

North Central Chat

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



December 2023

A message from the Regional Landcare Coordinator

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the final North Central Chat for 2023. As we hurtle towards the end of the year, it's great to reflect on the year that has been. Personally, it's been a busy but rewarding one – starting as the RLC is definitely a highlight. I've enjoyed getting out and about and was pleased to attend the Loddon Plains Landcare Network AGM at the end of October and Connecting Country's AGM mid-November. It's fantastic to hear what Landcare groups across the region have achieved over the past 12 months.

Chicks in the Sticks was a wonderful event once again. More than 80 women got together at the fabulous East Loddon Woolshed to celebrate the achievements of rural women in agriculture and the environment. We heard from science communicator Tanya Ha, who shared her personal journey and highlighted the importance of networks in tackling challenges in the face of climate change. Tanya says the ability of people to network, collaborate and share information with each other brings broader benefits; and we need rural champions to be more visible with our city counterparts. These are both things the Landcare community can do well.

Jayne Lawson of Black Wallaby Wines at Bridgewater talked about her own journey through wine making. She also shared their joy in watching platypus return to the Loddon River in front of their house due to the environmental flows and the increased health of the river.

Aunty Marilyne Nicholls ran a popular workshop, demonstrating the use of traditional digging sticks to plant kangaroo grass seedlings. It was wonderful to learn about traditional practices of the local First Nations women and the importance of sharing this knowledge.

I also attended the Seeding Victoria native seed collection workshop in St Arnaud. They partnered with Cassinia Environmental to run the workshops and outlined that BushBank will require more than six tonnes of native seed to achieve the 20,000 hectare revegetation targets, an



Chicks in the Sticks at the iconic East Loddon Woolshed

Photo: Courtesy of Anna Osborne

ambitious goal. If you're interested in learning more about native seed collection, head over to the Seeding Victoria website.

With International Volunteer Day coming up on December 5, it's a great opportunity to say thank you to all of the wonderful Landcare and WaterWatch volunteers across the region. We have nearly 1700 passionate Landcare volunteers in the North Central CMA area and we would like to acknowledge the more than 140,000 hours of volunteering they contribute every year to enhancing the natural environment. Please take the opportunity on December 5 to thank a volunteer.

I hope you all have a safe and restful festive season.

Happy reading,

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Connecting rivers, landscapes, people

The North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) acknowledges Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the region, their rich cultures, spiritual connection to Country.

www.nccma.vic.gov.au



Images from Chicks in the Sticks

All images by Anna Osborne Photography



Above: Digging stick workshop with Aunty Marilyn Nicholls



Above: Jayne Lawson from Black Wallaby Wines

Below: Aunty Marilyn Nicholls



Above: Tanya Ha

Right: The Woolshed tour



News...

Biosecurity Quest continues...

Citizen science is a great way to get involved and you don't need a science background or technical know-how to take part.

Biosecurity is all about protecting what we value most by preventing and managing harm caused by pests and diseases. One way you can get involved is by joining the Great Biosecurity Quest.



[The Great Biosecurity Quest](#) | [Get involved](#) | [Biosecurity | Agriculture Victoria](#)



TreeProject calling for volunteer growers

Register to become a volunteer grower and grow seedlings in your own backyard.

TreeProject brings urban and rural communities together to put trees back in the landscape. They have a network of trained volunteers to grow indigenous seedlings for rural landholders and Landcare groups who need help with revegetation.

TreeProject is currently inviting new growers to join the program. Find out how to get involved, or how to order seedlings, at the [TreeProject website](#).

Nature guide launch: Grasses of Central Victoria

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has launched its fifth publication in the nature guide family.

Grasses of Central Victoria is an easy reference guide for beginners to be used in the farm paddock or bushland to identify common grass species in the region.

Copies can be obtained from Macedon Ranges Shire offices or can be downloaded as a digital version. All five guides can be found and [viewed online](#).

Water for the environment in Victoria 2022-2023

Victorian Environmental Water Holder

Reflections highlights actions in 2022-2023 by the Victorian Environmental Water Holder (VEWH) and partners to support the health of waterways, landscapes, and communities through the Victorian environmental watering program.

The [Reflections report](#) is available to read on the VEWH website.

Growers needed for research to assess regen ag

GRDC GroundCover

A national hunt is on for at least 60 growers who use a range of farming practices to assist in a GRDC research investment exploring current cropping methods, with a focus on regenerative agriculture.

Regenerative agriculture has become a topical issue in Australia in recent years, however there is no regulatory or widely accepted definition of the practice.

GRDC's investment aims to gain a better understanding of the relevant objectives and how they might be changing soil, land, and business management.

Using this knowledge, the project team will establish ways to monitor the potential benefits or disadvantages of regenerative agriculture in Australian cropping systems across a range of agronomic, soil health, ecological, social and economic indicators.

[Read the full article here](#). Interested growers can contact Dr Adam Canning on adam.canning@scu.edu.au

Have your say on Regional Drought Resilience Plans

Agriculture Victoria is facilitating the development of Regional Drought Resilience Plans to prepare for future droughts.

These are shared through the Engage Victoria platform with interested stakeholders in the specific regions to provide input and feedback. This phase of engagement is your best opportunity to influence the Regional Drought Resilience Plans and shape its actions.

In partnership with the Commonwealth, Agriculture Victoria is coordinating the development of Drought Resilience Plans across Victoria. These plans are a part of the Regional Drought Resilience Planning (RDRP) program of the [Commonwealth Government's Future Drought Fund](#) and will be developed from 2021 to 2024.

The program aims to empower and enable communities to be better prepared and able to manage future dry seasonal conditions and droughts. This program will guide future investments and actions to manage regional drought resilience.

The first year of the program saw three Drought Resilience Plans developed for the Gippsland, Wimmera Southern Mallee and Goulburn regions of Victoria which have been published and are available through [Agriculture Victoria](#).

Three Drought Resilience Plans for Barwon, Central Highlands and Great South Coast have completed public engagement and are in the review phase.

Action Frameworks have now been developed for:

- Loddon Campaspe, covering the LGAs of Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Macedon Ranges, Mount Alexander.
- Mallee, covering the LGAs of Buloke, Gannawarra, Mildura, Swan Hill.
- Ovens Murray, covering LGAs of Alpine, Benalla, Indigo, Mansfield, Towong, Wangaratta, Wodonga.

Agriculture Victoria is seeking your input and feedback to ensure that actions to build drought resilience are developed collaboratively, focusing on shared approaches that benefit individuals, communities and the regions.

How to participate

Head to the [EngageVic website](#), select your relevant region and take the 15-30 minute survey to provide feedback on the action framework's themes, outcomes and actions.



Birds in backyards seasonal surveys

Contribute valuable data to help Australia's birds

Article From Birdlife Australia

Birds in Backyards seasonal surveys are super simple to do, and it's free to take part. All you have to do is hop onto the Birdata website or the Birdata app, and follow the instructions. It only takes 20 minutes, plus a moment to jot down some simple information about your garden. Anybody can participate. The data you gather is vitally important for our team of scientists.

Birds in Backyards Seasonal Surveys take place across the year, with four survey periods, one for each of the seasons:

- Autumn (March and April)
- Winter (June and July)
- Spring (September and October)
- Summer (December and January)

You can participate in a Birds in Backyards seasonal survey almost anywhere. If you've got a backyard, you can do it there. However, even people who don't have backyards can take part. Any location near your home where you can see birds is fine. You might try a school, for example, or the local park.

The purpose of this survey is to see how birds are doing in our urban areas. Cities can be hostile places for birds, and we want to know about things like their numbers, their behaviour and what features of our gardens they like, and what they avoid.

Most people will be able to take part in these surveys easily, even if they have little birding experience. The survey forms will help you to identify common birds in your area to get you started.

The data you gather will provide important information for our team of scientists.

To find out more head to the [Birdlife Australia website](#).



International Volunteer Day

Tuesday, 5 December is International Volunteer Day, a day to celebrate and promote volunteering.

There are millions of volunteers in Australia and the contributions they make to communities around the country are enormous.

International Volunteer Day is an opportunity to acknowledge, thank, and shine a light on the important work of volunteers. More information and resources are available at [International Volunteer Day - Volunteering Australia](#)



Volunteering Victoria State Conference 2024

Volunteering Victoria is inviting submissions from qualified and passionate presenters for the concurrent breakout sessions at the 2024 State Conference. Submissions are due by 8 December, 2023.

The conference on 19 and 20 June, is a hybrid event featuring local, national and international speakers, across plenary and concurrent breakout sessions.

More than 250 delegates are expected to attend the conference being held at Pullman Melbourne on the Park.

A strong turnout from volunteer managers and coordinators across the state is expected, although attendance from those outside the sector will also be encouraged.

For the first time, they will also be offering both online and regional attendance options to increase accessibility for those outside metropolitan Melbourne.

More information and applications to present can be found here:

<https://www.vvstateconference.org.au/presentations-eoi/>



2023/2024 Victorian Landcare Awards

Nominations for the 2023/2024 Victorian Landcare Awards are now open!

Now in its 32nd year, the state and territory Landcare Awards stand as a prestigious biennial national Landcare Awards program. The objective is to honour individuals, groups, and organisations who are making outstanding contributions to caring for the environment in their local communities for the benefit of all Australians today, and for generations to come.

In each state and territory, the Landcare Awards will be granted to recognise the achievements that encompass climate action, environmental leadership, sustainable agriculture, First Nations, Women in Landcare, youth, Coastcare and children.

Nominating is free. You can nominate yourself, or you can nominate someone you know who should be recognised for their work to restore, enhance, and protect the natural environment in their community.

Nominating is easy. If you know an individual, group or organisation in your community making a difference to the environment and sustainable land or water use, nominate them for a Landcare Award.

The winners of the nine national Landcare Award categories will advance as finalists to the 2024 National Landcare Awards.

Victoria only Landcare awards categories

There are five Victoria only award categories:

- Joan Kirner Landcare Award
- Victorian Farmers Federation/Landcare Victoria Inc. Heather Mitchell Memorial Fellowship

- Dr Sidney Plowman Travel and Study Award
- Landcare and Environmental Volunteer Group Award
- Landcare and Environmental Volunteer Network Award

The detailed criteria for the five Victoria-only Landcare Awards categories and how to nominate are [here](#).

National Landcare Awards categories

There are nine national award categories:

- Australian Government Climate Innovation Award
- Australian Government Sustainable Agriculture Landcare Award
- Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award
- Australian Government Community Partnerships Landcare Award
- Coastcare Award
- First Nations Landcare Collaboration Award
- Women in Landcare Award
- Woolworths Junior Landcare Award
- NextGen Landcare Award

The detailed criteria for the nine state and territory Landcare awards (national) categories and how to nominate are [here](#).

At home with biodiversity

Malmsbury District Landcare

John Walter

Malmsbury District Landcare conducted the first of several light sheet surveys early November. More than 147 different insect, spider and other invertebrate species were recorded during the survey, with many requiring further identification.

This survey was conducted as part of the At Home With Biodiversity project, funded through the Victorian Landcare Grants.

Light sheet surveys are a great way to see some of the invertebrate life around us without having to spend days in the field with a net or other collection tools. Different insect species came to the light sheets at different times of the night, with plenty appearing by 9.30pm for the Landcare group participants to see. However, many interesting species arrived after midnight, including the Bright twisted moth, the first time John has seen this species.



Above:

Beautiful leaf moth *Gastrophora henricaria*



Above: Black and white tiger moth *Ardices glatignyi*



Above: Bright twisted moth *Parepisparis lutosaria*

All photos by John Walter



WaterWatch Victoria

Hugely successful 2023

From our 30-year anniversary celebration in March to our jam-packed spring events calendar, it has been a wonderful year for North Central WaterWatch.

We have celebrated our long-time volunteers and welcomed a bunch of new monitors and sincerely thank each and every one of you for contributing to WaterWatch and citizen science programs during 2023.

I would also like to thank my superb team, Britt, Nicole, Asha, Aunty Marilyne, and Andre for your contributions throughout the year. I am blessed to be able to work alongside such committed and passionate staff and look forward to doing it all again with you in 2024 (after a much-deserved rest).

Please get in touch with me directly for any WaterWatch or citizen science queries including equipment refills over summer.

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.

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COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAM

Would you like to know more about pesticides ?

Many North Central CMA region River Detective schools have enjoyed collecting samples during 2023 for Deakin University's Pesticide Watch program.

This has been a valuable addition to their suite of monthly water quality tests and offered opportunities to learn about pesticides in relation to waterway and catchment health.

Now at the conclusion of his 2023 research, I recently recorded a webinar with Deakin honors students Brady Hamilton posing questions that students from around the state had pre-submitted.

The webinar is a great watch for students and available on the North Central CMA's youtube channel for anyone interested in the potential impacts of pesticides, the preliminary results of Brady's testing of samples from Tasmania to Queensland, how we balance the demands of a growing population's need for food with pesticide use and environmental health and what the future holds.

Brady's full thesis will be available in the new year.



2024 River Detectives registrations OPEN NOW

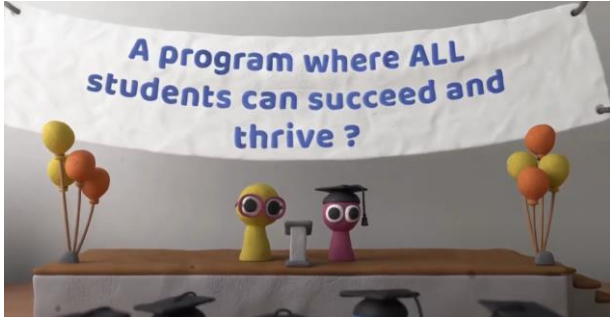
We are excited to announce that registrations for the 2024 River Detectives program are now open for schools and youth groups in the North Central CMA region. Registrations will be taken until Wednesday, 14 February 2024.

We welcome registrations from current, past, or new schools/groups from across the region with priority given to schools within CMA priority project areas. These are:

- RiverScan Native Fish Recovery and Ramsar wetlands (Gunbower, Kerang and lower Loddon)
- A Healthy Coliban Catchment project area
- Bendigo Creek Citizen Science project area

Head to the [River Detectives website](#) or click this [link](#) to apply.

River Detectives is FREE, fun, and flexible, helping young people collect real data from waterways that matter to them in their local environment. Check out our [animation](#) to see what the program can offer you.



If you are a teacher, student, parent, Landcarer, or passionate community member keen for your town's school to get involved in citizen science and advocate for your local waterway please encourage them to sign up or contact me for a chat.

And that's a wrap . . .

It's been a huge year full of rewarding teaching and learning experiences.

Thank you to the teachers, facilitators, students and volunteers who've helped make the River Detectives so successful in 2023.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and restful holiday.

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Upcoming Events and Special Days

December	
World Soil Day	5 Dec
International Volunteers Day	5 Dec
Coastcare Week	4-10 Dec
International Mountain Day	11 Dec
January	
Australia Day	26 Jan
February	
World Wetlands Day	2 Feb
International Day of Women and Girls in Science	11 Feb



Sustainable Ag Snippet...

North Central soil moisture update – November 2023

Article supplied by Dale Boyd, Agriculture Victoria

Data for seasonal update collected from [Soil Moisture Monitoring | Soil Moisture Monitoring \(extensionaus.com.au\)](#) Acknowledge data contribution from the North Central CMA Raywood network.

Summary

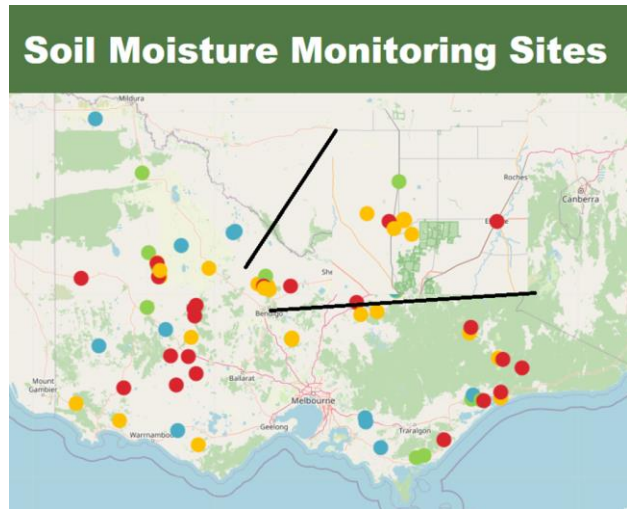
The Victorian rainfall decile map for the winter crop season from April to the end of October was average to below average rainfall. A large rain band went across the state on 3 October, with good rainfall in the north and central Victoria and tracking down to east Gippsland. This was essential to gain decile 4-7. High biomass crops that had been depleting soil moisture reserves during August required this rain as the soil water demand during the dry September (decile 1) was big. The October rain has produced significant production benefits for the region as it paused the depletion of the soil moisture reserves briefly before crops continued to use the remaining deep moisture.

Paddocks will need to be assessed during Autumn for plant available deep soil moisture conditions as there is variable moisture remaining after finishing high yield crops in a dry spring.

Local network data has soil profiles 20 to 60 per cent in annual cropping paddocks, after excellent crop root structure utilised the deep moisture reserves. This was essential to permit crops to grow without the typical moisture stress that can be experienced in September with no effective rainfall.

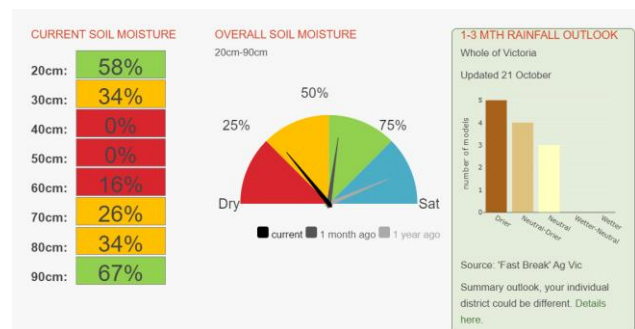
Perennial paddocks (lucerne) are depleting moisture towards a wilting point that will stop further growth until further rain. Fortunately, the lucerne's response to the October rain was to produce high quality and quantity feed for grazing into early summer.

[Seasonal outlook](#) is a split between neutral and likely drier across Victoria during summer, for [updates head to the soil moisture monitoring site](#).



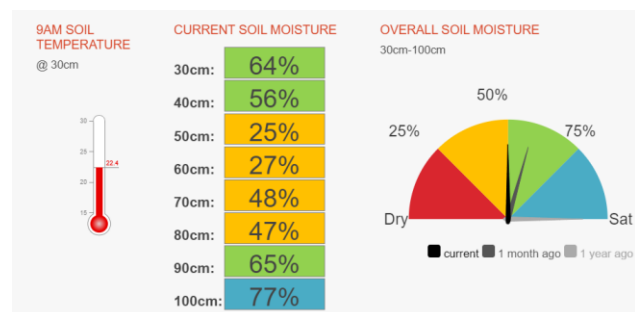
Source – Agriculture Victoria SMM dashboard, cropping and pasture sites have depleted moisture reserves and wet fallow paddocks (blue dots) in the Mallee stand out.

Soil moisture dashboard displays



Raywood West winter crop (canola) soil moisture monitoring site, sodosol soil

Canola has consumed most moisture reserves. Particularly at 40-60cm.

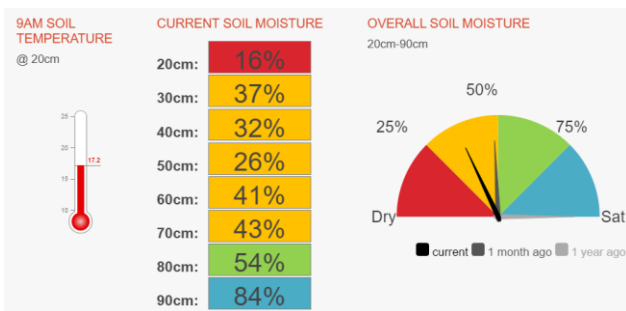




Raywood North, Pasture monitoring site, clover/ryegrass 2023.

Majority of the pasture production would be generated from using the shallow moisture and this was re-filled with the early October rain.

Infiltration was down to 60cm. The deeper moisture is keeping the pasture green rather than contributing to yield.



Neilborough winter crop (barley) soil moisture monitoring site, clay soil.

Prior to the October rain, moisture depletion at this site was large and was down to 30 per cent moisture.

Most of the rainfall appears to be used during October and this traffic light display could be typical of district soils, being dry on top and some moisture still in the mid profile and slightly more at depth.

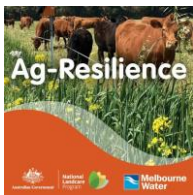
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Courses and Resources...

Spotlight on podcasts

Looking for something to listen to on that long summer holiday drive? Or while you are on the header driving around the paddock? Here's a few of our favourite podcasts to help fill in those long hours. Find them wherever you get your podcasts.



Ag-resilience – Melbourne Water

This series will provide information and conversation for farmers as the industry tackles some very big environmental and economic challenges.

[Ag-Resilience \(pod.link\)](#)



Saltgrass podcast

Saltgrass is a fortnightly radio show and podcast highlighting and celebrating what people are doing about the climate crisis in their own communities.

Created on Djaara country in Castlemaine, Central Victoria, Australia.

[Saltgrass Podcast – Salt of the earth people. Grassroots change.](#)



Ag Vic Talk podcast

Episodes cover contemporary problems and solutions on how members of the agricultural community recover, grow, modernise, protect, and promote Victorian agriculture.

[AgVic Talk podcast series | Podcasts | Support and resources | Agriculture Victoria](#)



Business of Biodiversity – NSW DPI

What are the opportunities for business to support threatened species? We explore how landholders, tech companies and innovators are making a difference for threatened species and bringing them back from the brink. The podcast explores why biodiversity is not just good for the environment but business, too.

[Saving our Species podcast: Business of biodiversity | NSW Environment and Heritage](#)



Big Sky Country – Bush Heritage podcast

This podcast takes you deep into the bush. Travel our vast country, from the eucalypt woodlands of central Victoria, to the plains of Arnhem Land.

[Audio & Podcasts - Bush Heritage Australia](#)



Victorian National Parks Association podcasts

Listen in to learn about the history of successful nature protection campaigns in Victoria.

[Podcasts - Victorian National Parks Association Victorian National Parks Association \(vnpa.org.au\)](#)



My Rain Gauge is Busted – Ag Vic podcast

Here at My Rain Gauge is Busted we talk about all things climate and farming, and explore stories from farmers, researchers and innovative folks, about our weather, the seasons and the climate, about what's normal and what isn't, and the great work underway that is well setting us up for the future.

[My Rain Gauge is Busted podcast series | Podcasts | Support and resources | Agriculture Victoria](#)



ABC Science Show

The Science Show gives Australians unique insights into the latest scientific research and debate, from the physics of cricket to prime ministerial biorhythms.

[The Science Show with Robyn Williams - ABC listen](#)



The Weekend Birder podcast

Hear birdwatching stories and advice. Explore a range of topics, from identifying birds to finding good birdwatching spots. Guests include birdwatchers of all experience levels, scientists, artists and more. Stream on your podcast app or on the website.

[Weekend Birder](#)



Talk to the hands – Stories of Landcare

Although this podcast hasn't had any new eps since 2018, it's got some great Landcare stories.

[Talk to the Hands: Stories of Landcare on Apple Podcasts](#)



Ground Cover podcast

Welcome to Ground Cover by Regenerative Ag Alliance and Southern Cross University. A podcast created for farmers, by farmers. Ground Cover is a uniquely Australian podcast series exploring real life stories of land managers who have undertaken the transition from conventional farming to regenerative agriculture.

[Ground Cover on Apple Podcasts](#)



Scat Chat with WWF

Tune in to the podcast Scat Chat with WWF-Australia to get to the bottom of all the things that animal scat - or poo - can teach us about the animals that made it and how you can help.

[Scat Chat with WWF - WWF-Australia | Scat chat with WWF | WWF Australia](#)

Fire preparedness toolkit

Agriculture Victoria

Build a fire plan using checklists and templates from the Fire Preparedness Toolkit.

The characteristics of every farm and farming business are different and each farm requires a unique approach to fire preparedness.

Fire can affect properties rapidly and cause devastating impacts.

Developing a fire plan and undertaking the tasks identified within it, will assist farmers and land managers to be better prepared and recover faster, should their property be affected by fire.

A fire plan can help to protect your home, livestock and vital farm infrastructure. A plan will also help identify the timing of activities so they can be undertaken at the appropriate time.

Read more about the toolkit and preparing your property for fire on the [Agriculture Victoria website](#).

[Download the toolkit](#) or request a hard copy of the toolkit to be delivered in the mail via the website.



Intro to Cultural Awareness training in 2024

Please register your interest in participating in our free online training for Environmental Volunteers next year <https://forms.office.com/r/0tDpV77aLM>

In the session you will learn about:

- The importance of Acknowledgements
- Connection to Country
- Understanding self-determination
- The benefits of engagement

The session will be delivered by Yuin man Jamie Williamson, a Traditional Owner engagement specialist and founder of Dawaray Business Services.



Nature Stewards Program 2024

Discover the world around you

Would you like to learn more about your local environment, and the different ways you can support it?

The City of Greater Bendigo are excited to be partnering with the Victorian National Parks Association and DEECA to host the popular Nature Stewards program for 18 to 35-year olds.

Nature Stewards is a six-week program that connects curious people with their local and wider habitats.

You can discover more about the native plants and animals that call your neighbourhood home; the different ways to care for them and the environment; where to get active and use your talents locally; and meet others who share your interests.

Applications are open now and close Sunday 31 March 2024.

When: Saturdays, 13 April to 18 May 2024

Where: The Bendigo Library

Details: Six classes 9:30am to 12:30pm | Four to six field sessions 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Cost: \$250 full fee or \$65 concession*

*Full time students, health care and pension card holders

[Register here.](#)



Soil carbon courses

SoilCQuest 2031

SoilCQuest is offering short online self-paced courses which simplify the often-complex world of soil carbon, farm emissions and carbon farming projects.

Growing Soil Carbon 101 is for farmers, farm managers, agronomists, agribusiness and government employees, students and teachers. It covers soil carbon on the farm; growing soil carbon in cropping and grazing; measuring soil carbon.

For more information and to enrol head to the [SoilCQuest website](#).



Youth Participation 101 workshop

YACVic is holding an online workshop for anyone who works with young people (12-25).

Do you need guidance to boost your youth groups, programs and advocacy? Does your team need to re-engage their passion and/or fill up their toolbox for effective youth participation?

At the Youth Participation workshop, you'll figure out the common thread of your successes, and unpick the barriers you may be encountering to increase your confidence in working alongside young people.

When: 4 December 9am to noon

Where: Online

Cost: \$60 - \$80

RSVP: [Register online](#)

Funding opportunities...



National Science Week grants now open

Individuals and organisations interested in delivering science engagement activities during National Science Week in 2024 (10 to 18 August) can apply for grants between \$2,000 and \$20,000.

Activities can include:

- in-person activities such as workshops, fairs and theatre
- online activities with two-way audience participation
- do-it-yourself (DIY) activities
- virtual tours
- other events and activities.

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). It is a big part of the Australian Government's approach to science engagement and inspiring Australians to pursue a career in STEM.

The Australian Government funds the National Science Week Grants under the Inspiring Australia Science Engagement Programme. There is a total of \$500,000 in grant funding available for these grants each year.

Applications close at **5pm on Monday, 11 December 2023 AEDT**.

[Apply now.](#)

Other available grants

City of Greater Bendigo

Rural Regeneration Grant

15 December 2023

\$2,000 from an undisclosed pool

[Rural Regeneration Grant | City of Greater Bendigo](#)

City of Greater Bendigo

Small grants

30 June 2024

\$2,000 from an undisclosed pool

[Grant categories and provisions | City of Greater Bendigo](#)

City of Greater Bendigo

Community Group Essentials grants

30 June 2024

\$2,000 from an undisclosed pool

[Community grants | City of Greater Bendigo](#)

Community Enterprise Foundation

Community Bank Inglewood & District Grants Program VIC

31 December 2023

Undisclosed. Equipment for community groups

[Grant - Foundation \(communityenterprisefoundation.com.au\)](#)

Damien Greer Lawyers

Community Grant

31 December 2023

\$2,500 from undisclosed pool

[Community Grant | Damien Greer Lawyers](#)

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Rural Finance

On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme - VIC

30 June 2024

\$25,000 from a pool of \$100,000,000

[On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme - DCCEEW](#)

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)

Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC)
- Rebuilding Regional Communities
Large Grants

4 December 2023

\$50,000 from a pool of \$950,000

[Strengthening Rural Communities –
Rebuilding Regional Communities |
FRRR](#)

[Minor Grants \(ngshire.vic.gov.au\)](https://ngshire.vic.gov.au)

Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)

Large Grants Program

29 February 2024

\$5,001 to \$100,000 from an undisclosed pool

[Large Grants Program - VFA](#)

LaunchVic, Agriculture Victoria

AgTech Grants Program

30 June 2024

\$50,000 from an undisclosed pool

[Grants - LaunchVic](#)

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Small Project Grants

30 June 2024

\$3,000 from a pool of \$30,000

[Small Project Grants - Macedon Ranges
Shire Council \(mrsc.vic.gov.au\)](#)

Murray River Council (MRC)

Quick Response Grants

7 June 2024

\$2,500 from an undisclosed pool

[Quick Response \(QR\) Grants Program
Murray River Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Minor Grants

30 June 2024

\$1,000 from an undisclosed pool