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RENEWAL REMINDER

FTLA membership and insurance renewals were due 30th June 2016. Membership & Insurance certificates are now available for financial Member Groups (turnaround is about a week) and the 2016/17 insurance summary is available at <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/state/ftla/insurance-summary-201617/> .

If you are unsure whether your group is currently covered please call the FTLA on 03 9207 5527 or email ftla@vff.org.au.

A NOTE ON AUSPICING BY FTLA MEMBER GROUPS

Please note that FTLA Groups cannot extend their insurance cover through the FTLA to an external group. Any group with a separate membership, committee, ABN or incorporation is a separate group requiring separate insurance.

We have had a number of FTLA Member Groups offer to auspice or insure separate independent organisations this way, and as a result those organisation have been falsely comforted with a promise of insurance coverage that can't be provided. We've also had a number of groups auspice separate independent organisations for grants, which is problematic if the auspicing group is operating under the FTLA incorporation.

If you are at all unsure about whether your current arrangements are valid please call the FTLA on 03 9207 5527 or email ftla@vff.org.au ASAP!

NEWS, RESOURCES

THE NEW VICTORIAN LANDCARE GATEWAY

The new Victorian Landcare Gateway has been launched at <https://www.landcarevic.org.au>, after extensive consultation with the Landcare community including the FTLA and 195 community members. So take a look and see the results!

Your help is needed to make sure relevant and accurate content can be shared with the whole Landcare community. Everyone is invited to immediately begin by looking for your group or network and to start updating your content, especially your contact information so that people can find your group!

How do we login?

Visit '[Login](#)' and use 'forgotten password' to reset your login for the new Gateway. Importantly, you must use the same email used in the old Gateway. Or if you didn't have an account in the old Gateway please contact your RLC to create a new login (RLC Contact list:

<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/home/contact/>)

If you have feedback about the new Gateway or experience any issues, please use the [feedback form](#) on the contact page. For more information read the [announcement message](#).

<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/home/the-new-landcare-gateway> or for more information on the process go to <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/home/the-new-landcare-gateway-research-consultation-and-design/>

VICTORIAN LANDCARE MAGAZINE: mailing list confirmation

Among its other roles the Farm Tree & Landcare Association (FTLA) manages the mailing list for the Victorian Landcare & Catchment Management magazine and this edition we are asking everyone who receives it via post to confirm their subscription.

We've emailed subscribers directly, but it would be very helpful if you could also let your members know to look at the mailing slip with their magazine and follow the directions on the slip to confirm their subscription preferences. The next issue of the magazine should arrive in mailboxes in the next week (if they receive the normal paper envelope they have already confirmed their subscription).

The FTLA has argued strongly for the continuation of the postal format as well as the new online options, however it is important that magazine only goes to those who want it. It's something we have done about every ten years and we are past due!

To keep receiving the magazine by post, readers need to confirm their subscription preference via this form at <http://bit.ly/2cMb26P> as noted in the last Landcare magazine or return the mailing slip provided with the magazine. You can also use this form to **unsubscribe**, to change to reading the magazine in its electronic version, or to update your address.

If you have any other concerns or difficulties with the form, please email us at ftla@vff.org.au

VICTORIAN LANDCARE MAGAZINE: New Online platform

The online version of the magazine has been updated and it is available at the new Landcare Gateway see <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/magazine-issues/spring-2016> . Out now, Issue 67 of the Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management magazine celebrates the 30th anniversary of Landcare and looks towards the future.

Among the stories in this issue include:

- Reflections of a young Landcare leader: Kate McKenzie from the South Gippsland Landcare Network imagines what Landcare will be like in 30 years
- Stories from a number of long-running groups regarding their achievements and resilience
- Reflections from respected landcarers, Lyn Coulston, Peter Forster and Alice Knight
- Rob Youl explores the development of Landcare – from local community action to international movement
- FTLA looks to the future: over 75 FTLA members discuss the challenges and opportunities ahead for the next 30 years of Landcare (further details at: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/state/ftla/the-next-30-years-of-landcare/>)

We're also celebrating a new format as part of the new Gateway launch so take a look and give us your feedback via the new Gateway. To read or download the current issue of the magazine visit <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/magazine-issues/spring-2016/> . The pdf format is also available via the link at the top of the page.

All the other back issues (i.e. from issues 1-65) of the Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management magazine are now on the Victorian Landcare Gateway <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/home/magazine-back-issues/>

NATIONAL LANDCARE AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulations to all the inspirational National Landcare Award and finalists and Winners, including Naomi Edwards from FTLA member Intrepid Landcare and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre who FTLA committee member Sue Campbell was thrilled to recognise as one of her landscape architecture clients from 1990s. For more information go to: <http://www.nationallandcareconference.org.au/2016-national-landcare-award-winners>

NATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE WRAP UP

FTLA Committee members and staff attended the National Landcare Conference in Melbourne on 21-23 September, and shared a stall with DELWP and VLC. It is always fantastic to meet members and landcarers from across the country and hear their inspirational stories, with networking between and during sessions creating a promisingly audible thrum.

Soils were a major theme of the conference, kicking off with Major General Michael Jeffrey's opening plenary linking healthy soils, healthy food and international relations and continuing in the workshops to the farm scale. Other sessions focussed on collaboration, engagement and sustainable agriculture and the climate sessions on the first day were standing room only with latecomers turned away. For me, the field trips are the best part of conference and it was amazing as always to see the wonderful work members are doing on ground.

Some sessions were recorded including the plenary and panel session on future direction for Landcare and should be available soon via the Landcare Australia website.

CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING NSW INCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS

NSW incorporated associations should take note of important changes to the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the new Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016 (NSW). The changes to the laws commenced on 1 September 2016 and include amendments to the model constitution, new matters that must be addressed in constitutions, provisions allowing for electronic ballots, clarification of the duties of committee members, allowance for financial records to be kept electronically, and changes to the fee schedule. For more information:

<http://www.nfplaw.org.au/changes-nsw-associations-incorporation-laws>

EAST GIPPSLAND CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF LANDCARE

Members from across East and Far East Gippsland regions gathered in Lakes Entrance recently to mark the occasion with a celebration dinner and awards night (see <http://www.egcma.com.au/what-we-do/346/>) For those who would like a FREE copy of the DVD produced for the event, looking back over 30 years of Landcare in the region, and looking ahead to what Landcare members see for its future, please contact Carolyn Cameron on ccameron@egcma.com.au

FERAL PHOTO WINNERS HIGHLIGHT A NATIONAL PROBLEM

The winning photos and video footage in the 2016 Feral Photos competition highlight why pest animals are an ongoing threat to Australia's pristine environment and multi-billion dollar agriculture sector. This year, the winning image of a 'fox attacking a native egret' was taken by Mary-Anne Addington, while visiting the Hunter Wetlands Centre in NSW. To see the finalists go to www.pestsmart.org.au/feral-photo-winners-highlight-national-problem

WILDDOGSCAN APP

WildDogScan is a website and free smartphone app for land managers, livestock producers, pest controllers and community members to record sightings of wild dogs, their impacts and control activities for their local area. With funding from the National Wild Dog Action Plan, a new five-minute video tutorial has been produced to show users how to use the WildDogScan website and smartphone app effectively. <http://www.pestsmart.org.au/discover-free-wilddogscan-app>

COPIES OF PAST MAGAZINES AVAILABLE

The FTLA has a number of copies of past Victorian Landcare magazines available, including the current issue, if you would like additional copies or to use them for promotional purposes. We are happy to send them out in batches of ten or more. Let us know if you would find them useful.

THE WEEDS NEWS

To read the current *Weed's News Digest* regarding current weed research go to: <http://weedsnetwork.com/rs/::WeedsNews%20newspage>

GET INVOLVED!

NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAMME REVIEW

The Australian Government is seeking feedback on the National Landcare Programme, which includes the regional funding streams, 20 Million Trees, the Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants and the 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants.

There is a survey at <https://environment.au.citizenspace.com/biodiversity-conservation/nlp-stakeholder-survey> . This online survey should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete and your response will remain confidential.

Responses close **14 October 2016**. Further information regarding the ongoing review that the survey will inform can be found at <http://www.nrm.gov.au/national-landcare-programme/public-consultation-review>

If you have any queries on the survey or would like a hard copy version of the survey, please send an email to NLP@artd.com.au or contact Ms Erum Rasheed from ARTD Consultants on 02 9373 9918.

STRENGTHENING PARKS VICTORIA - YOUR VISION FOR PARKS

In December this year Parks Victoria will reach its 20th anniversary and as part of the celebration Parks Victoria are undertaking the Strengthening Parks Victoria Project. Share your experiences, expectations and aspirations for parks with us and the broader community, vote and comment on the ideas of others, and post your favourite inspirational images or videos of parks at http://lets-talk.parks.vic.gov.au/strengtheningparks?tool=story_telling_tool

AUSTRALIAN WEEDS STRATEGY 2017 TO 2027: draft for comment

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources is conducting a public consultation on the draft revised Australian Weeds Strategy 2017 to 2027. For more information and to read the draft go to <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/pest-animals-and-weeds/review-aus-pest-animal-weed-strategy/aus-weeds-strategy> . Submissions close: **5 pm AEST, 14 October 2016**

INVASIVE ANIMALS CRC ANNUAL AWARDS 2016

Nominations are now open for the Invasive Animals CRC Awards 2015! Recipients of the awards will be recognised for their significant contribution and the Dave Choquenot Science Prize, Participant's Award and Chief Executive's Award winners will also pick up a \$2,000 cash prize for professional development. Nominate your champion of invasive animal management and acknowledge the significant contributions they have made. Nominations Close: 5pm Friday **28th October 2016**. For more information go to: <http://www.invasiveanimals.com/about-us/corporate/awards>

COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS: Open for Comment

The Victorian Government has released the Community Renewable Energy Projects Discussion Paper for public feedback on how to address three key issues:

- the definition of community renewable energy projects
- the payment-in-lieu-of-rates (PiLoR) methodology for community scale projects
- planning arrangements for community scale wind farms

Complete the survey or make a submission by 5pm Monday **28 November 2016** at <http://haveyoursay.delwp.vic.gov.au/community-energy>

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY SHADE GRANTS PROGRAM

The Community Shade Grants Program increases the availability of shade in public places where Victorians spend time outdoors, benefiting community spaces such as parks, playgrounds, sport facilities and other community settings. Grants of **up to \$50,000** are available and are open to a range of community-based organisations including sports clubs, local councils, not-for-profit organisations and other community groups. For more information head to <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/preventive-health/skin-cancer-prevention/community-shade-grants> . Closes Thursday **6 October 2016**

NORMAN WETTENHALL SMALL ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT SCHEME

The Small Environmental Grant Scheme provides support for groups or individuals undertaking biodiversity conservation projects in Australia. Projects of up **to \$10,000** can be about one or more of the following: monitoring, recording and sharing data, delivering community education, providing community capacity building (training), research and science, or landscape restoration and education (Victoria only). For more information or to apply, visit: <http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/> **November 2016** – grant round opens 27th September 2016

FRRR GRANTS FOR FIRE, FLOOD, & CYCLONE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

Closing **17 Oct 2016**. For more information: http://www.frrr.org.au/grant_calendar.php

- **Community Group Futures program** is aimed at helping not-for-profit organisations affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires to think beyond day to day operations and look ahead to ensure they can meet ongoing community needs.
- **Resilience & Wellness (GR&W) - Round 10**: assistance towards community-strengthening and resilience-building projects for communities affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires to build strength and capacity for the future.
- **Repair-Restore-Renew (RRR) 2013 - Round 5**: helps communities in NSW, VIC and TAS recover from the fires, floods and cyclones that affected communities during 2013.

FRRR SMALL GRANTS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (SGRC) - ROUND 30

Not-for-profit community based organisations can apply for grants up to \$5,000 to support projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities in small rural, regional and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural development. Applications from communities with a population of 10,000 or less will receive priority. Closes **7 Oct 2016** <http://www.frrr.org.au/grants/small-grants-for-rural-communities-round30>

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AWARDS - AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

Grant applications are now open for the 2015 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. If you're 18-35, this is your chance to apply for a grant of up to **\$22,000** to fund your project on an innovative or emerging scientific issue that will benefit Australia's primary industries. There are 11 industry Science Award categories open for applications: cotton; dairy; established, new and emerging rural industries; fisheries and aquaculture; grains; health and biosecurity; meat and livestock; pork; red meat processing; viticulture and oenology; and wool. Applications close Friday **14 October 2016**.

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/conferences-events/scienceawards>

RURAL WOMEN'S AWARD

The Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Rural Women's Award. The Award celebrates women who demonstrate a commitment to primary industries and rural communities and have the potential to expand their contribution and leadership. If you are a woman involved in primary industries and/or rural Australia and have a vision or project that will contribute to one of the key areas listed below, you could receive **\$10,000** towards realising your goals. Key award areas are as follows: Community sustainability, Innovation, Creativity, Education, Productivity, Agribusiness, Regional development. Nominations are open until Friday **30 October 2016**, visit

<http://www.rirdc.gov.au/rural-women's-award>

GRANTS FOR RURAL KIDS

The **Whites Rural Community Grants** program provides grants of up to **\$4,000** for projects designed to help kids in rural communities through art, music, sport, sustainability, or social well-being. Closes **31st October 2016**. <http://www.wrcommunity.com.au/>

EVENTS

FREE LEGAL HELP DAY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Tuesday 4th October , Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne

Book in for a free 30 minute appointment with a lawyer (between 11:30am and 4:30pm) and the day also includes the opportunity to attend a free presentation covering five common legal issues experienced by not-for-profits (between 9:45 and 11am) including:

1. Governance – rules/constitution, legal duties and financial management
2. Managing volunteers and employees – HR issues
3. Safety – liability, risk and insurance
4. Communications – social media, websites, newsletters and disclaimers
5. Working with other community organisations – key agreements like memorandums of understanding, auspicing, funding and licencing agreements

Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-legal-help-day-for-community-organisations-tickets-27273224950> book to attend the presentation, or a one-on-one appointment, or both! This Not-for-profit Law event is generously supported by the Ross House Association.

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Working with Volunteers - Emerging Issues: Wednesday 19 October

This webinar will provide the latest cases, issues and changes to the law relating to the engagement of volunteers.

Working with Other Not-for-profits: Wednesday 9 November

Is your community group looking to work with another group? Are you confused about the various formal and informal arrangements and which is right for you?

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ORGANISATION'S RULES OR CONSTITUTION: NSW

Does your group have a constitution that no one really understands? Does it need updating but you're not sure where to start? This special Tips & Tales session on Thursday **13 October 2016** run by Gilbert & Tobin will help you understand the importance of constitutions, what they mean for your group and the key issues to consider. For more information or to register:

<https://www.justiceconnect.org.au/understanding-your-organisation%E2%80%99s-rules-or-constitution-nsw>

30TH YEAR LANDCARE CELEBRATIONS

- South Gippsland – **8th October**, Leongatha:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sgln-annual-dinner-agm-tickets-27343536253>
- North Central – **15th October**, St Arnaud http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/Media_and_Events/Events/index.aspx?itemDetails=9490&objectType=kms
- Goulburn Broken – **4th November**, Euroa <http://www.gbcma.vic.gov.au/>
- Port Phillip, TFN & Mornington Peninsula LN – **5th November**
(Registration close 27th Oct): <https://register.eventarc.com/35775/celebrating-30-years-of-landcarespring-into-nature>
- Macedon Ranges - Sat **12 November**
http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Council_the_Region/Things_to_See_Do/Upcoming_Events/Landcare_Forum

SPRING INTO NATURE: Trust For Nature

<http://www.trustfornature.org.au/our-events/>

- **Landowners Looking After Grasslands**

Friday, **7 October 2016** Torrumbarry, Rego closes 3rd Oct

Join the Northern Plains Conservation Management Network, Trust for Nature and Dr David Baker-Gabb, renowned expert on Plains-wanderer, in launching Managing Native Grasslands for Plains-wanderers Field Guide. Hear from Dr Dan Harley, Threatened Species Biologist with Zoos Victoria, about their Fighting Extinction Programme and the plan to start captive-breeding Plains-wanderers in 2017. Accompany Paul Foreman, grassland ecologist for a walk across Andy and Judy McGillivray's property, and learn how to survey for threatened grassland flora species such as the nationally listed Swainson-peas.

- **Springhurst Community Lizard Hunt!**

Sunday, **9 October 2016**, Rego closes 3rd Oct

Not much is known about the amazing and elusive Striped Legless Lizard, which is fast disappearing from grasslands and woodlands across northern Victoria. With your help, we can learn more about where they might be living and have a better chance of protecting them. Come to the beautiful Springhurst Hills to hear from farmers, Fay and Chris, and local scientists, about how we can all look after grasslands and woodlands for Striped Legless Lizards and all native animals and plants.

- **Living In Nature: Goulburn Broken Open Day**

Saturday **22 October 2016**, High Camp near Kilmore

Trust for Nature supports over 1,000 covenantors living or looking after their own private conservation reserve. This is your opportunity to hear from landowners who have taken the plunge and adopted a piece of bushland and enjoy a pleasant walk in a beautiful environment!

- **Wanderslore Sanctuary Nature And Art Combined**

Saturday **23 October 2016**, Yarra Valley

This 10 hectare property is an oasis of native vegetation in an area now heavily subdivided. The land was donated to Trust for Nature in 1987 by the late Constance Coleman - an artist, poet, teacher and nature lover. Enjoy a guided or self-guided walk through creeks and gullies, ferns and grasses, fungi and open forests.

- **Pallisters Reserve Open Day**

Sunday **23 October 2016**, Orford (Rego close 19th Oct)

Enjoy wetlands and spot a Brolga at Pallisters Wetland Reserve. This Trust for Nature property is a 254ha wetland managed by the Friends of Pallisters Reserve Inc.

<http://www.trustfornature.org.au/our-events/>

BIODIVERSITY SPRING

Celebrate the natural environment by taking part in Biodiversity Spring –showcasing biodiversity across the Goulburn Broken and North East catchments. Upcoming activities on the Biodiversity Spring program include breakfast with the birds, field days, nature rambles, wildflower walks, spotlight walks, ecology courses, art and photography, bush tucker, a wildflower showcase and children's activities including:

- Saturday 15th October 2016: Sustainable Farming at Callandoon Strath Creek
- Monday 17th October: Strathbogie Acid Tolerant Pasture Species Strathbogie
- Monday 17th October: Rakali in the Goulburn Region Shepparton
- Thursday 20th October: Getting the most from Compost on Farm Shepparton
- Monday 24th October: Managing and Understanding Environmental Water Wodonga
- Wednesday 26th October 2016: Compost on Broadacre Stanhope

See the full calendar at <https://biodiversityspring.wordpress.com/all-events/>

AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Following on from its success last year, the third Aussie Backyard Bird Count will be held **17-23 October**. All you need to do is choose your site, set aside 20 minutes, and record the birds you see. To find out more, or to register, go to <http://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

INDIGENOUS AGRICULTURE PRIOR TO EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT

A fascinating look at Aboriginal land management systems in Gippsland and across the country with Guest Speaker: Bruce Pascoe, Winner of the 2016 NSW Premiers Literary Award. **21st October**, Traralgon, <http://www.wgcma.vic.gov.au/news/events-calendar>

NSW VERTEBRATE PEST MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

25–27 October 2016, Orange NSW. For more information: <http://vpmsymposium2016.com.au>

LEARNING FROM INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE OF ECOLOGY: SWIFFT VIDEO CONFERENCE

SWIFFT is a network of natural resource management (NRM) organisations, community groups and members of the public who share an interest in nature conservation. The next video conference is on Thursday **27 October 2016** - Learning from indigenous knowledge of ecology. For more information, and videoconference venues visit http://www.swiff.net.au/cb_pages/video_conferencing.php

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2016 CONFERENCE OF THE ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

28 November – 2 December 2016, Freemantle WA

ESA16 will feature symposia on regionally relevant issues, including indigenous ecological knowledge, urban ecology, restoration ecology, refugia in ancient landscapes, biodiversity conservation, pest and pathogen impacts, and climate change. Field trips include biodiversity hotspots in the wet southern forests and the northern sand plains, and keynote speakers include the wonderful Assoc Prof Sarah Bekessy from RMIT. <http://www.esa2016.org.au>



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PLAN YOUR OWN EVENTS AROUND THE “DAYS”:

Remember when linking your event to an official “Day” to register with the appropriate organisation to maximise your promotional opportunities

<http://www.environment.gov.au/about/media/events/index.html>

- [World Habitat Day](#) - 3rd October
- [World Animal Day](#) - 4th October
- [International Day for Disaster Reduction](#) - 13th October
- [National Ride 2 Work Day](#) - 12th October
- [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) - 17th October
- [Bird Week](#) - 17th to 23rd October
- [Aussie Backyard Bird Count](#) - 17th to 23rd October
- [National Water Week](#) - 18th to 24th October
- [United Nations Day](#) - 24th October
- [World Day for Audiovisual Heritage](#) - 27th October

- [International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict](#) - 6th November
- [National Recycling Week](#) - 7th to 13th November
- [National Walk to Work Day](#) - 11th November
- [International GIS Day](#) - 16th November
- [Pollinator Week](#) - 20th to 27th November
- [World Fisheries Day](#) - 21st November

These newsletters are compiled from many sources, and thank-you to those who supplied the information.

Kind regards

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