

Current program

What is the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program?

The Victorian Government funds on-ground, part-time Landcare Facilitators through the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program (VLFP). A range of environmental volunteer groups and networks including Landcare employ the Landcare Facilitators with this funding.

The VLFP is one component of the Victorian Government's Victorian Landcare Program.

Landcare Facilitators empower local groups and networks to act for their environment.

The Landcare Facilitator's role is to enable the effective participation of Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks, landholders and the wider community in natural resource management activities that protect, enhance and restore the natural environment, and improve agricultural productivity.

Landcare Facilitators also have a strong focus on building group and network capacity, to enable groups and networks to become sustainable.

How many Landcare Facilitator positions have been extended?

The Victorian Government has approved the extension of funding for all 78 existing Landcare Facilitator positions until 31 December 2020.

Our group/network currently employs a Landcare Facilitator/s. How does the extension affect our funding?

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) will make a funding agreement variation with your organisation and you will receive additional funding for your Landcare Facilitator position/s until 31 December 2020. The other conditions of your funding agreement will remain the same.

How does coronavirus (COVID-19) affect the role of Landcare Facilitators?

Landcare Facilitator work must be done in accordance with current public health measures. For more information go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Program review

Where can I read the report on the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Review?

The *Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Review - Final Report* details the key findings and recommendations of the 2019 independent review of the VLFP by RM Consulting Group. The Final Report can be viewed [here](#).

What are the recommendations of the review?

There are seven recommendations:

1. Improve activity-level reporting
2. Implement a systematic approach to continuous improvement
3. Improve Program Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI) including outcome reporting
4. Update the Victorian Landcare Plan
5. Develop alternative models to improve program delivery
6. Review resourcing requirements for preferred future delivery model
7. Strengthen program governance arrangements and increase support

Further information about the key findings and recommendations can be found in the Final Report [here](#).

Where can I read DELWP's response to the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Review?

DELWP is taking action in response to each of the seven recommendations of the *Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Review - Final Report*.

These actions focus on the design and delivery of the VLFP so that it is more effective, efficient and has greater impact.

The *Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Review - Key Findings, Recommendations & Actions* can be viewed [here](#).

Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Frequently Asked Questions May 2020

New Program

When will the new VLFP start?

The new VLFP will commence on 1 January 2021.

What will be different about the new VLFP?

DELWP is progressing actions to implement the recommendations of the independent VLFP Review to improve the design and delivery of the program. Improvements to the program include strengthened governance arrangements (including minimum employment standards) and updated activity-level and outcome reporting.

When will the EOI open?

An EOI will open in the second half of 2020. The exact date is to be confirmed.

Who can apply through the EOI?

An EOI will be open to all Victorian Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks with a focus on on-ground land and natural environment improvement who would like to seek funding to employ a Landcare Facilitator from 1 January 2021.

Employers will need to meet new program governance arrangements (including minimum employment standards). DELWP will provide support to meet these new standards.

Our group/network already employs a Landcare Facilitator – do we need to apply again though the EOI process?

Yes, all groups and networks who would like to employ a Landcare Facilitator from 1 January 2021 will need to apply through an EOI which will open in the second half of 2020.

How many Landcare Facilitator positions will be funded?

The number of positions is to be confirmed. The outcome of the Victorian State Budget 2020-21 will inform the amount of funding available for Landcare Facilitator positions.

Where can I find out about the EOI and new program governance arrangements?

DELWP's website environment.vic.gov.au/landcare will be updated as this information becomes available.

Who can I contact for more information?

Email landcare@delwp.vic.gov.au or call the DELWP Customer Contact Centre on 136 186.