## What is Landcare?

Landcare is a grassroots-led movement of individuals, groups and organisations across Australia who have a shared vision to protect, enhance or restore their local natural environment through sustainable land management and conservation activities.





In Victoria there are now around 600 Landcare groups and 64 Landcare networks, and more than 500 other community-based natural resource management groups. In the Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network there are at least 19 active Landcare groups and many more 'Friends of' groups. To locate or find a Landcare group or network near you, go to the Victorian Landcare Gateway website.

## 5 top tips to become an every-day Landcarer... (where-ever you are)

**1. Go pro-native** – opt for native plants in your garden, keep pets inside at night (especially cats!), leave water dishes out for wildlife, and create lots of hidey spots for insects, lizards and birds.

**2. Be weed-wise** — know what weeds are a problem in your area, and don't purchase or plant them, dispose of your garden waste appropriately, and if you see a weed remove it before it seeds or fruits.



**3. Support your local groups** – whether it's with cash (yearly membership keeps groups ticking), in-kind donations (cup of tea anyone?) or volunteer your time with your local group. If you're short on time, follow and promote them on social media, sign up for their eNews and participate in e-campaigns.

**4. Reduce, Repurpose, Recycle** — it goes without saying – buy less = less waste. But choosing enviro friendly products, products with minimal packaging and finding a second or third use or even a new life for what you're about to throw out makes a difference. And always recycle when you can





**5. Mind your manners** – when out and about stick to designated paths, take only photos and leave only footprints... you'd be surprised how setting a good example inspires others to do likewise!









