden Point Landcare Group
99	Barkers Creek Landcare and Wildlife Group

100	Harcourt Valley Landcare Group
101	Muckleford Catchment Landcare Group
102	Newstead Landcare Group
103	Sandon Werona Landcare Group
104	Sandy Creek Catchment Landcare Group
105	Maldon Urban Landcare Group
106	Nuggetty Land Protection Group
107	Baringhup Landcare Group
108	Canary Island Landcare Group
109	Yando Landcare Group
110	Kinypanial Landcare Group
111	East Loddon Landcare Group
112	Mologa Landcare Group
113	Campaspe River Reserve Committee
114	Gunbower Landcare Group (in recess)
115	Wychitella District Landcare Group
116	Woosang Landcare Group
117	Kangeraar Landcare Group
118	Loddon Vale Landcare Group
119	Terricks Ridge Landcare Group
120	Mount Korong Landcare Group
121	Salisbury West Landcare Group
122	Murphy Creek Landcare Group
123	Fentons Creek Landcare Group*
124	Brenanah Creek Landcare Group*
125	Normanville Landcare Group
126	Calivil Landcare Group*
127	Jarklin Landcare Group*
128	Inglewood Landcare Group
129	Laanecoorie Landcare Group
130	Langley Landcare Group
131	McKenzie Hill Action and Landcare Group

* Not currently active

MAP OF COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GROUPS IN THE NORTH CENTRAL CMA REGION



This is the current listing of the Landcare groups mapped in the North Central CMA region. The following Landcare groups are also active in the North Central region, however North Central CMA does not as yet have any mapping information for them:

- “Love the Loddon”
- Bendigo Native Plant Group
- Box Ironbark Farm Forestry Network
- Cannie Ridge Prairie Ground Cherry Action Group
- Castlemaine Field Naturalists
- Cohuna and District Landcare Group
- Elmore Progress Association
- Expedition Pass Reservoir Management Committee
- Friends of Black Hill Inc.
- Friends of Box-Ironbark Forests Inc.
- Friends of Cornish Hill
- Friends of Crusoe Reservoir
- Friends of Kalimna Park
- Friends of Mt Alexander Diggings
- Friends of Vaughan Springs
- Metcalfe Landcare Group
- Mid Loddon Tree Group
- Mt. Beckworth/Mt Bolton Landcare Group
- Northern United Forestry Group
- Post Office Hill Action group
- Pyramid Hill FM500 Group
- Quambatook Landcare Group
- Springs Road Sedgwick Landcare Action Group
- Wedderburn Conservation Management Network

In addition to Landcare groups, there are a number of networks operating in our region. They include:

- Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare network (Buloke and North Grampians Shire region)
- Mid- Loddon Subcatchment Management Committee (active in the Upper Spring Creek, Ravenswood and West Marong area)
- Connecting Country (Mt Alexander Shire region)
- Loddon Plains Landcare Network (active in the Wedderburn to Pyramid Hill and Boort to Drummartin area)
- Mandurang Strathfieldsaye Landcare Network (active in the Strathfieldsaye, Axe Creek and Sedgwick area)
- Upper Campaspe Combined Landcare Network (active in the Upper Campaspe catchment)

If you would like to contact any of the Landcare groups or networks mapped or listed, please email or call North Central Landcare.

If your group has not been mapped or listed, please contact North Central Landcare at landcare@nccma.vic.gov.au or call us on 03 5448 7124.

PART 1

The Nuts and Bolts

A. INCORPORATION, INSURANCE AND TAX

INCORPORATION

Landcare groups must be incorporated if they are planning to be involved in any activities that may cause personal injury or damage to properties. Incorporation is a legal process that protects all members of the Landcare group.

What is incorporation?

Incorporation is a voluntary process whereby a not-for-profit club or community group can apply to become its own 'legal person' i.e. the Association becomes a distinct legal entity that continues regardless of changes to its membership, or appointed office bearers. Incorporation is a means of providing a group of people (an Association) with a legal identity, allowing it to enter contracts, open bank accounts, seek grants, and employ people, as well as protecting individual members against being held personally responsible for the organisation's debts and liabilities.

The advantages of incorporation include:

- Protection of the members and office holders against personal liability for debts and other legal obligations of the organisation.
- The ability to buy and sell property in the name of the organisation.
- The ability to accept gifts or bequests.
- Greater certainty and acceptability to potential contracting parties such as lenders.
- Lessors, employees and suppliers of goods and services.
- The ability to sue and be sued in the name of the association.
- The ability to invest and borrow money.
- Greater eligibility to apply for government grants and funding.

Information from Consumer Affairs Victoria website, Sept 2008

Incorporation under the The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) Farm Tree and Landcare Association (FTLA)

The FTLA acts as an umbrella body under which Member Groups obtain the benefits of incorporation (as described above), without having to deal directly with the legal requirements associated with incorporation. The FTLA Committee and Executive Officer take care of general compliance issues. As a member of the FTLA, your group is covered under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*.

In order to retain membership of the FTLA, member groups must:

- Be financial.
- Supply a current list of members complete with postal addresses, for incorporation purposes and also to receive the Victorian Landcare magazine.
- Keep adequate financial accounts, hold them for a period of five years, and provide the FTLA with a summary (income, expenditure and assets) at the end of the financial year.
- Inform the FTLA on an annual basis of grants received and the value of those grants.
- Inform the FTLA of any use (eg. events you may run) of the FTLA incorporation number and undertake appropriate safeguards.

Incorporation will not protect a Member Group or its members from the consequences of their own negligence.

Insurance provides a safety net against liabilities arising from negligence including the means to defend a claim.

Alternative options to membership under the FTLA umbrella

A group can either:

1. Incorporate in its own right through Consumer Affairs. For an organised group this isn't particularly difficult. It does mean going through a registration process and then complying with the legislation, which largely means annual audits, annual general meetings (AGMs) and complying with various deadlines and reporting requirements. (Note: Member Groups that retain their own separate incorporation will still be required to meet their statutory obligations with respect to that incorporation).
2. Choose to operate without the protection of incorporation. This is inadvisable as it means each individual member of the group is exposed to all risks incurred by the group. Of course, if a group chooses initially not to go through the incorporation process, it can always change its mind at a later date.

For more information on incorporation, visit the Landcare Gateway at www.landcarevic.net.au

Consumer Affairs Victoria is the body that registers and administers the incorporation of associations. It can send you an "Information for Incorporated Associations" starter pack, containing a series of fact sheets covering topics such as how to become incorporated, statutory obligations, accounting and audit requirements, and roles of a public office. You can also access these fact sheets directly on the web.

Tel: 1300 361 673

Web: www.consumer.vic.gov.au

Email: business.affairs@justice.vic.gov.au

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) Farm Tree and Landcare Association (FTLA) is an incorporated association that caters for groups and individuals involved in Landcare, tree planting and similar land management and conservation activities. Your group can join the FTLA to receive association and insurance benefits. Through the FTLA the VFF is able to provide support and services to help reduce the administrative demands on volunteer office bearers of member groups.

Tel: 03 9207 5527

Contact: FTLA's Executive Officer

Web: www.vff.org.au

Email: sjohnson@vff.org.au

The Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS) sells a book 'Incorporations – a guide for Victorian groups wishing to become incorporated'. Contact VCOSS for further information.

Tel: 03 9654 5050

Web: www.vcooss.org.au

Email: vcooss@vcooss.org.au

INSURANCE AND TAX

Insurance and GST are two important issues for all Landcare and Friends groups to consider. Groups should seek professional advice.

INSURANCE

Insurance under the FTLA

The insurance package sourced for FTLA Member Groups is one of the premier benefits of being part of the Association. Insurance cover is comprised of three components:

1. Public and Products Liability Insurance

Covers personal injury or property damage arising from the negligent actions of a Member Group or its members.

Activities covered include: 'Monitoring, planning, development, promotion, demonstration and implementation of improved land, water and vegetation management practices, including field days, bus trips, camping trips, office occupancy, meeting, lectures, seminars and displays that the Member Group of the FTLA might undertake in the pursuit of organisational objectives. Exclusions should be noted for use of any vehicles or trailers, water or aircraft where compulsory insurance is a legislative requirement; personal injury that will be subject to the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*; or in the case of deliberate or intentional disregard to take all reasonable steps to prevent injury or damage.'

2. Personal Accident (Volunteer) Insurance

Provides for payments where a volunteer, a worker or a member is injured while engaged in project activities for a Member Group, excepting where deliberate infliction of injury or self-harm has occurred. Incident notification should occur as quickly as possible.

3. Associations Liability Insurance

Provides protection for office bearers and employees in not-for-profit organisations, in the course of carrying out their duties on behalf of their organisation. It consists of Professional Indemnity, Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, Association Reimbursement and Entity Insurance. Adequate public liability and personal accident insurance cover is essential to protect group members in case a claim is made against the group.

For more information on insurance, visit the Victorian Landcare Gateway at www.landcarevic.net.au

For information on insurance for non profit organisations contact Altiora Insurance Solutions.

Tel: 02 9908 0000

Web: www.altiorainsurance.com.au

For information on tax for non profit organisations go to www.ato.gov.au/nonprofit or contact Landcare Australia Limited.

Tel: 02 9412 1040

Email: info@landcareaustralia.com.au

Web: www.landcareonline.com.au

TAX

Creating Your Own Tax Deductibility

Your group can obtain its own tax deductibility by joining the Register of Deductible Gift Recipients. See the downloadable attachment at www.landcareonline.com for further information.

Contact: Register of Environmental Organisations

Email: reo@ea.gov.au

Web: www.deh.gov.au/tax/reo

Getting an ABN

The Australian Business Number (ABN) is a single identifier that non-profit organisations use to register for GST and claim input tax credits; register for pay as you go (PAYG) withholding; deal with investment bodies; and apply to the Tax Office for endorsement as a deductible gift recipient or an income tax exempt charity. Your organisation must have an ABN if it is seeking endorsement as an income tax exempt charity, and/or a deductible gift recipient.

How do you apply for an ABN?

You can apply for an ABN by accessing:

Australian Business Register at www.abr.gov.au, Business Entry Point (BEP) at www.business.gov.au; Australian Tax Office on a paper form (13 28 66); or through a tax agent. For more information visit www.ato.gov.au/businesses

A very useful fact sheet is Australian business number (ABN) – an overview for non-profit organisations is available from www.ato.gov.au

B.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

RECRUITING AND RETAINING VOLUNTEERS

Being a part of a group should be interesting and enjoyable. Group members and non-member volunteers should be given the opportunity to participate in all group activities, from strategic planning to on-ground works to report writing. The level of involvement will vary from person to person, but everyone should have the chance to contribute.

Activities are a good way to get new people and younger generations involved in the group, and assist in the transition from volunteer to group member. Simple activities are also a good way for new groups to get the ball rolling.

- Hold open events and invite new landholders to activities to make them feel welcome.
- Invite a guest speaker to your next meeting. This can boost attendance and provide some valuable information to your members. A guest speaker doesn't have to be a celebrity, he or she just needs to have some information that's interesting and relevant to your group. Find out what topics your group is interested in, and source an appropriate person, for example a member of an established Landcare group or a DPI Pest Plant and Animal Officer.
- Arrange field trips to places such as successful project demonstration sites to interest and inspire members and non-members. You could apply for a small grant to fund a bus tour, or you could keep it simple and car pool.
- Organise social functions. The social aspect of Landcare can be extremely important, particularly in rural communities. There is a range of funding available for these kinds of events.
- Promote skills training for members – this improves group capacity, improves personal skill levels, empowers individuals and adds value to the group.
- Keep attendance lists for meetings and activities, including contact details. This will ensure you have the ability to invite anyone new to the next event.
- For more information on volunteer recruitment and retention, visit the Victorian Landcare Gateway at www.landcarevic.net.au

The following Australian websites have online services for matching volunteers and not-for-profit groups:

www.govolunteer.com.au

GoVolunteer is an initiative of Volunteering Australia. GoVolunteer makes it easy to find suitable opportunities with a wide range of not-for-profit organisations. It also provides free internet advertising for not-for-profit community organisations looking for volunteers.

www.volunteer.com.au

SEEK Volunteer is a non-profit initiative designed to bring volunteers and the organisations seeking them together.

www.probonoaustralia.com.au/volunteer

Pro Bono Australia is a specialised service matching skilled professional volunteers and not-for-profit organisations. If you are a skilled professional and want to volunteer, you can search and apply for opportunities. If you are a representative from a not-for-profit organisation, you can post your need for skilled professional volunteers.

www.acfonline.org.au

Community groups can register their volunteer needs on this site.

The following websites provide downloadable resources or training information on attracting, training and retaining volunteers:

www.landcarevic.net.au/vri

The Victorian Landcare Gateway website includes a section on the Volunteer Recruitment Initiative, which is a program that aims to increase volunteerism and membership in Landcare throughout Victoria. It provides a range of practical resources to support groups and networks in volunteer recruitment, retention and management including:

- A start-up kit for new Landcare groups.
- Information on volunteering and training opportunities.
- Promotional resources.
- Information on grants available to support increased membership and volunteerism in groups and networks.
- Downloadable information sheets on various aspects of volunteer recruitment.

B.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT CONTINUED

www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au

Volunteering Victoria Inc. is the peak body representing the volunteer movement in Victoria. It provides a range of services to individuals in the community who are interested in volunteering and to organisations who involve volunteers. The website includes a downloadable training calendar that includes a one day course titled “Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers”.

www.wcma.vic.gov.au

The Wimmera Catchment Management Authority has launched a practical guide for recruiting and motivating volunteers for Landcare projects. To obtain a copy of this publication “Identifying, Attracting and Managing Volunteers for Landcare Projects” go to the website above and go to Publications/Landcare.

www.conservationvolunteers.com.au

Conservation Volunteers Australia is a registered training organisation with extensive experience in managing volunteers in practical conservation tasks. It delivers both accredited and non accredited training to both individuals and organisations such as:

- Change Management for Community Groups.
- Volunteer Management – meeting the challenges.
- Volunteer Risk Management.
- Building a great team.

C.

TIPS ON APPLYING FOR GRANTS

1. **Set group priorities.** This will give you a clear idea of the kind of activities the group is interested in.
2. **Find out what grants are available.**
 - What is the aim of the grants program?
 - Does that fit with our group priorities?
 - How much can we apply for?
 - Do we have the capacity to carry out a project of that scale?
 - If successful, who will be responsible for the administration and on-ground delivery of the project?
3. **Appoint a sub-committee.** It’s helpful to have a sub-committee member who is familiar with grant-writing, or who has good writing skills.
4. **Start early!** A well thought out, well written application will give your project proposal the best chance of success.
5. **Read the guidelines carefully.** Be clear on how your project aligns with the guidelines.
6. **Talk to the grants program coordinator.** Discuss any issues or queries you have about the grant. The earlier you do this, the more time the coordinator will have to talk to you – coordinators are often swamped with last-minute enquiries.
7. **Put yourself in the assessors’ shoes.** Remember they may know nothing about your group, or your project. Be clear about the who, what, where, when, why and how of the project. It might be worthwhile getting an external person to read over the application to see if it clearly describes your proposed project.
8. **Be thorough with the budget.** Assessors will usually have a good idea of what goods, services and in-kind contributions are worth. If an item is unusually expensive, explain why (e.g. fencing more costly due to difficult terrain).
9. Where appropriate, **demonstrate landholder/community/partner support**, through letters of support and community consultation.
10. If successful, **always acquit your project properly**, delivering and reporting on time and within budget, otherwise you could jeopardise your future funding chances. If you’re having trouble delivering the project, get in touch with the grants program coordinator as soon as possible.
11. If unsuccessful, **ask for feedback.** This will help you with your next application.

PART 2

Available Grants

USE THESE SYMBOLS TO HELP YOU IDENTIFY THE TYPES OF FUNDING ACTIVITIES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

Please note: The list of grants and support schemes is constantly evolving. New opportunities arise, existing opportunities are abolished or changed. Timing of funding rounds, deadlines, funding amounts and eligibility criteria can all change without notice.

To keep up to date with current opportunities:

- check the key funding websites (see Part 3 - Section D for a list of these websites)
- check grant updates on the North Central CMA website
- check the monthly North Central CMA Landcare e-newsletter
- check your local newspaper

Before deciding to apply, always check the details, especially deadlines and eligibility criteria.



Community building



Conservation works



Education/schools



Pest plant and animal control



Publications/newsletters



Revegetation



Sustainable land management/rebates





Threatened species protection










Waterway health





Australian/Victorian Government and Agency Grants





GRANT	ORIGIN	CONTACT	PURPOSE/ELIGIBILITY	TIMING
<p>EPA Community Funding Program</p>    	Victorian Government	<p>EPA Victoria T: 03 9695 2722 E: ies@epa.vic.gov.au W: www.epa.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>This 'Inspiring Environmental Solutions Program' invites Victorian communities to propose fresh thinking and inspirational solutions to the important environment challenges we face.</p> <p>Funding is sourced through a legislative scheme where the 'polluter pays'. Under the <i>Environment Protection Act 1970</i>, a company or individual found guilty of environmental pollution may be directed by a Magistrate to fund a community project instead of paying a court fine.</p> <p>Purpose: Proposals must enhance the environment in a public place, or undertake environmental activities for the benefit of the community under eight proposal areas.</p> <p>Funding is available across the six categories: climate change, waster reduction, resource sustainability, air quality, water quality, environmental rehabilitation.</p> <p>Eligibility: Applications to the Inspiring Environmental Solutions program are invited from incorporated groups and organisations or other legal entities (other than individuals). Applicants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated community organisations (e.g. community-based cultural, religious, educational and environmental groups). • Not-for-profit/Non-government organisations. • Indigenous associations. • Businesses. • Peak/representative associations. • Schools/Universities. • Research groups. • Local and state governments. • Non-incorporated groups can apply under the auspice of an eligible group that provides written agreement. <p>Successful EOIs are registered in a project pool for 12 months.</p>	<p>Total pool of funding varies each year.</p> <p>Usual grants range between \$10,000 - \$100,000.</p> <p>Expressions of interest close each year in April and October.</p>

GRANT	ORIGIN	CONTACT	PURPOSE/ELIGIBILITY	TIMING
<p>Caring for our Country</p> 	<p>Australian Government</p>	<p>Australian Government NRM Team</p> <p>T: 1800 552 008 FREECALL</p> <p>E: www.nrm.gov.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Caring for our Country (CfoC) is designed as an integrated package with one clear goal, a business approach to investment, clearly articulated outcomes and priorities and improved accountability. It commenced on 1 July 2008 and aims to integrate delivery of the Commonwealth's previous natural resource management programs - the Natural Heritage Trust, the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality, the National Landcare Program, the Environmental Stewardship Program, and the Working on Country Indigenous land and environmental program.</p> <p>The business plan documents the 5-year outcomes the Government wants to achieve within its six national priority areas. Targets will be set annually. Projects must directly address one or more targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Action Grants (\$5,000 - \$20,000) • Open grants (\$20,000 - \$1.5 million) <p>Eligibility: CfoC funding is available to legal entities to undertake work that will contribute to the achievement of one or more of the targets, which come under the six national priority areas (see business plan for more details).</p>	<p>Community Action grants open in July 2010.</p> <p>Refer to website for further funding availability information.</p>
<p>Threatened Species Network Community Grants</p> 	<p>Australian Government and World Wildlife Fund for Nature</p>	<p>Threatened Species Network</p> <p>Natalie Holland</p> <p>Victorian Coordinator</p> <p>T: 03 9669 1300</p> <p>T: 1800 032 551</p> <p>E: tsnvic@wwf.org.au</p> <p>W: www.wwf.org.au/tsn</p>	<p>Purpose: To protect nationally threatened species and ecological communities. Funding is provided for activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat restoration. • Weed and feral animal control. • Monitoring and surveying species populations. • Fencing. • Fire Management. <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups only. • On-ground activities aimed at nationally threatened species and ecological communities are eligible. 	<p>Annual cycle.</p> <p>Refer to website for further funding availability information.</p>

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Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO) 	Australian Government	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts GVEHO Program Team T: 02 6274 2422 E: gveho@environment.gov.au W: www.environment.gov.au	Purpose: To provide administration funds to help community based, not-for-profit environment and heritage organisations to value, conserve and protect Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage. Funding is available for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries for executive and administrative staff. • Volunteer training. • Photocopying and printing costs. • Travel costs incurred by the organisation. 	See website for further details.
Volunteer Grants Program  	Australian Government	For all enquiries T: 1800 183 374 FREECALL W: www.facsia.gov.au Organisations with special needs (hearing or speech impaired) may contact T: 1800 260 402 FREECALL	Purpose: To enable organisations to purchase equipment to assist their volunteers, and contribute to reimbursing fuel costs incurred by volunteers while carrying out their duties. Funding of \$1,000 - \$5,000 per organisation for equipment, and up to \$2,500 for fuel reimbursement is available. Eligibility: Organisations must be an Australian not-for-profit organisation which is a legal entity, whose volunteers' work supports families and/or communities in Australia. Small equipment items must be for the primary benefit of the volunteers. Fuel reimbursement only applies to costs incurred while carrying out volunteer duties.	Refer to the following websites: www.grantslink.gov.au or www.facsia.gov.au
Community Garden Grants 	Australian Open Garden Scheme and Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)	Australian Open Garden Scheme T: 03 9537 3890 E: vic@opengardens.org.au W: www.opengarden.org.au	Purpose: To encourage gardening and improving our environment. Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups and individuals. • Community based garden projects. 	Annual Cycle. Refer to website for further funding information.



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Australian Bird Environment Foundation (ABEF) 	Bird Observers Club of Australia (BOCA)	BOCA T: 1300 305 342 (within Australia) E: information@birdobservers.org.au W: www.boca.org.au/conservation/abef	Purpose: ABEF provides grants to any person or organisation, public or private, for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical conservation such as native plantings for revegetation and fencing of remnant vegetation. • Research and surveys of the needs of Australian birds and their habitats. • Public education such as provision of information brochures, signage and posters. Eligibility: Contact BOCA for eligibility details.	Two rounds annually. Refer to website for application dates.
Field Naturalist Club Environment Fund 	Field Naturalist Club of Victoria	Field Naturalist Club of Victoria T: 03 9877 9860 (Mondays and Tuesdays 9am -5pm) E: admin@fncv.org.au W: www.fncv.org.au	Purpose: To support and finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical projects aimed at preserving and enhancing Victoria's biodiversity. • Environmental research, particularly on Victoria's biodiversity. • Dissemination of information on the natural environment by any legitimate means, including public lectures, seminars, field trips, courses and publications. Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals and organisations. • Individuals must be supported by an organisation. Multiple applications from one research group are not encouraged.	Annual cycle. Refer to website for funding and application dates.
Parks Victoria Community Group Grants 	Victorian Government	Parks Victoria T: 03 5430 4444 or T: 13 19 63 W: www.parkweb.vic.gov.au	Purpose: The Community Group Grants aim to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and enhance the natural, cultural and heritage values of Victoria's parks. • Increase community awareness and understanding of parks and their values. • Provide diverse recreational, educational, cultural and tourism opportunities across Victoria. • Facilitate the involvement of the wider multicultural community in the protection and enhancement of Victoria's parks. Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must be undertaken in Parks Victoria managed areas. • Groups will need to work in close conjunction with local Parks Victoria staff in order to develop and implement projects. Funding is available to community based groups and not for profit organisations.	Refer to website for funding and application dates.





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Victorian Community Support Grants 	Victorian Government	Contact a Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) Program Officer T: 1300 366 356 W: www.dpcd.vic.gov.au or W: www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: Funding is provided for three categories of grants: Planning, Strengthening Communities and Building Community Infrastructure. The aim of these grants is to provide project funding for organisations, networks and partnerships to implement projects that will advance the interests of their communities.</p> <p>Eligibility: Community Support grants will support initiatives which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the capacity of communities and involve a wide range of groups. • Increase local leadership and support the involvement of volunteers. • Improve social, learning, cultural, employment and economic opportunities. • Improve community environments, resources and infrastructure. <p>For more information refer to websites.</p>	Ongoing. Up to \$30,000
Heritage Grants – Interpretation Repair and Conservation of Heritage Places and Objects   	Victorian Government	Heritage Victoria T: 03 8644 8800 W: www.heritage.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating understanding and appreciation of cultural heritage places and objects (ie: Heritage trails/walks, exhibitions, artworks). • Communicating the meaning of places(s) and/or objects(s). • Safeguarding the tangible and intangible values of the place(s) or object(s). • Contributing to sustainable conservation. • Demonstrating high standards both technically and professionally. <p>Eligibility: Places/objects must be located in Victoria and must be generally open and accessible to the public (even if a fee is involved), although objects held in major public institutions are not eligible. Projects must demonstrate a public benefit for the wider community.</p> <p>The place or object must be included in the Victorian Heritage Register, the Heritage Inventory or a local planning scheme heritage overlay at the time of application.</p> <p>Applicant/s are encouraged to discuss potential projects with Heritage Victoria.</p>	Ongoing. Funding varies depending on application. \$10,000 - Heritage Place \$1,000 - Heritage Object




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Victorian Volunteering Small Grants 	Victorian Government Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE)	Discuss your application with a Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) Program Officer T: 1300 366 356 W: www.dpcd.vic.gov.au or W: www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: To encourage local community organisations to attract new volunteers from diverse backgrounds and create new volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>Eligibility: Community not-for-profit organisations that involve volunteers at a local level will be considered for funding provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity involves volunteers. • Applicant has a legal status, such as an incorporated body, co-operative or association. • Applicant has an Australian Business Number (ABN) or provides written advice from the Australian Tax Office that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment. • Non-incorporated organisations may apply through another organisation which is incorporated. <p>For more information refer to websites.</p>	Ongoing. Applications assessed within two months. Up to \$5,000
Second Generation Landcare Grants  	Victorian Government Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE)	Jodie Odgers Regional Landcare Coordinator North Central Catchment Management Authority T: 03 5448 7124 E: landcare@nccma.vic.gov.au W: www.landcarevic.net.au W: www.nccma.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: To provide funding for local groups to undertake projects that will benefit the health of the region's land and waterways. Includes funding to cover maintenance support of Landcare groups up to \$500, small grants of up to \$5,000 and up to \$40,000 for major integrated projects.</p> <p>Eligibility: Incorporated community groups that want to improve the condition of their local environment. Non-incorporated groups can still apply through the auspices of an authorised group.</p>	Annual cycle. A grants: Major Integrated Projects \$5,000-\$40,000 B grants: Small Grants Up to \$5,000 C grants: Maintenance Up to \$500
Volunteer Recruitment Initiative Start-Up Grants 	Victorian Government Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE)	Jodie Odgers Regional Landcare Coordinator North Central Catchment Management Authority T: 03 5448 7124 E: landcare@nccma.vic.gov.au W: www.landcarevic.net.au W: www.nccma.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: To help support people starting up or reactivating a Landcare group or network.</p> <p>Eligibility: Small grants are available for new groups and networks to form or reactivate where there is adequate community interest.</p>	Ongoing.




Local Government Grants and Incentive Schemes


**Please note that Local Government grants and incentives are normally restricted to the residents / rate payers of the relevant Council / Shire. Many Local Governments also have their own Community Grants Schemes for which environmental and land management activities may be eligible.

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Community Grants 	Northern Grampians Shire	Chelsea O'Callaghan Community Development Officer T: 03 5358 8745 E: chelsea.ocallaghan@ngshire.vic.gov.au E: content.manager@ngshire.com.au W: www.ngshire.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: To provide support to locally based group/organisations to develop opportunities to enrich the social fabric of the Northern Grampians community and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That address the community needs and provide opportunities that enhance the well-being and quality of life of Northern Grampians Shire residents. • That reflect the council plan and council policies. <p>Funding Categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Development: These are projects that develop partnerships with the community and provide sustainable opportunities for participants. 2. Community Infrastructure: These are projects where the grant money assists in the construction of community infrastructure. <p>Eligibility: All applications must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be managed through a legal entity such as an incorporated association. • Be from a not-for-profit organisation. • Provide direct benefit to residents of the Northern Grampians Shire. • Be able to demonstrate financial viability and competence. • Be able to demonstrate a contribution to the project on a \$ for \$ basis. Your organisation must be able to match the grant amount either in cash and/or through in-kind labour and materials. • Provide a current financial statement of the organisation. • Be based in the Northern Grampians Shire. • Not already receive substantial support from Council. 	Ongoing. Must apply 12 weeks prior to project commencing. Council will not fully fund projects, applicants are required to demonstrate their own contribution on a \$ for \$ basis to the project funds through fundraising, sponsorship or in-kind support. Council is offering grants up to \$5,000. Only one application per organisation is allowed.
Community Volunteers Small Grants 	Central Goldfields Shire	Wayne Belcher Director Corporate and Community Services T: 03 5461 0610 E: mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au W: www.centralgoldfields.com.au	<p>Central Goldfields Victorian Volunteer Small Grants are an opportunity for not-for-profit organisations. They play a very significant role in our community - "What occurs in our shire relies heavily on volunteer support and we need to continue to support and embrace the efforts" - Central Goldfields Shire website.</p> <p>The grant is a chance for groups to increase the diversity of their volunteers and involve and encourage new volunteers, which will enable the work of volunteer groups to continue within the community.</p> <p>Projects should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attract new volunteers from diverse backgrounds. • Create new volunteering opportunities. • Strengthen existing volunteer programs as a way of engaging new volunteers. 	Annually. Up to \$5,000

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Community Grants 	Pyrenees Shire Council	Community Liaison Officer T: 03 5349 1100 E: pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au W: www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: The Community Grants Program aims to support community groups, services and organisations to develop and provide innovative activities which promote community participation and well-being.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to all communities and community groups within the Shire. • All applications will be considered by the Board. • Incorporated as a community organisation. • Non-profit community groups/organisations. 	Annually. Refer to website for further funding availability information.
Parks Improvement Program 	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Recreational Officer T: 03 5422 0333 E: info@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au	<p>Aimed at community groups and individuals requiring materials and financial assistance for works at specific central town locations.</p> <p>Purpose: to assist with sustainable beautification and improvement works within townships such as town parks and cemeteries, and general improvements for the benefit of the general wider community.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies depending on grant type. • Individuals and community groups can apply. 	Ongoing. Varies \$250 - \$5,000
Community Grants Scheme 	Mount Alexander Shire Council	Mount Alexander Shire Council T: 03 5471 1700 W: www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: Grants to support not-for-profit community organisations in the provision of facilities, programs and services that enhance the quality of life and create a sustainable future for residents and visitors to Mount Alexander Shire.</p> <p>Eligibility: For full and up-to-date information on this grant you are required to contact the Planning Department directly with your enquiries.</p>	Annually. Refer to website for funding and application dates.
Community Funding Scheme 	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Kate Strahan Macedon Ranges Shire Council T: 03 5422 0345 E: kstrahan@mrsc.vic.gov.au W: www.mrsg.vic.gov.au	<p>The grants provide assistance to the local community to develop activities and provide services not necessarily available or funded federally or through the state or other sources, focusing on addressing needs within the community, particularly those initiatives which address issues of limited provision or access to services, programs and activities.</p> <p>Purpose: to provide financial assistance to locally based community groups wishing to develop and provide a range of activities, programs and services.</p>	Refer to website for funding and application dates.

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Community Grants Program 	Shire of Campaspe	Bobbi Atkins Civic Events and Grants Officer T: 03 5481 2206 E: b.aitken@campaspe.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: to assist community groups to undertake a range of projects which help protect and restore our natural environment, including projects that build community appreciation and knowledge. Projects may include biodiversity protection or enhancement, improving river or creek environments, addressing land degradation, and community education and awareness programs.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates good planning, is well organised and includes ongoing support. • Should be able to demonstrate the project will improve the natural environment. • Preference will be given to on-ground works focus. • Demonstrated consultation and coordination with land owners. 	Two rounds per year. Maximum \$2,000 Opens April and September. Closes May and October.
Rural Tree Scheme 	Shire of Campaspe	Rhonda Day Landcare Coordinator T: 03 5481 2804 E: r.day@campaspe.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: to provide ratepayers and community groups with assistance to increase the number of trees planted on private and public land throughout the shire, providing both environmental and aesthetic benefits.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are considered based on information provided on the scheme form. • Provision of trees and species based on size of property. • Under 10 hectares up to 20 tubestock trees + 10 additional trees. • Over 10 hectares up to 100 Hiko seedlings or 50 Tubestock trees and additional 50 per cent of above. <p>Applicants must demonstrate their commitment to plant and care for the trees.</p>	Ongoing.
Environmental Sustainability Community Grant 	City of Greater Bendigo	Jeanice Henderson Community Grants Officer T: 03 5434 6463 E: j.henderson@bendigo.vic.gov.au W: www.bendigo.vic.gov.au	<p>The program provides an opportunity for community groups and organisations to complete projects that complement the areas of community strengthening that have been identified for the City of Greater Bendigo community. These directions are set out in the Greater Bendigo Community Plan (Bendigo +25), Small Township Plans, Natural Environment Strategy, Arts and Cultural Strategy and the Community Access Plan.</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that focus on our environment and sustainability. • Projects and activities that bring people together. • Activities that celebrate community and local identity. • Projects that are innovative, creative and/or celebrate creativity. • Projects that promote and encourage safe practices and healthy living. • Projects where people work together. <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated groups. • Non-incorporated groups who have an auspicing body. • Individuals who have an auspicing body. 	Up to \$3,000 Yearly August.





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Small Community Grant 	Gannawarra Shire Council	Gannawarra Shire Council T: 03 5450 9333 E: council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au W: www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au	<p>Purpose: these grants provide financial assistance for impromptu opportunities for which the applicant has no immediate budget provision and which contribute to the development, betterment and well being of the citizens of Gannawarra Shire Council and/or the enhancement of their local environment through projects, activities, initiative or resources.</p> <p>Eligibility: Applicant must demonstrate that the project, activity, initiative or resource meets all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has arisen at short notice and falls outside the time frame of Council's annual community grants program and/or is an impromptu opportunity for which the applicant has no immediate budget provision. • Meets an identified community need or identified service/resource gap. • Increases the skills, knowledge, awareness and participation of local community members. • Both involves and benefits the residents of Gannawarra Shire Council. • Incorporated organisation/group those auspiced by an incorporated body or not-for-profit organisations and groups within shire or primarily serving residents. • Applicant has limited capacity to raise funds. 	Ongoing. Up to \$500
Community Grants Scheme 	Loddon Shire Council	Customer Service Centre T: 03 5494 1200 W: www.loddon.vic.gov.au	Council provides funding to the wider community for community development projects as identified. Contact Shire directly to obtain current funding information.	Non Specific. Up to \$5,000 \$ for \$
Sustainability Community Grant 	Hepburn Shire Council	Kathleen Branigan Community Strengthening Manager T: 03 5345 8399 E: kbrannigan@hepburnshire.vic.gov.au W: www.hepburnshire.com.au	<p>Purpose: to provide the opportunity for shire based volunteer community groups to take project action toward a more sustainable communities tackling the issues of climate change, long-term water and energy supplies.</p> <p>Eligibility: Projects need to meet one or more of the following objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote behavioural change to increase sustainability. • Build knowledge of energy and water efficiency measures. • Reduce impact on the natural environment. • Build the relationship between community and council. 	Annually. Maximum \$2,000 per project. Opens August.




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<p>Land Management Rebate Scheme and Conservation Covenant Grant Program</p> 	<p>Mitchell Shire Council</p>	<p>Mitchell Shire Council T: 03 5734 6200 E: mitchell@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au W: www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Land Management Rebate Scheme</p> <p>Purpose: The land management rebate is a reduction on property rates for completing land management and environmental works on private land.</p> <p>Eligibility: Privately owned properties in the shire over four hectares.</p> <p>Conservation Covenant Grant Program</p> <p>Purpose: Mitchell Shire council sees the conservation covenant program as an opportunity to contribute to the protection of native biodiversity of the shire, and to recognise the community benefits of biodiversity by acknowledging individuals for undertaking a role within the community.</p> <p>Eligibility: Applicants must have a registered covenant with Trust for Nature.</p>	<p>Annual cycle.</p> <p>Maximum of \$500 covenant.</p>
<p>Land Management and Conservation Program</p> 	<p>Mount Alexander Shire Council</p>	<p>John Pollock Environmental Officer T: 03 5471 1700 E: j.pollock@mountalexander.vic.gov.au W: www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Purpose: The Land Management and Conservation Program is designed to encourage sustainable land management of farming land as well as the restoration and conservation of natural resources on private land, through incentives and rebates.</p> <p>Four different incentives are offered under the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Management Rate. • Remnant Conservation Rebate. • Land Management Support Grants. • Information Workshops. <p>Guidelines and information are available from www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Eligibility: Landowners in the Mount Alexander Shire.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

Philanthropic Trusts and Foundation Grants










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<p>Australian Ethical Investment Community Grants</p> 	<p>Australian Ethical Investment Ltd. T: 02 6201 1987 W: www.australianethical.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: To promote environmental improvement and social responsibility, with the hope that smaller, more localised groups might benefit, as often they have limited access to funding.</p> <p>Priority interests are not-for-profit Australian based organisations with a conservation, charitable or benevolent purpose with the focus on ethical investment.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Concession Charity status required but grants are not conditional on tax deductibility. • All applications to be made via email. <p>Check website for 2010 details.</p>	<p>Applications open July and close at the end of August.</p>
<p>Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Australia</p> 	<p>CAF Australia T: 02 9929 9633 E: info@cafaustralia.org.au W: www.cafaustralia.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: To maximise the financial substance of the not-for-profit sector by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting giving via companies, charities and individuals. • Distributing funds in the most efficient way to service delivery charities and agencies. • Providing financial advice and expertise on the capital needs of the not-for-profit sector. • Providing consultancy expertise in devising programs to match corporate and individual donors with charitable recipients. <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deductible Gift Recipient required. • Tax Concession Charity status required. 	<p>Please refer to website for most current information.</p>
<p>Daniel Scott Trust E B Myer Charity Fund L and J Brauer Perpetual Charitable Trust Local Environment Fund of Australia</p> 	<p>Perpetual Philanthropic Services T: 1800 501 227 FREECALL E: philanthropy@perpetual.com.au W: www.perpetual.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: General charitable purposes throughout Australia in the categories of social and community welfare, medical and scientific research, education, environment and arts/culture.</p> <p>Established as a sub-trust of The Perpetual Foundation, this fund encourages and supports local communities throughout Australia in the care and development of sustainable environments.</p> <p>Eligibility: Varies - please refer to website for details.</p>	<p>Refer to website for funding and application dates.</p>









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<p>James Norman Kirby Foundation</p> 	<p>Kay McDowall T: 02 9212 2711 E: information@kirbyfoundation.com.au W: www.kirbyfoundation.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Grants to charitable, educational and technical bodies throughout Australia in the areas of health, education, technology and science, art, literature and the conservation, maintenance and development of Australia's natural resources. Particular attention will be given to technical education projects to assist young Australians to reach the highest standards.</p> <p>Priority Interests: environment, education, health, technology/science.</p> <p>Eligibility: Deductible Gift Recipient status required. Groups only. Limited information available on line. Best to ring number provided.</p>	<p>Annually. Total annual funding pool \$800,000</p>
<p>The Ian Potter Foundation</p> 	<p>Caitriona Fay (environment and conservation) T: 03 9650 3188 E: applications@ianpotter.org.au W: www.ianpotter.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: For general charitable purposes that advance knowledge and benefit the community in the areas of the environment, conservation and the arts, community wellbeing, education, health, medical research and science. To develop partnerships with communities, government and the private sector to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to encourage the maintenance of biodiversity.</p> <p>Eligibility: The Ian Potter Foundation can only make grants to organisations with BOTH Deductible Gift Recipient and Tax Concession Charity status. Refer to website for most up to date information available.</p>	<p>Announced each year. Grants from \$2,000 and \$50,000</p>
<p>The M.A. Ingram Trust Grants</p> 	<p>Charitable Trust Consultant T: 03 9667 640 E: charitabletrusts@StateTrustees.com.au W: www.statetrustees.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: The preservation and education, research and increase of knowledge with respect to the origin, history, habits, life and use, and the scientific benefits if any, of Indigenous Australian (especially Victorian) mammals and birds, and the flora providing their food and habitat etc, and the relationship of one or more to the other.</p> <p>Eligibility: Larger amounts may be considered but will need some matching funds. Downloadable guidelines and application available from list via web link provided.</p>	<p>Ongoing . Applications to be submitted via email. Grants between \$1,000 – \$2,000</p>
<p>The Myer Foundation G4 Small Grants Program</p> 	<p>The Myer Foundation T: 03 9207 3040 E: enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au W: www.myerfoundation.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: To support youth focused and driven strategies across seven key areas involving environmental improving the sustainability of inland estuaries and waterways, education targeting young people aged 12-25 years, youth advocacy organisations, youth-driven events, activities and initiatives and with a particular focus on capacity for building and addressing the health of young people through behavioural changes; by means of short term programs and large grant programs over a long period of funding.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deductible Gift Recipient status preferable but not essential. • Tax Concession Charity endorsed. <p>Only one application per applicant at a time.</p>	<p>Refer to website for funding and application dates.</p>





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<p>The Norman Wettenhall Foundation Fellowship Grant</p>  	<p>Elizabeth (Beth) Mellick Executive Officer</p> <p>T: 03 5472 1316</p> <p>E: beth@nwf.org.au</p> <p>W: www.nwf.org.au</p>	<p>The Norman Wettenhall Foundation's objective is to support projects that enhance or maintain the vitality and diversity of the Australian natural living environment.</p> <p>Purpose: The NWF Landscape Restoration Fellowships aim to make a significant difference to the capacity of a person to achieve the goals of a significant landscape restoration project.</p> <p>Eligibility: A Landscape Restoration Fellowship of up to \$10,000 per year for up to three years will be awarded to a 'leader' in the field of landscape restoration in SE Australia. The grant can be used for training, participation in workshops and seminars, travel, materials and other expenses. These funds are for use by the Landscape Restoration Fellow where this support is not otherwise provided and, in the opinion of the NWF, are likely to make a valuable contribution to the professional development of a person leading efforts to create resilient landscapes. A Landscape Restoration Fellow is expected to be working on a landscape restoration project, either voluntarily or professionally.</p>	<p>See website, or call Beth Mellick for application details.</p>
<p>The R.E. Ross Trust</p>  	<p>Margarita Sagris</p> <p>T: 03 9690 6255</p> <p>E: information@rosstrust.org.au</p> <p>W: www.rosstrust.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Favours projects that are innovative, attract enthusiastic volunteers, have plans to become self-supporting, and are action based. Priority given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects which are designed to address difficult social and environmental needs. • Requests for small grants to enable smaller community organisations to begin or continue to make a positive difference in their communities. <p>The trust supports the purchase of high conservation value land and nature conservation.</p> <p>Grants may be sought for periods of up to three years in duration.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only organisations within Victoria or those proposing to use the grant funds within Victoria are eligible to apply. • You do not need to be an Income Tax Exempt Charity (ITEC), incorporated and Deductible Gift Recipient endorsed organisation, although the Ross Trust prefers that you are. • Contact MUST be made with Trust before submitting an application. • Applications must be in writing, and posted or delivered. • Emails are NOT acceptable. • Application process takes around 6-10 weeks once written application is received. 	<p>Refer to website for funding and application dates.</p>




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Trust for Nature Foundation 	Renee Robinson Communications Coordinator T: 03 8631 5888 E: trustfornature@tfn.org.au W: www.trustfornature.org.au	<p>Purpose: To support the work of Trust for Nature (Victoria) to protect and conserve trust owned natural native bushlands.</p> <p>Eligibility: Restricted to organisation named in trust deed. Refer to website for latest information and details.</p>	Twice yearly. Total Pool: \$15,000
William Buckland Foundation  	Philanthropy, ANZ Trustees Ltd. Maria Stylianou T: 03 9273 6799 F: 03 8685 6101 E: charitabletrusts@anz.com W: www.anz.com.au	<p>Purpose: Support for groups developing community projects to promote taking responsibility and control of the factors which affect their lives. The Foundation will strive to identify research and support initiatives that have the capacity to make a lasting, significant and positive impact on the well-being of the community. Public education purposes with some preference for agricultural and related pursuits. Administered by Philanthropy ANZ Trustees Limited.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Concession Charity endorsed. • Grants less than \$10,000 not preferred. <p>Downloadable detailed information, guidelines and application form available via website.</p>	Quarterly 1 January 1 April 1 July 1 October Each year.




Corporate Foundations and Support Programs

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<p>ANZ Staff Foundation</p>      	<p>ANZ Charitable Trusts Julie Bisinella</p> <p>T: 03 8654 3221 T: 1800 808 910 FREECALL</p> <p>E: charitabletrusts@anz.com</p> <p>W: www.anz.com/about-us/corporate-responsibility/community/contributing-thriving-communities</p>	<p>Purpose: The ANZ Staff Foundation aims to fund small projects which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist communities to conserve resources and protect the environment. • Offer innovative projects from local community organisations. • Assist organisations to build their capacity to deliver sustainable benefits to their community, particularly in rural areas. • Give people the skills to manage their lives and provide them with independence, in particular financial literacy. <p>Your application should include details on how ANZ staff can help.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deductible Gift Recipient (DGRs). • Tax Concession Charity. • Must provide opportunities for ANZ staff participation as volunteers. • Not-for-profit groups only. 	<p>Annual cycle.</p> <p>Closes: 15 January and July each year.</p> <p>Grants up to \$10,000</p>
<p>Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation</p>  	<p>Customer help centre</p> <p>T: 1300 304 541</p> <p>Enquiries can be made by emailing</p> <p>E: foundation@bendigobank.com.au</p> <p>W: www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation</p>	<p>Purpose: The Community Grants Program is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make better, targeted use of funds that are responsive to community needs. • Provide a simpler application process. • To enable Bendigo Bank to be more responsive to the needs of communities. <p>Charitable and not-for-profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities by contributing to their development through building social capital, community welfare, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be eligible, projects must be for a charitable purpose. • Some funds are restricted to Deductible Gift Recipients (DGRs) although the greater portion of unrestricted funds is available for general charitable purposes. • All applications for projects which are charitable will be considered. 	<p>Grants are available in certain geographic areas only.</p> <p>Please refer to website for more information on application dates and guidelines.</p>
<p>The Coca-Cola Australia Foundation Community Grants</p> 	<p>Coca-Cola Australia Foundation</p> <p>Lee Findlay</p> <p>T: 02 9259 6532</p> <p>E: lee.findlay@ccamatil.com</p> <p>W: www.ccamatil.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: provide one-off support by the CCAF for a local community program that will make a difference to the lives of marginalised Australian youth. Funding targets two core areas - education and leadership projects based on two key societal issues - wellbeing and the environment (the sustainability of the environment for future generations of young people). Priority given to projects that focus on engaging young people aged 12-25.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your organisation must have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status from the Australian Taxation Office. • The program must target marginalised youth. Within this broad area, your application will be assessed on how it fits with the Foundation's charter - addressing the core areas of education, leadership, wellbeing and environment (refer to Coca-Cola Australia Foundation Charter). • The program must be able to demonstrate a difference or improvement for the specific youth issue it addresses. • The program must be innovative. The Foundation looks to support programs that address a problem in a new way or address an issue that is not currently being satisfactorily addressed. This does not mean the total exclusion of other age groups, but programs must clearly prioritise 12-25 year olds. 	<p>Annually.</p> <p>Closes: October.</p> <p>Total Pool: \$1,000,000</p> <p>Maximum per grant: \$10,000</p>








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<p>Fosters Community Grants</p>  	<p>Fosters in the Community</p> <p>T: 03 9633 2261</p> <p>E: inthecommunity@fostersgroup.com</p> <p>W: www.fosterscommunitygrants.com</p>	<p>Purpose: Organisations considering applying for a Foster Community Grant are encouraged to address one of three focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellness (both physical and mental health). • Culture (artistic, supporting or educational activities). • Environment (all aspects of the natural environment). <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant applications will be assessed principally on quality of the community benefit they would deliver. • Only incorporated not-for-profit organisations and charities are eligible for funding. • The project meets community need and is based on sound research/methodology. • The applicant organisation/s has a capacity to deliver, or track record of delivering, community outcomes and managing similar projects. • The project has a sound strategy and project plan, which includes identified milestones (if appropriate). • The benefit produced is viable/sustainable over the long term. • The community and/or other key stakeholders support the project. • The project outcomes can be evaluated. • A cost/benefit analysis suggests the project is highly worthwhile. 	<p>Refer to website for funding and application dates.</p>
<p>Macquarie Bank Limited</p>   	<p>Julie White</p> <p>Head Macquarie Group Foundation</p> <p>T: 02 8232 9673</p> <p>E: julie.white@macquarie.com</p> <p>W: www.macquarie.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Priority interests include environment, research, arts, education, health and welfare. The Foundation considers applications from community organisations that are working in innovative ways to provide long-term benefits. Funding levels are flexible and are dictated by the needs of the organisation and funding availability.</p> <p>Eligibility: Each application is assessed on its individual merit, with priority given to programs which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a broad community need in the areas of arts, education, the environment, health and welfare. • Have the involvement of Macquarie staff through volunteering, fundraising, pro bono work and board/management committee involvement. • Are located in communities where Macquarie operates. • Deliver long-term benefits and build community sustainability. • Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. 	<p>Contact the foundation for application information.</p>
<p>RACV Community Foundation</p>   	<p>Executive Officer</p> <p>T: 03 9790 2919</p> <p>E: foundation@racv.com.au</p> <p>W: www.racv.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Priority interest is environmental sustainability. The foundation aims to minimise the impact we have on our environment by offering grants to community organisations that support programs focusing on reducing overall environmental impact.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and Tax Concession Charity. • Prefer projects to be self contained. • Projects that build community capacity. • Projects may be related to research in the environmental sustainability field. <p>We strongly recommend you first telephone the RACV Foundation to discuss your project.</p>	<p>Refer to website for funding and application dates.</p>

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<p>Mecu Community Investment Program</p> 	<p>Mecu Community Investment Program</p> <p>T: 13 28 88 FREECALL</p> <p>W: www.mecu.com.au</p> <p>E: mail@mecu.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: The Community Investment Program will support initiatives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve sustainable use of land. • Improve biodiversity. • Address a changing climate. • Advocate policy and behavioural changes which assist these aims. • Encourage households to live more sustainably. <p>Eligibility: Community groups with - evidence of Incorporation as a not-for-profit body and - tax exempt status, with copy of ATO letter. If the organisation is a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), also supply the ATO notification letter.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>See website for details.</p> <p>Grants vary.</p>
<p>Westpac Operation Backyard</p> 	<p>Landcare Australia</p> <p>T: 03 9662 9977</p> <p>T: 1800 151 105 FREECALL</p> <p>E: info@landcareaustralia.com.au</p> <p>W: www.landcareonline.com</p>	<p>Purpose: Westpac Operation Backyard is a Westpac employee grant program which provides funding for environmental projects in which Westpac employees are involved as volunteers.</p> <p>The amount of funding available for each approved project is currently up to 100 per cent of the environmental costs.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project must involve Westpac staff as volunteers. • Project must meet Landcare Australia's approval guidelines. (Refer to www.landcareonline.com) 	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>Coles Local Community Support</p> 	<p>Contact your local Coles store manager (stores listing available on website)</p> <p>W: www.coles.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: To assist local community groups and schools to fix up their environment by undertaking various environmental projects and providing support for other community activities.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting trees and bush regeneration. • Restoring a natural creek or wetland. • Restoring and protecting a natural habitat of threatened flora and fauna species. 	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Refer to website for funding and application dates.</p>
<p>McKern Steel Foundation</p> 	<p>Michael McKern</p> <p>T: 03 5449 1201</p> <p>E: michael@mckern.net.au</p> <p>W: www.mckern.net.au</p>	<p>Purpose: The McKern Steel Foundation believes in contributing to the community. They will consider a range of organisations and projects but have a particular interest in projects that fulfil a social need in any given community such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health programs and services, ie projects that would result in the improvement of health, fitness and well being of the community. • Community capacity building projects ie support for infrastructure projects (bricks and mortar). • Public education including education scholarships, school buildings and libraries, ie improving education opportunities. • Families, children, and youth initiatives as well as Cultural and arts initiatives, ie enhancement of Art, Cultural and Youth Programs. • Environment Projects. <p>All reasonable applications will be given due consideration.</p>	<p>There are two rounds of funding each year, with announcements occurring in February and August. The respective application deadlines are 15 December and 15 June.</p> <p>Refer to website for further details.</p>

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<p>Junior Landcare Grants Landcare Australia Limited</p> 	<p>Landcare T: 1800 151 105 FREECALL W: www.landcareonline.com.au W: www.juniorlandcare.com.au E: info@landcareaustralia.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Through the Junior Landcare Grants Program, any school or organisation that would like to involve their students in Landcare projects, in conjunction with local Landcare groups, can apply for grants to assist them with the cost of their projects. The program targets major issues relevant to our natural environment including: water quality/conservation, waste reduction/recycling, school gardens, biodiversity and land projects.</p> <p>Eligibility: any school or youth organisation that would like to involve their students in Landcare projects, in conjunction with local Landcare groups.</p>	<p>Refer to website for funding and application dates.</p>
<p>Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal</p> 	<p>T: 1800 170 020 FREECALL E: info@frrr.org.au W: www.frrr.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: This is a small grant program providing funding to small, rural not-for-profit organisations for projects and activities to aid the growth of their communities.</p> <p>Independently administered by the Foundation of Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) the program aims to assist small rural and regional communities working towards a more sustainable future.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities that have a population of 15,000 people or less. • Projects with a charitable purpose. • Applications from not-for-profit organisations with an ABN. • Preference will be given to applications that contribute to the development of communities through community and social enterprise supporting volunteer initiatives at the local community level demonstrating community collaboration. 	<p>Grants up to \$5,000 Refer to website for funding and application dates.</p>
<p>Holden Foundation Grants</p> 	<p>T: 1800 033 349 FREECALL E: community.support@holden.com.au W: www.holden.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Supports projects that seek to educate and involve the Australian community in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring and preserving Australia's natural environment. • Developing energy efficient strategies and alternative energy options. • Applying technologies to achieve environmental gains. • Financial and in-kind support can be provided. <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particularly interested in projects that have a national focus. 	<p>Expressions of Interest can be made at any time directly to Holden.</p>







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<p>Aim for the Stars Grants</p> 	<p>The Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation</p> <p>E: info@aimforthestars.com.au</p> <p>W: www.aimforthestars.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: To help young women further their educational and/or professional development.</p> <p>The Foundation will award a minimum of \$20,000 worth of grants each year. Successful applicants will receive a financial grant in accordance with the following amounts and conditions:</p> <p>“Individual” and “Group” Grants will be paid in two instalments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,500 - “Kickstart” Grant, 12 to 16 years. • \$1,500 - “Environmental” Grant, 12 years and above. • \$3,000 - “Individual” Grant, 16 years and above. • \$6,000 - “Group” Grant, two or more people 12 years and above. <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Females, 12 years of age and above. • Females who aim to achieve their goals in their field of choice. 	<p>Yearly</p> <p>Total Pool: \$20,000</p> <p>Applications close 15 November annually.</p>
<p>Landcare Australia</p> 	<p>Landcare Australia</p> <p>T: 03 9662 9977</p> <p>T: 1800 151 105 FREECALL</p> <p>E: enquiries@landcareaustralia.com</p> <p>W: www.landcareonline.com.au/</p>	<p>Purpose: Landcare Australia supports Landcare groups by providing advice on sponsorship, media coverage, tax deductibility and insurance.</p> <p>Landcare groups seeking donations from organisations can have the donation channelled through Landcare Australia to achieve tax deductible status and the donor recipient will receive 100 per cent of the donation.</p> <p>Eligibility: Applications are invited from a wider community and groups.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>Northgate Minerals Corporation Community Grants Program</p> 	<p>Northgate Minerals Corporation Community Grants Program</p> <p>Fosterville Gold Mine</p> <p>T: 03 5439 9000</p> <p>Stawell Gold Mines</p> <p>T: 035358 1022</p> <p>E: info@northgateminerals.com.au</p> <p>W: www.northgateminerals.com</p>	<p>Purpose: The Northgate Minerals Corporation Community Grants Program provides grants to individuals or community groups for projects or activities that benefit the communities surrounding the mines at Fosterville and Stawell.</p> <p>The aim of these grants is to enhance the overall social, educational, recreational and environmental aspects of the communities in which Northgate Minerals operates.</p> <p>Eligibility: The proposed project must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not be for commercial purposes; • include direct benefits to the community; • be able to demonstrate their own contribution in the form of funds, services or in kind support; • be based in our local community – Boundary of the City of Greater Bendigo for the Fosterville Community Grants and within the city of Stawell for the Stawell Gold Mines Grants (see map on website for boundary details); • agree to expend grant monies only in accordance with the successful project application. • obtain all Planning, Building Permits and any other authorizations including public liability insurance; • acknowledge the contribution of the Fosterville or Stawell Gold Mines Community Program in all media and promotional material regarding the project. A copy of the Company’s logo can be provided for your usage. <p>Refer to website for further details on eligibility and conditions.</p>	<p>Complete the project within one calendar year. Extensions may be granted in consultation with the administrators/ Company.</p> <p>Limit application for grant to \$2,000 per application.</p> <p>Refer to website for application forms and guidelines.</p>



Labour market schemes and other relevant contacts

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Green Corps  	Australian Government	Greening Australia T: 03 9450 5300 Conservation Volunteers Australia T: 1800 032 501 FREECALL W: http://greencorps.greeningaustralia.org.au	<p>Purpose: Set up initially for youth aged 17-20yrs, development and environmental training program, the program is now open to all ages. Since 1 July 2009 Green Corps provides work experience activities for all ages, focusing on conservation works including accredited and on the job training and career counselling.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong focus on work experience activities to better meet the needs of job seekers and employers, while delivering outcomes to local communities. • Landcare networks or Landcare groups can host Green Corp teams. • A partner agency pack that clarifies roles and responsibilities can be sent out on request. 	Ongoing.
Revive our Wetlands    	BHP and Conservation Volunteers Australia	Sarah Brittle National Revive Manager Conservation Volunteers Australia T: 02 6247 7770 E: revive@conservationvolunteers.com.au W: www.reviveourwetlands.net	<p>Purpose: Revive our Wetlands is Australia's largest practical wetland revitalisation program focusing on 100 of Australia's important wetlands. Revive our Wetlands involves volunteers in practical wetland projects across Australia. Projects will be undertaken on public or private land with priority being given to projects that will restore or rehabilitate wetlands of recognised importance.</p> <p>Eligibility: Landcare and community groups can apply to host a CVA team (usually 6 – 8 volunteers) for projects of 1-2 weeks in duration.</p>	Visit website for latest information.
TreeProject 	Non Government Organisation Voluntary	TreeProject T: 03 9650 9477 E: info@treeproject.asn.au W: www.treeproject.asn.au	<p>Purpose: The Tree Project Scheme recruits volunteers to propagate indigenous seedlings at home for farmers, Landcare groups and other organisations across the state. Assists rural land holders and Landcare groups by providing low cost (\$100 for 500 plants) tubestock seedlings for revegetation programs. Landholder information available on website.</p> <p>Tree planting days for volunteers are organised throughout the cooler months of the year. They take place on farms, reserves and urban parks.</p>	Ongoing.

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<p>Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA)</p> 	<p>Non Government Organisation</p>	<p>Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA)</p> <p>T: 1800 032 501 FREECALL</p> <p>W: www.conservationvolunteers.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Programs such as Better Earth can provide a managed team of volunteers to assist in meeting project objectives.</p> <p>Government and corporate funding may be available through CVA to provide teams to assist community groups to undertake on-ground works; alternatively CVA works on a cost-recovery basis and can assist groups with grant applications to cover CVA costs.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups need to provide a baseline level of supervision and support. • Hosting is better suited to more developed groups. • Prefer strong links with local government or agencies. 	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>Volunteers Emergency Support Grants – Bushfire Relief</p> 	<p>Victorian Government</p>	<p>Victorian Government</p> <p>T: 1300 366 356</p> <p>E: information@dpcd.vic.gov.au</p> <p>W: www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Emergency Volunteer Support Grants – Bushfire Relief 2009 is a Victorian Government investment to provide practical help to volunteers and local community organisations providing volunteer emergency relief in fire-effect areas.</p> <p>Eligibility: Community not-for-profit organisations in Victoria providing volunteers to work in fire-affected communities can apply.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Up to \$20,000</p>

Market-based schemes and other relevant contacts

ORGANISATION/ SCHEME	ORIGIN/CONTACT	PURPOSE	TIMING
<p>Ecomarkets</p> <p>Market Based Instruments for Natural Resource Management (NRM) change</p> <p>BushBroker</p> <p>EcoTender</p>      	<p>Australian Government NRM Team</p> <p>T: 1800 552 008 FREECALL</p> <p>Victorian Government, Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE)</p> <p>Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs)</p> <p>For latest information</p> <p>W: www.marketbasedinstruments.gov.au</p>	<p>What is BushBroker?</p> <p>BushBroker represents a new direction for native vegetation management. It provides a system where offsets can be located on a different property to where the native vegetation is being cleared through the purchase of native vegetation credits (a gain in the quantity and/or quality of native vegetation that is subject to a secure and ongoing agreement).</p> <p>Native vegetation credits are listed on the Native Vegetation Credit Register, and can be bought by another party and subsequently used as an offset for the approved clearing of native vegetation.</p> <p>What is EcoTender?</p> <p>EcoTender is aimed at improving native vegetation management or securing revegetation on private land that leads to improved environmental outcomes at both the local and catchment scale.</p> <p>Under this approach, landholders competitively tender their price to improve the quality or extent of their native vegetation. The benefit offered by these contracts is assessed according to a range of environmental outcomes being sought including terrestrial biodiversity, reduced saline land and riverine health (water quality and quantity). Carbon sequestration is also factored into revegetation tenders.</p> <p>Successful tenders are those that offer the best environmental value for money, with successful landholders receiving periodic payments for management activities conducted under five to ten year agreements entered into with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).</p> <p>Benefits of ecomarkets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more secure water supply, reduced carbon emissions, more habitats for native plants and animals, reduced salinity, healthier soils and protection of our landscape. • An ability to identify actions that result in complementary benefits for the environment, such as where tree planting would maximise the outcomes for carbon sequestration and salinity, while minimising the impact on stream flow. • The ability to better tackle specific environmental problems like salinity, threatened native grasslands and water quality. • Ensuring the best environmental value for taxpayers' money. • Avoiding unwanted environmental impacts in any given area resulting from the cumulative effect of a range of land management actions. 	<p>Expressions of interest (EOIs) can be lodged at any time.</p>

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CarbonSMART	<p>Landcare Australia</p> <p>With sponsorship from; Dept. Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), Westpac, Freehills, Holden and Leighton Holdings</p> <p>General Enquiries Richard Smith Operations Manager</p> <p>T: 03 9650 3555</p> <p>E: richard.smith@landcareaustralia.com.au</p> <p>W: www.carbonsmart.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Landcare CarbonSMART has been developed in response to a growing demand from landholders and corporates to work together to offset carbon emissions.</p> <p>Farmers and landholders can earn money simply by planting and maintaining native vegetation for biodiversity on their properties. The CarbonSMART project makes it possible for landholders to secure a regular income for up to 30 years.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site must have been predominantly clear of vegetation (that is, have had less than 20 per cent tree cover) on 31 December 1989. • The site must have been revegetated after 1 January 1990. • The site must have been revegetated by seeding or other human action. • When mature, the vegetation must attain a height of at least two metres. • When mature, the vegetation's top layer must reach a crown (shade) covering greater than 20 per cent. • The site must be at least 0.2 hectares, but realistically needs to be more than 5 hectares. • The carbon will remain on site for at least 100 years after the final trade of that carbon. • For cleared sites, CarbonSMART can advise on revegetation. 	Ongoing.
TreeSmart 	<p>TreeSmart Australia Pty Ltd</p> <p>T: 03 5774 7617</p> <p>E: info@treesmart.com.au</p> <p>W: www.treesmart.com.au/index.html</p>	<p>Purpose: The TreeSmart program aims to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by planting, maintaining, harvesting and re-planting farm forestry eucalypt trees. The TreeSmart program is different to some other carbon sequestration programs that plant trees and leave them as a “perpetual forest”.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private farm forestry plantations. • Farm forestry cooperatives. • TreeSmart plantations. • TreeSmart carbon offsets are available to purchase, for individuals and for organisations. 	Ongoing.
Carbon offsets Guide 	<p>Global Sustainability at RMIT and EPA</p> <p>T: 03 9925 1731</p> <p>E: info@carbonoffsetguide.com.au</p> <p>W: www.carbonoffsetguide.com.au</p> <p>Carbon Market in Melbourne</p> <p>W: www.business.vic.gov.au/carbonmarket/directory.html</p>	<p>Purpose: The Carbon Offset Guide is intended to be a resource for businesses, government agencies, non-government organisations and individuals seeking information about offsets. The aim of this guide is to provide an independent directory of Australian carbon offset providers. It is hoped this will improve the understanding of the offset market by Australian businesses, as well as the broader community, and facilitate better environmental and economic outcomes.</p>	Ongoing.

PART 3

Further Information and Resources

A.

THE VICTORIAN LANDCARE GATEWAY

The Victorian Landcare Gateway is the official website for Landcare in Victoria. The gateway is designed for groups and community members, providing access to useful information. Anyone can access the Gateway so it's a great resource for groups and non-members alike. It is intended that all local Landcare, Coastcare, Friends of or other environment groups will have a section on their Regional Gateway site. Groups can have their own page, and group members can register as users to manage their own content.

Community users can:

- Find information on topics of interest.
- Find their local group.
- Volunteer for events in their area.
- Link to groups of interest.

Groups can:

- Add or update information on the group.
- Add news or events, including opportunities for volunteers to participate.
- Add newsletters and photos.
- Describe or promote group projects.
- Find other related groups or projects.

Visit the Victorian Landcare Gateway at www.landcarevic.net.au

B.

COMMON CATCHMENT TERMS

Agroforestry	The use of trees for commercial purposes integrated into a cropping, grazing or horticulture enterprise.
BE (Bulk Water Entitlement)	Perpetual water entitlement granted to an authority by the State of Victoria, equal to the rights of all its customers plus the losses incurred in supplying it.
Beneficiary Pays	Cost sharing principle where those who benefit from an action pay for part of the action in direct proportion to the benefit they receive.
Best Management Practice	A philosophy of management whereby the only actions employed are those that, on balance, are based on the best available management information.
Biodiversity	The variety of forms – the different plants, animals and micro-organisms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part.
Bioregion	Bioregions are defined for Victoria in the Victorian Government's Biodiversity Strategy. Bioregions are delineated according to patterns or ecological and environmental characteristics including vegetation, landform and climate across the state.
Cap	The amount of water that the States are entitled to divert from regulated streams within the Murray-Darling Basin Catchment on an annual basis.
Categories of threat to flora and fauna	
<i>Depleted</i>	Not rare in Victoria in the wild state, but considered threatened: regeneration is problematic or less than that required to replace losses, and the populations are continuing to decrease. This category is used predominantly for plants that may occur over their former range but are markedly less common and continuing to decline; and also for those plants whose range is now substantially reduced with satisfactory regeneration only in a very small proportion of that range.
<i>Endangered</i>	In Victoria: rare and at risk of disappearing from the wild state if present land use and other causes continue.
<i>Rare</i>	In Australia: rare but overall not currently considered endangered or vulnerable.
Conservation Covenant	A voluntary and legal agreement between a landowner and Trust for Nature to safeguard bushland, plants and animals. The covenant is registered on the title and binds future owners of the land.
Conservation Status	A description of the rarity of Victorian flora and fauna. The smaller the population, the rarer the species is and the more critical the conservation status.
Core Vegetation Cover	Refers to the cover of permanent vegetation that's similar in terms of species composition and structure to pre-European settlement vegetation types. It excludes farm forestry, agroforestry and woodlots planted for production purposes.
Corridor	A linear habitat. A habitat may link patches of habitat in the landscape and be a pathway for movement of wildlife.
Cost Benefit Analysis	A technique used to financially compare alternative courses of action by assigning dollar values to all outlays and outcomes of the actions.

Cost Sharing	The situation where a number of parties involved in a project share the financial or other burden of the project.
COAG	Council of Australian Governments.
Discharge Site	Location where groundwater reaches the soil surface.
Dozer Entitlements	Partially utilised individual water entitlements.
EC Credits	Entitlements to decrease river salinity. These are only earned at the state level in return for investments that reduce River Salinity by at least the same amount if not more.
EC Units	Electrical Conductivity is a measure of relative salinity levels. Sea water has a salinity of about 50,000 EC Units.
Ecologically Sustainable Management	A descriptive phrase indicating that the action being considered does not bring about a deterioration in either the biodiversity or the ecological processes of land, water or air. It is essentially about long term viability of the land and its associated natural resources. This includes both economic viability and maintenance of the environment.
Ecosystems	A community of organisms interacting with one another and the environment in which they live and with which they also interact; for example a river or a woodland.
Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC)	A detailed classification system for native vegetation described through a combination of its floristic, life form and ecological characteristics and inferred fidelity to particular environmental attributes. Each EVC includes a collection of floristic communities that occur across a biogeographic range, and although differing in species, have similar habitat and ecological processes operating. Refer to www.dse.vic.gov.au
Farm Forestry	The intensive use of trees for regional development (other than horticulture) in particular focusing on wood or plant products. Secondary benefits could include water reuse or recharge control.
Geographic Information System	A computer information system that stores, analyses and displays spatial and geographic data (GIS).
Habitat	The living space of a species or community providing a particular set of environmental conditions.
Habitat Hectare	A site-based measure of quality and quantity of native vegetation that is assessed in the context of the relevant native vegetation type.
Indigenous	Native to a particular area, not introduced.
Integrated Catchment Management	A process whereby the various parties and interests in a catchment are brought together through regional land and water management plans to achieve whole catchment improvements.
Gigalitre (GL)	1,000 megalitres.
High Security Entitlement	An entitlement (Victoria) that does not vary from year to year and is expected in all but the worst of droughts.

Landcare	Voluntary community land conservation groups and associated land, water and nature conservation and rehabilitation activities.
Land for Wildlife	A DSE program in Victoria which encourages protection of habitat on private land. Eligible properties can be registered and supported by the program.
Land Degradation	Undesirable changes in plant or animal composition or abundance, or soil and land surface characteristics. It may be irreversible within the bounds of economic management.
Landscape Scale Management	Refers to areas from several kilometres to tens of kilometres across, usually involving a number of properties and individual land managers. At this level, consideration can be given effectively to differences in native vegetation type, coverage and quality, including spatial configuration and connectivity of habitats, and other factors influencing biodiversity and land protection in the local landscape.
Megalitre (ML)	1 million litres.
National Landcare Program	A component of the Natural Heritage Trust that supports innovative projects to improve land and water management.
Native Vegetation	All plants that are indigenous to Victoria, including trees, shrubs, herbs, and grasses.
Scales Net Gain	Where overall gains are greater than overall losses and where individual losses are avoided where possible. Losses and gains are determined by a quality-quantity measures and over a specified area and period of time. Gains may be either required offsets for permitted clearing actions or as a result of landholder and Government assisted efforts that are not associated with clearing.
No Net Loss	A concept whereby conservation losses in one geographically or otherwise defined area are balanced by a gain elsewhere.
Patch (or Block)	Scale management relates to a discrete stand of native vegetation usually within a single.
Perennial	Living for at least several years, and usually flowering each year.
Permanent Protection	Protection of a natural asset on private land through a legal agreement attached to the title, or land management by the Crown or statutory authority for conservation.
Pest Species	Pest plants or pest animals declared in accordance with the Catchment Land Protection Act 1994.
Polluter Pays	Cost sharing principle where the source directly responsible for pollution bears the cost of resulting damage or rehabilitation.
Precautionary Principle	To avoid wherever practicable serious or irreversible damage to the environment and an assessment of the risk weighted consequences of various options. When dealing with threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation.
Provenance	The place of origin of a species, subspecies or variety.
Private Diverter	Irrigators licensed to pump water directly from the river.

Pumped Irrigation Districts	Irrigation districts supplied by large pumps capable of supplying multiple irrigators at once.
Recharge	Area in which surface water enters the soil to become groundwater.
Regeneration	The natural regeneration of vegetation. Natural regeneration contributes to the vegetation cover when the dominant species of the pre-existing vegetation types re-establish, but is less than 10 years of age.
Regional (or Catchment) Scale Management	This refers to areas ranging from tens to hundreds of square kilometres, and involves the co-ordination of processes to engage the broad range landholders, organised interest groups and government agencies. A perspective at this level facilitates medium to long term strategic planning for sustainable land and water management and for the conservation of reserve systems.
Remnant Vegetation	Native vegetation remaining after an area has otherwise been cleared.
Revegetation	The deliberate planting of vegetation. Revegetation contributes to vegetation cover when the species composition and structure (that is, all vegetation strata) is similar to pre-existing vegetation types for that area.
Riparian Vegetation	Growing on a riverbank or stream bank.
Site Scale Management	This refers to highly localised activities that may influence the characteristics of vegetation occurring within or adjacent to a patch. Such activities include planting, direct seeding or regeneration of vegetation, as well as weed control or thinning in established vegetation.
Sales Water	Additional lower security water offered to irrigators in addition to and expressed as a percentage of their base water entitlement.
Salinity	The concentration of dissolved salts in ground water or river water, usually expressed as EC Units.
Sleeper Entitlements	Individual water entitlement with no history of use.
Species	A group of organisms which are biologically similar and capable of breeding and producing fertile offspring with each other but usually not with members of other species.
Threatening Processes	Actions, either human induced or otherwise biotically or abiotically induced such as habitat disturbance or destruction or pollution that threaten the survival, abundance or evolutionary development of a species, population or ecological community.
Total Grazing Pressure	The total impact of all grazing animals on a particular area, including the impact of both domestic stock, feral animals and native grazers.
Total Vegetation Cover	The total number of hectares of native vegetation, including remnant, regeneration, revegetation, farm forestry, agroforestry and woodlots.
Trust for Nature Covenants	Voluntary permanent agreement on the title of a parcel of land of significant natural habitat value, subscribing permanent protection to that land.
User Pays	Cost sharing principles whereby the end user of a product or resource is charged for the full supply cost.
Water Entitlement	The legal right of a user to access a specified amount of water in a given period.

C. ACRONYMS

Acronym	Meaning
A	
AAV	Aboriginal Affairs Victoria
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACF	Australian Conservation Foundation
AG	Australian Government
ALC	Australian Landcare Council
ANRA	Australian Natural Resources Atlas
ANZECC	Australian and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council
ARI	Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research
AROTS	Australian Rare or Threatened Species
AUSRIVAS	Australian Rivers Assessment System
B	
BoM	Bureau of meteorology
BWE	Bulk Water Entitlement
C	
CaLP Act	Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994
CAMS	Catchment Action Management System
CCR	Catchment Condition Report
CfoC/C4oC	Caring for our Country (Australian Government Initiative)
CMA	Catchment Management Authority
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
CRC	Cooperative Research Centre (Freshwater Ecology, Catchment Hydrology, Viticulture etc.)
CRCFE	Cooperative Research Centre for Freshwater Ecology
CVA	Conservation Volunteers Australia

Acronym	Meaning
D	
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Australian Government)
DEWHA	Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts (Australian Government)
DPCD	Department of Planning and Community Development (Victorian Government)
DPI	Department of Primary Industries (Victorian Government)
DSE	Department of Sustainability and Environment (Victorian Government)
E	
ECC	Environment Conservation Council
EOI	Expression of Interest
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
EVC	Ecological Vegetation Class
F	
FFG	Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act
FIS	Flora Information System
FTLA	Farm Tree and Landcare Association
G	
GAV	Greening Australia Victoria (Sometimes referred to as just GA)
GIS	Geographic Information System
GMA	Groundwater Management Area
GMW	Goulburn-Murray Water
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRDC	Grains Research and Development Corporation
GSPA	Groundwater Supply Protection Area
H	
HV	Heritage Victoria

Acronym	Meaning
I	
ICM	Integrated Catchment Management
IPA	Invasive Plants and Animals
ISC	Index of Stream Condition
L	
LAP	Local Action Plan
LAL	Landcare Australia Limited
LGA	Local Government Authority
M	
MAV	Municipal Association of Victoria
ML	Megalitre
N	
NGLG	New Generation Landcare Grants (Victorian Government)
NLFP	National Landcare Facilitators Program
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NVP	Native Vegetation Plan
P	
PPA	Pest Plants and Animals
PV	Parks Victoria
R	
Ramsar	Listed wetlands are recognised as wetlands of International Ecological significance as specified through the Ramsar Convention
RCS	Regional Catchment Strategy
RFA	Regional Forestry Agreement
RLC	Regional Landcare Coordinator
RWC	Rural Water Corporation (former Dept.)

Acronym	Meaning
S	
SGLG	Second Generation Landcare Grants (Victorian Government Initiative)
T	
TFN	Trust for Nature
V	
VAPSGL	Victorian Action Plan for Second Generation Landcare
VCMC	Victorian Catchment Management Council
VFF	Victorian Farmers Federation
VFTLA	Victorian Farm Tree and Landcare Association
VIF	Victorian Investment Framework
VLC	Victorian Landcare Council
VLN	Victorian Landcare Network
VLP	Victorian Landcare Program
VRI	Volunteer Recruitment Initiative
VRHS	Victorian River Health Strategy
VROTS	Victorian Rare or Threatened Species
VSLT	Victorian State Landcare Team
VWQMN	Victorian Water Quality Monitoring Network
W	
WAP	Weed Action Plan
WFPMS	Waterway Floodplain Management Strategy
WQMP	Water Quality Management Plan

D.

FURTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- **Our Community Pty Ltd Grants Education Service and Easy Grants Newsletter - www.ourcommunity.com.au** - provides newsletters to help groups succeed with grant seeking and fundraising and offers best practice advice on running groups. The website has a series of free fact sheets relating to fundraising. It also provides a service that allows community groups to seek online donations and volunteers. Our Community Pty Ltd also has an electronic newsletter that outlines all the latest new and recurring Australian Government and State Government, philanthropic and corporate grants. Subscriptions are available for \$45 per year.
- **Philanthropy Australia - www.philanthropy.org.au** - the national membership organisation for grant-making trusts and foundations.
- **GrantsLINK - www.grantslink.gov.au** - an Australian Government website designed to offer direct links to existing information on Australian Government grant programs. Grantslink makes it easier to become familiar with grants, find the most appropriate grant program to meet your community's needs and apply for grants.
- **Greening Australia Victoria - www.greeningaustralia.org.au** - runs training workshops on writing successful grant applications. For information on when workshops will run phone the training officer: 03 9450 5300, Email: general@gavic.org.au
- **Group Skills and Community Action** - (1996) Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Vic. This reference manual is available online at the Victorian Landcare Gateway www.landcarevic.net.au/resources/publications/books
- **Environment Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation (EPBC) Act. Protected Matters Search Tool - www.environment.gov.au/erin/ert/epbc/index.html** - use this search tool to generate a report that will help determine whether matters of national environmental significance or other matters protected by the EPBC Act are likely to occur in your area of interest. Any information provided through this facility is indicative only, and local knowledge and information should also be sought where possible.
- **VicVeg Online - www.vicveg.net.au** - VicVeg Online aims to help you to read the landscape and understand the native vegetation of your area and on your place as well as how to give you a helping hand.
- **DSE Interactive maps - www.dse.vic.gov.au** - This website contains interactive maps that allow you to zoom in and out, pan around the map, identify features in the map, perform queries on databases, generate reports, link to other sites and create printable maps (in PDF) based on themes.
- **Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD)** represents the Victorian Government's determination to deliver government services in a way that supports and strengthens communities. Two good websites are: www.dpcd.vic.gov.au and www.communitybuilding.vic.gov.au
- **Being Investor Ready Toolkit** is an initiative of the Victorian Landcare Team, designed to help the Landcare community obtain financial and other support from non-traditional investors. A PDF of the Toolkit is accessible from the Victorian Landcare Gateway website at: www.landcarevic.net.au/resources/for-groups/birtoolkit
- **Useful Publications:**
 - Participatory Evaluation for Landcare and Catchment Groups, Robins, L. and Woodhill, J., (1998), Greening Australia and DPIE.
 - Setting Up For Success - A Guide For Designing, Managing And Evaluating Projects, National Landcare Program Evaluation Coordinators - Department of Natural Resources and Environment and DPIE.
 - Project Identification, Design and Appraisal: A Manual for Non Government Organisations, Zietz, L. (1990), Australian Council for Overseas Aid, ACT.
 - 'Our Community' also publishes a number of useful guides for community groups, including 'Simple Secrets of Successful Community Groups', 'Making Meetings Work' and 'Transforming Community Committees and Boards: from Hell to Heaven'. All are reasonably priced, check their website for more details – www.ourcommunity.com.au

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