

### Is there a patch of Victoria you love?

For a group of Victorians more than 50 years ago it was the Little Desert out west. When the government tried to subdivide this area for agricultural development, people from across the state came together to protect this place they loved. Their passion and dedication saved this unique landscape, which later became the Little Desert National Park. This was a watershed win for the Victorian community, marking the beginning of a new environmental awareness. Fired up by their victory, this small group of Victorians realised we needed a peak organisation that focused on environmental issues across the state.

And that's how Environment Victoria got started.



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## Action Network Handbook





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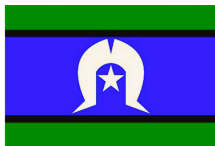
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Environment Victoria meets and works across many Aboriginal nations. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and the emerging leaders, and recognise First People's continuing contribution to caring for country. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded and act in support of self-determination, land rights and justice.

“Being involved with Environment Victoria has been such a wonderful experience and has given me a lot of hope and encouragement for our future. It has given me a deeper understanding of some of the ways we can act and advocate for action, and I've met amazing people from all over Victoria, who are passionate about nature, climate and making a difference. If you're new to the climate movement, like I was, this is a great way to grow your skills, help you get confident and get started on your journey!



**Lucilla Hammond**  
**Gippsland Local Organiser**

## Resources



Find loads of resources at [envict.org/actionnetworkresources](https://envict.org/actionnetworkresources)





## Want to step up your leadership?

There are a range of ways you can get involved, but if you're passionate and want to take your climate leadership to the next level, these roles might be for you....

### Local Organiser

Local Organiser's take on a central role in the Action Network, recruiting and develop the leadership of other volunteers, building relationships with key people or groups in the community, co-designing campaign and organising strategies.

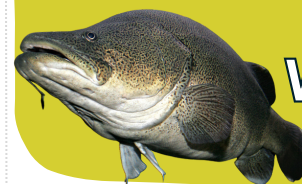
### Local Action Leader

In this role, you will be mobilising people at key moments. By tapping into our monthly webinars you will stay abreast of campaign updates and lead local actions on our core campaigns. This is a great role if you are part of an existing group and want to amplify your power.

## What is 'Organising'?

"Organising is a practice of leadership that enables people to turn their resources into the power to make change"

- Marshall Ganz



## We are Environment Victoria

We all want Victoria to be a place where people and nature thrive. Where rivers flow and our forests, oceans and cities support diverse, abundant life. Where our lives are powered by clean, renewable energy and the communities most impacted by environmental damage and inequality have the most powerful voice in creating solutions.

We are living through a time of transformative change. Through centuries-long exploitation, humans are destroying our natural world, driving mass extinction and destabilising our climate. The same pursuit of profits and power that drives this ecological destruction is also driving exploitation of people and the injustice that comes with it. The challenges we face are monumental and imperil our very existence.

So our solutions must be big and bold to tackle these crises at their root cause. We need to move from profit-driven exploitation of people and our environment, to empowered and resilient communities restoring our natural world. From ongoing injustice for First Nations peoples to self-determination and treaty. Such fundamental change is only possible through collective action.

That is why we are building a movement of people across Victoria to create a just society living in harmony with a healthy environment. Acting with love, justice and courage, we are focused on winning just solutions to the biggest environmental problems in Victoria through big, people powered campaigns.

Environment Victoria is a non-profit, non-government, community-based organisation, made up of over 200,000 everyday Victorians.

Together we stand up and advocate for the systemic change we need to rapidly reduce pollution, restore nature and create a better future.

# Community Principles

- We come together for a purpose: we are a community of Victorians working to address the climate crisis and build a thriving, sustainable society that values nature and communities.
- We want solutions that are just, fair and sustainable.
- We grow our power by always inviting people in.
- We are inclusive and diverse.
- We are staunchly independent and non-partisan.
- We act non violently.
- We seek common ground with allies and unlikely partners.
- We respect the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



## How we make change

We win on the issues we care about when we transform the actions of thousands of Victorians into people power that can influence our decision makers.

By building trusting relationships with the people in our communities, we are expanding a network of local people who can come together in moments like a federal election, to surround our local MPs with voices calling for faster and fairer climate action. And we back that up by having the relationships with key decision makers and connecting them directly to communities who are speaking up.

To match the scale of the challenges we face we need to organise people in every street in Victoria. When we all come together, we can show our elected representatives that we're a huge, state-wide network of people calling for the same things.

# Our campaigns

- 1 A fast and fair transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy
- 2 Healthy flowing rivers across Victoria and the Murray-Darling Basin

Learn more at [envict.org/campaigns](https://envict.org/campaigns)



## The Action Network and how you fit in!

The Action Network is designed to support and empower everyday Victorians to be leaders, inspiring action and organising in their community, either by working in local groups, building alliances, or some other arrangement that builds community power.



There are plenty of ways you can get involved – no matter your skills, experience or location! When you volunteer with Environment Victoria, you'll have exciting opportunities to make real impact, whether it's getting out and about to have powerful conversations in your neighbourhood, meeting with your local MP or coming up with fun and creative ways to highlight the issues we care about!

And don't worry, we've got your back with training and support every step of the way. Plus, you'll meet some incredible people who share your love for the environment. It's not just about giving your time; it's about gaining skills, making friends, and being part of something big - building a better world together!