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All ACT Environmental Volunteers

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Dear Environmental Volunteers

National Volunteer Week 2026 (18–24 May) – ‘Your Year to Volunteer’

Today marks the start of National Volunteer Week, and we are delighted to recognise and thank the many people who generously volunteer to care for Ngunnawal Country here in the ACT. It is also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diverse ways people contribute, and to reflect on how 2026 could be *Your Year to Volunteer*.

Environmental volunteers make an extraordinary contribution through their time, skills, enthusiasm and commitment—helping deliver local activities right across the Territory. Thousands of volunteers take part in a wide range of programs, supporting the monitoring, care and management of the ACT’s natural, cultural and historic environment. Every hour volunteered helps create positive outcomes for the places and values we all care about.

Whether you have volunteered for many years or are thinking about getting involved for the first time, making 2026 *Your Year to Volunteer* can be as simple as taking one step that suits your interests, skills and availability.

Across government-supported programs, volunteers achieve practical, lasting results. From on-ground land management and wildlife support to citizen science, cultural heritage projects, data collection, visitor assistance in parks and reserves, and mentoring new volunteers, your efforts strengthen local programs and support the ongoing care for Country. We also encourage

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you to celebrate the people around you—*Your Year to Volunteer* may be the perfect time to nominate someone for a 2026 Landcare ACT Award.

This National Volunteer Week, we invite you to consider what your next step might be. For current volunteers, that could mean trying a new activity with your coordinator, joining a specific project, sharing your skills, or welcoming and supporting someone new. For those considering volunteering, 2026 may be the ideal time to connect with a local group, attend an information session, or explore the many opportunities available. With the continued support of the ACT Government and community partners, we encourage people across the ACT to get involved during *Your Year to Volunteer*.

Thank you for the time, effort and care you contribute, and for the positive environmental difference you continue to make for the ACT. Your contribution is genuinely valued, and its impact is felt across the Territory—now and into the future.

Sincerely



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