

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@mrsc.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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2016 – 2017

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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 National 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.

Nature Kids workshops

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| Woodend Library 20 September 11am-12am Kyneton Library 20 September 2pm-3pm | Romsey Library 21 September 11am-12am Gisborne Library 21 September 2pm-3pm |
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Join Caitlin Griffith, from the Victorian National Parks Association and local nature enthusiast to learn about the world of leaf litter and creatures living on the forest floor. Aimed at 6-10 year olds, this one hour workshop will include a book reading and some art using leaf litter. Participants will also receive a VNPA Wild Families activity sheet and wildlife colouring pages to take home. Kindly hosted by Goldfields Library Corporation.



KID FRIENDLY

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.



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

VISIT US AT THE SHOW!



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.

LANCEFIELD MEGA FAUNA 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.



Community spotlight walk at Bald Hill Reserve
Saturday 10 December
9pm-10.30pm
Bald Hill Reserve
281 Pipers Creek Road
Kyneton
Join Council Environment Officers and the Friends of Bald Hill Reserve to spotlight for native animals. Each participant should bring a torch, warm clothing and sturdy footwear.

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.

