

Get involved

Interested in getting involved with your local community environment group? Macedon Ranges Shire has over 30 Landcare and Environment Friends Groups. The volunteer activities that these groups undertake include improving farmland, restoring natural ecosystems, fauna and flora monitoring and community education.

If you would like to find out more about which groups are active in your region of the Shire, please visit Council's website or via email: environment@mrcsc.vic.gov.au



Environment eNewsletter

The monthly Environment eNewsletter is packed full of exciting events and the latest updates on what is happening in the local environment. Stay up to date and hear about exciting community projects in your neighbourhood.

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Environment Events

2016



September

The Secrets of the Wombat State Forest

Saturday 3 September
2pm-3.30pm
Newham Mechanics Institute
1292 Rochford Road

Hear from Wombat Forestry's President Gayle Osborne and the Victorian Parks Association Executive Director, Matt Ruchel, to learn about the biodiversity value of the Wombat State Forest and the range of rare species that call this 170,000 hectares of forest home.

October

Protecting Woodland Birds: Panel discussion

Saturday 15 October
2pm-3.30pm
Newham Mechanics Institute
1292 Rochford Road

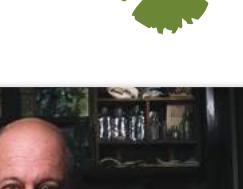
Catch Sean Dooley, Editor of Australian Birdlife Magazine and Tanya Loos, Connecting Country Woodlands Birds Coordinator to hear about what woodland bird species are most at risk and why. Hear about ways you can help protect these important birds of the Macedon Ranges.



Aussie Backyard Bird Count

17-23 October

BirdLife Australia invites all Australians to undertake an annual 20 minute bird count each Spring. Download the App or get on your computer to participate in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count.



November



Landcare Forum

Saturday 12 November
All day event
Newham Mechanics Institute
1292 Rochford Road

To celebrate 30 years of Victorian Landcare, Council is hosting a special forum. This is a great opportunity for Landcare and Friends Groups to hear from experts, learn from each other, network and socialise.

Lancefield Show

Sunday 16 October

Kyneton Show

Saturday 19 November



Tim Flannery talk 'Extinct'

Saturday 26 November
4pm-5pm

Lancefield Mechanics Institute,
Corner of High Street and the Crescent

Don't miss your chance to hear internationally renowned environmentalist Tim Flannery discuss extinction and changes to the central Victorian landscape at the community Lancefield Megafauna Festival.



Land management workshop

Saturday 12, 19 and 26 November
9.30am-4pm

Newham Mechanics Institute

1292 Rochford Road

Council is working in partnership with the Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network to deliver Land Management Workshops for rural landowners. This three day workshop will cover a range of land management themes such as weeds, native vegetation, pasture and water management over three weekends.

December

Weed workshop

Saturday 3 December
10am-12pm

Bald Hill Reserve

281 Pipers Creek Road, Kyneton

Do you own a small farm property and have an annoying weed problem? This workshop aims to equip landowners with basic skills to identify and treat problem weeds.



Bookings required

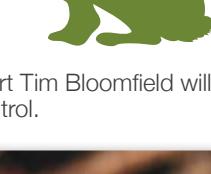
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March

Pest animal workshop

Saturday 4 March
10am-12pm
Romsey Community Hub
96 Main Street



Do you have a rabbit problem? Expert Tim Bloomfield will provide tips for successful rabbit control.



RACV Wildlife Bytes stories from your backyard

Wednesday 8 March
6.30pm-8pm
Norma Richardson Hall
15 Buckland Street, Woodend



Have you ever wondered what to do when you are swooped by a magpie or when a blue-tongued lizard suddenly appears in your backyard? Or maybe you've found a possum curled up in your garage roof?



How to build a successful worm farm

Saturday 11 March
10am-11.30am
Woodend Neighbourhood House
47 Forest Street

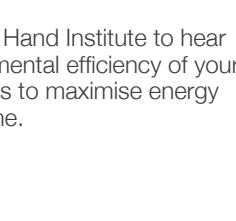
Are you interested in buying a worm farm but don't know how to get it started? This workshop is aimed at equipping you with the knowledge and skills to have a successful worm farm.



April

How to improve your home's efficiency

Saturday 8 April
10am-11.30am
Woodend Neighbourhood House
47 Forest Street



Join Joel Meadows from the Green Hand Institute to hear about ways to improve the environmental efficiency of your home. Joel will outline the best ways to maximise energy and water conservation in your home.

May

Sustainable garden design

Saturday 13 May
10am-11.30am
Romsey Community Hub
96 Main Street

Local horticulturalist, Kerri Mewett shares her tips and ideas for creating a sustainable garden. Topics covered will include appropriate plant choice, pest resistant planting and planting zones.

