

Gardens for Wildlife Victoria

We are a network of community members, environmental community groups, volunteers and council/shire officers from across Victoria supporting each other to involve local residents, schools and businesses to join us in caring for and acting to conserve the native plants and animals of our communities.

Mission



- Create empowered networks of communities connecting with, improving and caring for nature.

Vision



- Caring for nature together one land parcel at a time - for humans, plants and animals to thrive.

Our Goals



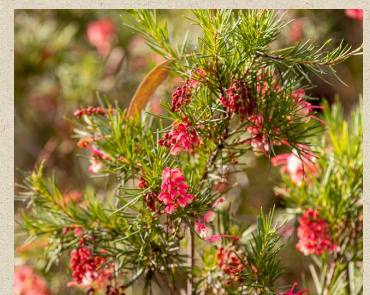
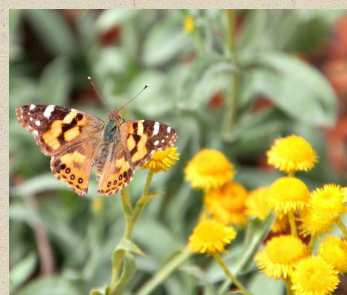
- to combat biodiversity loss and to nurture and enhance our flora, fauna and environment
- to build a network of environmental stewards and champions
- to build knowledge, skills, confidence and ownership in caring for the land and its wildlife
- to strengthen connections between residents, nature, community and place
- to improve wellbeing through experiencing and caring for nature
- to collect and share stories and data about the impact of our work

What is affiliation?

Affiliation with Gardens for Wildlife Victoria endorses wildlife gardening programs that have been co-designed by community-council partnerships based on the same ethos and principles and as such provide a valuable insight and demonstrable measure of community values, community investment, community wellbeing, biodiversity enhancement and biodiversity renewal.

Affiliated programs demonstrate these characteristics:

- involve a local government or agency partnering with community volunteers and environmental groups to design and deliver the program
- practise collaboration and co-design
- recruit and support residents (businesses, schools) to foster native biodiversity
- foster social connections and wellbeing alongside biodiversity objectives
- include face-to-face interaction with program members
- are locally sited
- celebrate, monitor and share progress
- use elements of a shared logo



What are the benefits ?

Affiliate programs become part of the Gardens for Wildlife Victoria Network. We help to connect program coordinators, committees and volunteers. The cross-fertilisation of ideas, techniques, and mutual support are what has made the network vibrant, innovative, and effective.



Mentoring

- Specialist training
- Toolkit
- Resource Sharing



Networking

- Connection
- Mutual support
- Idea sharing



Advocacy

- State-wide voice
- Research funding

How to affiliate?

Becoming an affiliate program involves doing a self-evaluation of whether your program aligns or has steps in place to align with the key principles of Gardens for Wildlife Victoria.

A program wishing to affiliate should simply fill out an Affiliation Worksheet and submit it to contact@gardensforwildlifestvictoria.com

The program does not need to be fully operational, nor does the program logo need to have been finalised. The applicant sets out a plan of how the program will meet the principles promoted by Gardens for Wildlife Victoria. The Gardens for Wildlife Victoria board will review the plan and work with the applicant to successfully achieve affiliation.

Affiliation Agreement can be downloaded gardensforwildlifestvictoria.com/affiliates/

Gardens for Wildlife Victoria's principles

Collaboration and co-design



Foster social connections and wellbeing alongside biodiversity

Recruit and support residents to foster native biodiversity



Use elements of a shared logo

Celebrate, monitor and share progress



Local Government community partnership

Locally sited



Include face-to-face interaction with program members



Affiliate Program

