

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, visit Council's website or email us at: environment@mrcs.vic.gov.au

Environment Events



Environment eNewsletter

Our 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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Check out the Goldfields Libraries seasonal environment events at: goldfieldslibraries.com

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September

Sustainable house day

Sunday 16 September
Details on website

Join in the activities for this special event to celebrate and showcase innovative sustainable house design.



Grassland walk with an ecologist

Help celebrate National Biodiversity Month and our new guide to the flora of Macedon Ranges. Renowned local ecologist, Karl Just will take us on a walk through Woodend Grassland and talk about the ecology of the site and some species that make the place unique.

Saturday 29 September
2pm-4pm
Woodend Grassland
1 Forest Street



October

Nature workshops for children

Join Victorian National Parks Association's, Caitlin Griffith, for a chance for primary school aged children to try out being wildlife biologists. Caitlin will share images of nocturnal wildlife 'Caught on Camera' as part of a local scientific project, followed by a book reading and chance to see how wildlife cameras work.

Thursday 4 October
10am-11am
Woodend Library
Corner of High Street & Forest Street

Thursday 4 October
2pm-3pm
Romsey Library
98 Main Street



Breakfast with the birds at Mount Gisborne

Saturday 20 October
8am-9.30am
Mount Gisborne Reserve
Woodland Drive

Celebrate National Bird Week by taking part in a citizen science project counting birds at Mount Gisborne Reserve. Stay for breakfast and join a guided walk with an ornithologist who will talk about local birds and the best places to spot them.



Jacksons Creek bird count walk

Sunday 21 October
9am-10.30am
Gisborne Administration Centre
40 Robertson Street

A professional Ornithologist will provide expert guidance on how to spot birds along Jacksons Creek. Learn about the Aussie Backyard Bird Count app, and how you can use it to record birds you see. Morning tea provided. This event is run in partnership with Gisborne Landcare Group.



November

Horse trail ride with an ecologist

Sunday 11 November
10am-1.30pm
Cobaw State Forest
Limited numbers

Explore the Cobaw State Forest on your own horse, and learn more about this important piece of habitat from an ecologist. Discover the natural values of the forest, including information on the wildflowers, native animals and plants, and the role of fire in the landscape. Presented in partnership with the Macedon Ranges Trail Riding Group. Experience riding trail preferred. Lunch provided.



Kyneton Show

Saturday 17 November

Come along and say hello to Council's environment team at the Kyneton Agricultural Show. Learn about local biodiversity, plants and animals.

VISIT US AT THE SHOW!



Tours to Mount William Stone Axe Quarry

Saturday 24 November
Details on website

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Hanging Rock koala count

Friday 7 December
10am-1pm
Hanging Rock Reserve

Hear from Koala expert, Linda Healey, about why Koalas are so special and how you can protect them on your property. Then join Council's Rangers for the annual Koala count at Hanging Rock Reserve.



December

Soil management workshop

Thursday 13 December
10am-2pm

Olive Plantation
Langley (details to be provided on registration)

Join the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network for a soil management workshop led by soil scientists Christian Bannan from South East Soil and Water, and Melissa Cann and Martin Hamilton from Agriculture Victoria. Gain from their wealth of knowledge and have your questions answered regarding how to assess and improve your soil (best for those who have a basic understanding of their soil types).

Bat trapping at Hanging Rock

Sunday 16 December
Time to be confirmed
Weather permitting

Join us for a batty event at Hanging Rock Reserve. As part of a micro-bat census, we will be hosting a special event to get up close with these interesting creatures.



Bookings required

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February

Blackberry identification and control workshop

Saturday 23 February
10am-12pm
Gisborne Administration Centre
40 Robertson Street

Join leading experts in weed control to learn about how to treat Blackberry on your property. The event will include a light lunch and demonstrations of management techniques to get you started.



March

Building the garden you want, with whatever you've got!

Wednesday 20 March
7pm-9pm
Kyneton Mechanics Institute
81 Mollison Street

Join Thrifty Gardener and Gardening Australia presenter Millie Ross for an evening of down-to-earth gardening inspiration and information, to be co-hosted with the Kyneton Horticultural Society. Come to a fun and flower-filled evening that is sure to get you digging.



Eucalyptus ID workshop

Saturday 16 March
10am-12.30pm
Bald Hill Reserve
291 Pipers Creek Road, Kyneton

Do you know your trees? Eucalypts are a diverse group of trees which are sometimes difficult to identify. Join us for a special event held in partnership with the Friends of Bald Hill Reserve to learn about how to identify local eucalypts. The event will consist of a guided walk through Bald Hill Reserve with a professional botanist.



Rabbit workshop

Saturday 16 March
10am-12pm
98 Romsey Community Hub
Main Street

Do you have a rabbit problem on your property? Hear from pest animal experts on the best steps towards control.



May

Night wildlife photography with Jules Farquhar

Saturday 18 May
5pm-7pm
291 Pipers Creek Road, Kyneton

Wildlife photographer, Jules Farquhar, will provide tips and tricks to getting that perfect photo of wildlife. This workshop is designed for photographers who have already mastered the basics of aperture, ISO and exposure. Jules will touch on subjects such as choosing a location, appropriate equipment, proper use of speed lights, reducing eye-shine, composition and ethics of wildlife photography. Afterwards, participants will do a night walk at Bald Hill Reserve to practice their new knowledge.

