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Keeping you up-to-date with all the Landcare news

A message from the Regional Landcare Coordinator

Hi everyone,

Grants and grant writing has been the flavour of the month here at North Central Catchment Management Authority, and it is all I have been doing!

We ran five very successful Victorian Landcare Grant Information sessions and Community Grant Writing workshops throughout the region in late May and early June. Those that attended learnt about the **2011-12 Victorian Landcare Grants** and that very important skill- grant writing. The five Community Grants Writing workshops helped participants master the art of 'grant writing' which can sometimes be a very daunting task- where to start and which grant best suits your project?

Kerry Anderson who facilitated the workshops gave an insight from both sides of the 'grants' fence; having worn the community hat, and writing many grant applications, to sitting on an assessment panel and working for a Philanthropic organisation whose job it is to allocate grants. Kerry emphasised the importance of project planning and some of the key do's and don'ts.

The workshops also provided people with a valuable networking opportunity and a chance to think about other avenues to source funding – sometimes collaborating with other community groups like the local footy club or a local business can open up doors to other sources of funding – think outside the square as there is always more than one way to go about it!

Since the workshop I have received great feedback from participants who left feeling more confident about putting a grant submission together- some have even put their new skills to the test and applied for funding.

Continuing on with the grants theme; I have already received a few **Victorian Landcare Grant applications** and I have spoke to several groups about their projects- looks like we are going to get some fantastic projects this year! It isn't too late to start putting together your application but don't forget they need to be submitted by **5pm on Monday 27 June 2011**.

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You might also have seen that the Federal Government's **Caring for our Country Community Action Grants** are now open - look in the 'Funding' section of the newsletter for more information.

Don't forget that if you have a Landcarer in your group or network that you think should be recognised, or you have a project that you are particularly proud of, then submit a nomination for a **Victorian and National Landcare Award**. This is a fantastic way to honour the people who make a positive difference in your community and local environment. Plus the deadline for applications has been extended for the Victorian Awards so now you have more time! Applications will now close Friday 22 July. For more information head to the Landcare Australia website www.landcareonline.com.au, alternatively contact Monique van Wierst on 03 9637 9804 or cel.hub@dse.vic.gov.au.

Until next time,

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Participants at the Community grant writing workshop in Castlemaine.
Photo: Courtesy of Jodie Odgers.

NEWS

We need your input for flood maps

As part of the North Central CMA's floodplain management role to collect, store and share flood information, the *Flood Extent Community Feedback Initiative* has been launched this month via the CMA's website and coincided with VicSES FloodSafe Awareness Week, which commenced Monday 30 May.

North Central CMA Floodplain Manager, Camille White, is enthusiastic about the initiative. "We are opening up a new level of communication with community members across North Central Victoria with a very important first message – your flood feedback is extremely important to us, and we want to hear from you.

"Community members have the opportunity to provide input to flood extent maps for towns that were subject to flooding over the past few months" Ms White said.

Throughout recent flood events, the North Central CMA collected data concerning the extent of each flood – from flood pegging and aerial photography, to vital information provided by community members across affected areas.

Ms White confirmed that the data has been turned into flood extent maps which will be available for viewing on the CMA's website in early June for the towns of Creswick, Clunes and Donald, with an additional ten maps to be available later in the month.

"Our maps are based on the best available information collected during the floods, however we are keen to receive feedback from community members who live in these areas to plot the locations of the flood extent as precisely as possible. This information can then be used as a record of these floods and to identify areas at risk from flooding, which is vital to improve town planning," concluded Ms White.

If this is of interest to you visit www.nccma.com.au or phone the North Central CMA on (03) 5448 7124 for more information on how to review and submit feedback on the flood extent maps. Instructions on how to use the online mapping tool is also available on the website.

Sugar Gliders and Brush-tailed Phascogales make themselves at home

Written by Connecting Country's Project Officer Bryan McMullan.

It is May 30 and Connecting Country nest box monitoring has finished for the season. All our little arboreal friends will now settle in and test their fecundity over the winter period. By late September, depending on environmental conditions, young should be observable leaving their nest.

From the outset the nest box program was an ambitious one and Connecting Country has been able to install over 380 boxes and develop an important relationship with over 100 landholders. Nest boxes were placed to achieve an even distribution across the Mt Alexander Shire region (152 895 ha). Nest box construction has been biased towards small arboreal animals and this appears to have been a success, thanks to the good design work of Miles Geldard at **Wildlife Nestboxes**. A total of 132 Sugar Gliders (often in groups) were observed using the boxes and the most exciting news is that 11 Brush-tailed Phascogales were observed.



Sugar Gliders using a nest box

Within the nine months that the nest boxes have been installed (some later than others), the uptake has been a success. In locations where no animal was observed, signs and traces indicated that a further 53 boxes contained glider nests and 6 others contained phascogale nest material. It is exciting to know that future juveniles, when leaving the nest, will have the opportunity to explore and colonise other boxes that have been made available through this initiative. It is my belief and hope that the nest box program will facilitate successful migration of the target species and provide safe refuge in woodlands that would otherwise be absent of suitable nesting habitat.



Phascogale using a nest box

It is important now for the nest boxes to be left undisturbed so that the breeding season may be a success. In March/April 2012 a follow up survey will occur and we will be well on our way to establishing a significant set of biodiversity improvement indicators.

For more information on the nest box program contact Connecting Country on 03 5472 1594 or to find out more about nest boxes in general head to Baynton Sidonia's workshop on Saturday 25 June- read the article '**Nestboxes and the Animals that Use Them**' under the events section!

Swan Hill Climate Forum



DPI AgFutures, North Central CMA, VFF and Swan Hill Rural City Council hosted a Climate Forum in Swan Hill on Tuesday 31 May. Participants heard from researchers, scientists and local farmers about a broad range of tools that can be used on farm to capitalise on a highly variable climate.

The highlight of the day was hearing from local horticulturalists, Kelvin and Nathan Free. The Frees' suggested that climate variability has always been a factor in Australian agriculture however they are continuing to modify their production system to better capitalise on this variability. They have recently started making their own compost, on farm, to increase soil health and biology. Composting has had the flow on benefits of reducing the duration and frequency of irrigation across the farm. In addition, the Frees' have moved towards certified organic farming to further improve soil health and to better market their products.

The proceedings from the forum will shortly be available on the Landcare Gateway website at: <http://northcentral.landcarevic.net.au/resources/workshop-material>. Alternatively, to receive a copy of the proceedings via mail please contact Ashley Beven, Regional Landcare Facilitator, on (03) 5448 7124 or ashley.beven@nccma.vic.gov.au.

Bus trip to the 'Recreating the Country' Field Day

On Friday 3 June, a mini-bus of enthusiastic individuals travelled from Bendigo to the Ballarat Region *Treegrower's Field Day: 'Recreating the Country'*. The Field Day showcased the first year growth of revegetation grown on an old Imery's kaolin mine site at Lal Lal, Victoria. The *ImLal Biorich Demonstration* site models a new type of revegetation, which integrates conservation with production.

After taking the scenic route to Lal Lal, the day began with a series of lectures in the local community hall. Presenters discussed the different aspects of the demonstration site including: history of the site, site design, farm forestry, flora and fauna monitoring, bird surveys, and the impact of native vegetation on water quality.

Keynote speaker Steve Murphy, Ecologist and author of the book '*Recreating the Country*' presented his 8 critical factors for sustainability of revegetation:

1. Number of species
2. Number of genera and family's
3. Food source potential
4. Plantation width
5. Number of layers
6. Habitat potential and diversity
7. Reproduction potential
8. Genetic viability.

Each of these factors could be related to the diversity, structure or genetics used in the revegetation planting.

The afternoon was spent exploring the *ImLal Biorich Demonstration* site with participants hearing about both the conservation and production aspects of the site. To learn more about the *ImLal Biorich Demonstration* site please visit the Ballarat Region Treegrowers website at <http://www.afg.asn.au/branches/victoria/ballarat.html>, where you can view a video about the site and find details about the '*Recreating the Country*' book.





Have your say!

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is conducting an information gathering project as the first phase in developing a revised Landcare policy statement to replace the Victorian Action Plan for Second Generation Landcare (2002-2012).

The project will focus on collecting information to assist DSE in understanding the issues and challenges facing Landcare in Victoria as well as current and future roles and opportunities.

This online survey is one of three data collection methods. It accompanies a series of 10 regional workshops and 50 telephone interviews across Victoria. The online survey provides an opportunity to gather information from people who are closely involved in Landcare, e.g. Landcare group and network members, Landcare support staff and agency staff.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, to 'have your say' go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/landcare_policy_information_gathering. The survey will be available until **Friday 1 July 2011**.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Home Is Where the Hall Is!

Home is Where the Hall is! is a grassroots, community arts initiative that celebrates the role of community halls across Victoria. During the month of November, halls from Mildura to Mallacoota will present a huge range of activities, selected and designed by the local community. From bake-offs to dance competitions, photography exhibitions to film nights, talent nights, poetry nights, mid-summer feasts, cabarets, fundraisers of various kinds, **Home is Where the Hall is!** will be a fantastic and fun way to celebrate these vital community hubs.

So how do I get my local hall involved?

1. Start planning an event for November, talk to your local Hall Committee and book a date!
2. Download the registration form from the website www.rav.net.au/assets/halls-2011-registration-form.pdf
3. Register your event with us by 1st September 2011 so we can add you to our marketing materials.
4. Keep checking the calendar of events online so you can see who else is organising a **Home is Where the Hall is!** event in your area
5. Start publicising your event with the marketing materials we provide (posters, postcards, website).
6. Hold your **Home is Where the Hall is!** event!

For more information or maybe some inspiration call the Regional Arts Development Officer closest to you or call **Home is Where the Hall is!** project manager, Ella McDonald on 03 9644 1809 or 1800 819 803.

ABC'S Open Region

ABC Open is a new initiative that will see 45 new ABC producers working in regional Australia to help create and share your stories and ideas. Over the next few months, ABC Open will invite you to get involved in lots of different ways using digital media. Each region has producers to help you develop and share the skills you need to engage in the project. 32 regions are currently open. It's an opportunity for you to tell the stories you care about, and to share the issues and ideas of regional Australia with the world. For more information go to www.open.abc.net.au/regions.

National Tree Day - Sunday 31 July 2011

Planet Ark is calling on all Green Thumbs to register and run a National Tree Day Site in 2011.

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day combine to make Australia's biggest community tree-planting event. Co-ordinated by Planet Ark, these are special days for all Australians to help out by planting and caring for native trees and shrubs to improve the environment in which they live. Since 1996 more than 2 million volunteers have planted over 15 million native trees and shrubs! It's a day to get down and get your hands dirty to help the planet!

Information and Registration www.treeday.planetark.org/.

EVENTS

Annual Friends of Terrick Terrick NP Open Weekend

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 30 September, 1&2 October 2011

As has been the case for the past five years, this year's open weekend will be the first weekend of October, from 4 pm Friday 30 September to 2 pm Sunday 2 October, even though this year's AFL grand final is now going to be played on that weekend.

It is a great opportunity to see local grasslands flora and fauna with expert interpretation, to assist with some park maintenance, hear great speakers and to enjoy great company.

Information: Keith Stockwell stocky@mcmedia.com.au or 5480 9254

Climate Forum for Bendigo Women

Victorian farming communities and businesses know that we have always had fluctuations from wet seasons to dry. Good old fashioned variability. So what makes the difference between wet seasons and droughts? And how is the climate changing over time?

Women from central Victorian communities can find the answers to these questions and more at a free forum on 24 June. The theme of the forum is *Climate Change and All That Stuff* and is run by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), and supported by the Rural Women Leading Change (RWLC) Southern Loddon Mallee Reference Group. The forum will be held at Big Hill Winery on the outskirts of Bendigo.

A range of topics will be presented at the forum by experts from DPI, including: soil recovery and managing soil health, climate variability and current opportunities in the Victorian carbon and bioenergy markets. Participants will also be introduced to DPI's well-known and sometimes naughty Climate Dogs.

When: 9.30 am to 3.30 pm on Friday 24 June 2011
(Lunch provided)

Where: Big Hill Winery, Corner of the Calder Highway and Belvoir Park Road.

Please contact Sheri Streilein on (03) 5482 0457 or 0429 336 284 to reserve your place. Registrations close on Tuesday 21 June 2011.

Nestboxes and the Animals that Use Them

Written by Clare, Baynton Sidonia Landcare Group



Photo: Seminar presenter, Miles Geldard, holds a recently captured tuau.

Once our district around Baynton would have been full of big old gum trees, with plenty of hollows for both birds and animals. Nowadays, we cannot magically put back those big old trees, but we can help the animals that used to live in them by providing nestboxes.

Come and join a workshop on nestboxes and the animals that need them! On Saturday 25 June from 4.30 to 8.30 pm you can learn about possums, gliders, tuans and lots of birds like the boobook owl, grey shrike thrush, pardelotes and the owlet nightjar.

Workshop leader, Miles Geldard a Habitat Restoration and Native Wildlife expert from Bendigo, will talk about all of the aspects of nestbox construction, installation and maintenance. Miles has many years of experience and has worked out the nesting box needs of each bird and animal species and how to provide for them.

This will be an entertaining and informative workshop of great interest and benefit to everyone who lives in this area. The workshop will run as follows:

4.30 pm Hands on nestbox activities for both adults and children

6 pm BBQ

7 – 8.30 pm Illustrated talk "A Landscape Approach to Habitat".

You are welcome to come to both parts of the workshop and enjoy the BBQ in between, or to just one part of the workshop and the BBQ. The workshop, sponsored by North Central CMA, will be held at the Baynton Hall, Darlington Road, Baynton and it is free! Please RSVP by calling Clare on 5423 4152.

Bridal Creeper

It's been a great year for weeds and Bridal Creeper is no exception. It's climbing up fences and native plants, and below the ground producing a mat of bulbs preventing native seeds from growing and spreading.

On Sunday 10 July from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Nuggetty Land Protection Group will hold a community workshop at their Bridal Creeper Trial site immediately behind the Maldon cemetery in the Maldon Historic Reserve.

Everyone is welcome to attend with or without any knowledge of this weed. The workshop will exhibit the results of earlier chemical treatment and demonstrate application methods, including making spore water from rust infected plants, chemical gloves, scrunching methods and physical removal. Finishing up with a free sausage sizzle and cupper.

Rust studied by the DPI, and introduced by Nuggetty and other Landcare groups, has had a great impact. The rust appears as a yellow spot on the underside of the leaf. The rust feeds on the plant, weakening it and reducing the seed production and tuber growth.

Ring Ian on 0412 015 807 or email iangrenda@live.com to put in orders for free bags of rust to be picked up on the day or for more information.

Integrated Weed Management Workshops

Recent challenges to our environment have exacerbated the issue of weeds throughout the region, but an innovative workshop promises to provide the key to weed management.

Landcare and the North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) are hosting an informative workshop titled *'Integrated Weed Management'* to be held at Boort and Woodend, on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June respectively.

The *'Integrated Weed Management'* workshops will be presented by prominent Professor Brian Sindel from the University of New England. Formally a member of CSIRO, Professor Sindel is now the Professor of Weed Science at the University. Professor Sindel is an author and editor of a wide range of well-known weed management resources and has over twenty years of invaluable knowledge, research and experience in weed ecology and management.

The workshops will be a helpful tool for anyone wanting to increase their knowledge on weeds. Topics covered at the workshop will include:

- Understanding weeds
- Weed spread and detection on farm
- The three secrets to successful weed management
- The five tactics for weed control
- Implementing Integrated Weed Management.

BOORT IWM WORKSHOP

When: 9 am to 2 pm, Tuesday 28 June 2011
(lunch provided)

Where: Boort Resource Information Centre,
119 Godfrey Street, Boort, VIC 3537.

WOODEND IWM WORKSHOP

When: 9 am to 2 pm, Wednesday 29 June 2011
(lunch provided)

Where: Woodend Community Centre, Corner of Forest
and High Streets, Woodend, VIC 3442

Anyone interested in the workshop should contact North Central CMA by 5 pm Thursday 23 June by emailing reception@nccma.vic.gov.au or phoning 03 5448 7124.



Victoria's Mallee country needs your help-join Project Hindmarsh

The Project Hindmarsh Community Planting Weekend is on again (20-21 August) and organisers are putting the call out for volunteers who want to get their hands dirty. This is your chance to be part of a habitat restoration project that has been restoring degraded ecosystems in one of the most cleared parts of Australia for more than a decade.

To register for the event and to obtain your information kit, visit the Hindmarsh Shire Council website www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Box Ironbark Woodland: How much fire is enough?

Thursday the 25 August, 6.30 pm soup, 7 pm start at the Campbells Creek Community Centre. Free entry and supper.

Land managers of Box-Ironbark forests today have the difficult role of protecting plant and animal life as well as people and property. Doing this well depends on detailed knowledge of the bush; which is often lacking. Arn Tolsma, Senior Scientist in Community Ecology from the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research will explore what we know about the fire history of the local area, both Aboriginal and European. Join Connecting Country for an interesting evening, and a nice feed of locally-sourced produce.

And please don't forget to RSVP!

Hope to see you there,
Krista

COURSES & RESOURCES

New Parks Victoria Website

Parks Victoria has a new website - due for release in June 2011. New web tools and functionality incorporated into www.parks.vic.gov.au will allow for registration, personalisation, content contribution, voting, tagging, blogs, forum and wiki contributions and user-generated content across the site as well as interactive mapping. Friends Groups can still list their organisational and activity details but the new website will enable Friends to submit their events directly into Parks Victoria's events calendar and utilise many of the new web 2.0 technologies and social media tools to promote and enhance their activities within parks.

For more information or to find out how to get involved contact Melissa Agland, HPHP Online Project Officer at magland@parks.vic.gov.au or on 03 8627 4782.



Regional Toolbox for Environmental Change forum at Narmbool

Presented by Greening Australia in partnership with Sovereign Hill and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Regional Toolbox for Environmental Change forum on Friday 19 August is Victoria's premier conference for those involved in education for sustainability in Regional Victoria. The event is also sponsored by the Ballarat Courier, the University of Ballarat and the Bug Blitz Trust.

Now in its 3rd year and held at the Narmbool Discovery Camp at Elaine (30 mins south of Ballarat), the forum provides a key opportunity for teachers, educators and administrators to share and build creative approaches to sustainability in school communities.

The forum will engage, challenge and inspire teachers and educators with 'hands-on' workshops showcasing environmental activities, successful partnerships between organisations and schools, school case studies and the ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic framework.

Greening Australia invites you to register as a participant by downloading the registration form from their website www.greeningaustralia.org.au. To avoid disappointment please register before Friday 12 August 2011. For further information, contact Jim Mead on 03 9450 5321.

Box Ironbark Ecology Course - Nagambie, 10 - 14th October 2011

This course is for those interested in gaining a general understanding of ecological processes and principles.

Five absorbing days of field studies in the heart of Box Ironbark country. Registrations Now Open!

This five day residential course commences on Monday 10 October and concludes on Friday 14 October, 2011.

Topics Include:

- Distribution and history of the ecosystem including indigenous use and post settlement impacts.
- Introductory sessions on geomorphology, soils, fauna and vegetation communities.
- Flora and Fauna of the region - how to read the landscape, search for and identify the plants, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates that inhabit Box Ironbark communities.
- Detailed study of ecological interactions between landscape, soils, plants and animals and implications for management.
- Survey skills and project planning.

Participants will gain;

- a better understanding of the distribution, natural values and ecological processes of Box Ironbark landscapes, past and present;
- an understanding of the impact of human use on the ecosystem, past and present;
- practical skills in observation, description, survey, analysis, interpretation, map reading and ecosystem monitoring of flora, fauna, geomorphology and soils;
- opportunity to apply new skills and to collate and communicate information collected from the field;
- resources to help plan for enhanced ecologically sustainable management outcomes for Box Ironbark remnants on private and public land.

Accommodation will be shared, in comfortable on-site units at the Nagambie Lakes Leisure Resort with en suite facilities. Catering is inclusive of all meals.

The course fee for 2011 is \$1,400 (plus GST) which includes accommodation, meals, transport, instruction and course notes. Under the FarmReady program, primary producers and indigenous land managers are eligible for a reimbursement of the costs associated with attending this course. Please contact the Course Convenor (details on next page) for more information.

The course is limited to 30 participants. Further details, including the Course Notes, will be mailed out to registered participants, closer to the date.

For all enquiries contact Kim Wilson (until the 5 September) E-mail: kim.wilson@dse.vic.gov.au Tel: 03 5784 0623 or Kate Stothers (from 5 Sept 2011 onwards) Email: kate.stothers@dse.vic.gov.au Tel: 03 5761 1572

Supported by:

City of Greater Bendigo, Caring for Our Country, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Shire of Strathbogie, North Central Catchment Management Authority and the Federal Government's FarmReady Program.

Help for Public Officers and Secretaries

The PilchConnect Guide for Public Officers and Secretaries is designed to help Public Officers and/or Secretaries and others within your organisation by alerting them to their legal obligations and offering "good governance" tips for running an incorporated association in Victoria. It doesn't matter whether you are a volunteer in a small support group, or a paid officer of a large social club - any public officer or secretary of an incorporated association in Victoria can benefit from the Guide. The Guide may also be useful for other members of your organisation's management committee (or governing body, such as the "board"), as well as people and organisations who work with incorporated associations (such as peak bodies and advocacy groups).

The recently updated version of the Guide is available now at PilchConnect website www.pilch.org.au/incguide.



Educating young Australians for a Sustainable Future

Our Cool School is a leading online resource for environmental information for young Australians. The resource brings together all sorts of information and activities to help students, teachers and parents work together towards a cleaner and greener future. Learning activities are year level specific, catering for Years One to Ten, and are linked to curriculum standards. The website also contains fact sheets, videos, news articles, links and grants guides on environmental issues. To check out this online resource please visit: <http://www.ourcoolschool.org/>.



FUNDING NEWS

2011/12 Community Action Grants Round Announced

Community groups can now apply for small grants to help fund local environmental and sustainable agriculture projects. Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Dr Mike Kelly, announced that there is \$5 million available through the 2011-12 Community Action Grants round.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 are available to help local community groups undertake activities such as planting trees, revegetating landscapes, rehabilitating dunes, removing weeds, controlling pests, holding field days, recording traditional ecological knowledge and improving sustainable land management practices.

Individuals are not eligible for Community Action Grants and projects must be completed within 18 months. Importantly the Community Action Grants can be used for on ground works or capacity building within the community. This gives groups greater flexibility in developing a project that best meets the needs of their local community. The grants were instituted in direct response to feedback from the community about the need for a small grants process for groups to undertake work in their local areas.

Community Action Grants are part of the Australian Government's *Caring for our Country* initiative.

Applications for the **2011-12 Community Action Grants will close Monday 1 August 2011**. More information on grants, including how to apply, is available at www.nrm.gov.au or by calling 1800 552 008.

Victorian Landcare Grants- Call for applications

The North Central CMA is calling for applications for the next round of the State Government's Victorian Landcare Grants program for (incorporated) community groups to undertake natural resource management (NRM) projects in 2011-12.

The Victorian Landcare Grants Program, previously referred to as the Second Generation Landcare Program, continues to have an emphasis on community capacity building. It is designed to fund projects that enable NRM community groups, networks and their volunteers to undertake effective onground works to increase ecosystem resilience and contribute to sustainable landscapes.

The grants program will fund activities that align to the categories of:

- Supporting community volunteers and leveraging community action,
- Positively influencing the management practices of private landholders; and,
- Building the skills and capacity of the community to undertake NRM activities.

There are two grant types available:

- Project grants (up to \$20,000)
- Maintenance and start up grants (up to \$1,000)

Applications close 5 pm Monday 27 June 2011.

For further information or to download the application forms and guidelines, visit the North Central CMA website: www.nccma.vic.gov.au. Alternatively please contact Jodie Odgers, Regional Landcare Coordinator on 03 5440 1883 or email jodie.odgers@nccma.vic.gov.au.

RACV Community Grants

The RACV Community Grants are now open. To be eligible groups need to be endorsed as a 'deductable gift recipient'. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for projects that fall under the category of environmental sustainability. Applications close 1 July 2011. For more information or to apply, go to the RACV website www.racv.com.au.

Junior Landcare Grants- Round 2 closing soon

The third round of Junior Landcare Grants for this year is closing soon! Coles has been providing **School Garden Grants** of up to \$1,000 to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens. More information at www.juniorlandcare.com.au/grants-2.

Round 3 of the Coles School Garden Grant Friday 5 August, 5 pm (EST).