

Lights, camera, Landcare action

Bring out your tablet, camera or even your smartphone, and get ready to help Landcare in Victoria celebrate turning 30.

The three Landcare networks across East Gippsland are joining forces for a short video competition, to highlight the success stories and achievements of Landcare across the years.

The grassroots organisation celebrates 30 years in Victoria, having successfully delivered thousands of projects that protect, restore and sustainably manage Australia's natural environment and its productivity.

East Gippsland Landcare Network, Far East Victorian Landcare and the Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee, along with Landcare Victoria, have called for entries across all ages, individuals and groups, to help record and share their stories.

Entry is free and open to everyone. You don't have to be a member of a Landcare group, although your story must reflect Landcare principles and address one of the topics presented. There are six categories to choose from:

- * Landcare Legends – tell the history of notable local Landcare figures.

- * Innovation – new ideas and approaches.

- * Farming Flair – sustain-

able approaches to agriculture.

- * Group Gossip – history and tales from a Landcare group perspective.

- * A Youth Perspective (13-18 years) – open theme reflecting Landcare values.

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Each video should be no more than three minutes, and can be in any style. Some ideas include: an interview, documentary, music video, news story, a television advertisement, photos and voiceover. Entries close July 25.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend two video workshops run by Drift Media for ideas on how to prepare a story, shooting footage and the editing process. Register for the first, to be held on Thursday, June 16, in Lakes Entrance. The second will be held in July to focus on editing and finishing the videos.

Competition details and entry forms are available from the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority through Amanda Bartkowski.

Winners will be announced at the Landcare 30th anniversary celebration dinner on September 10 in Lakes Entrance.