

World Environment Day

A Guide for Units



The 2024 theme for World Environment Day is land restoration, desertification and drought resilience.

World Environment Day, marked annually on June 5, was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972. Over the past five decades, the day has grown to be one of the largest global platforms for environmental outreach. Tens of millions of people participate online and through in-person activities, events and actions around the world.

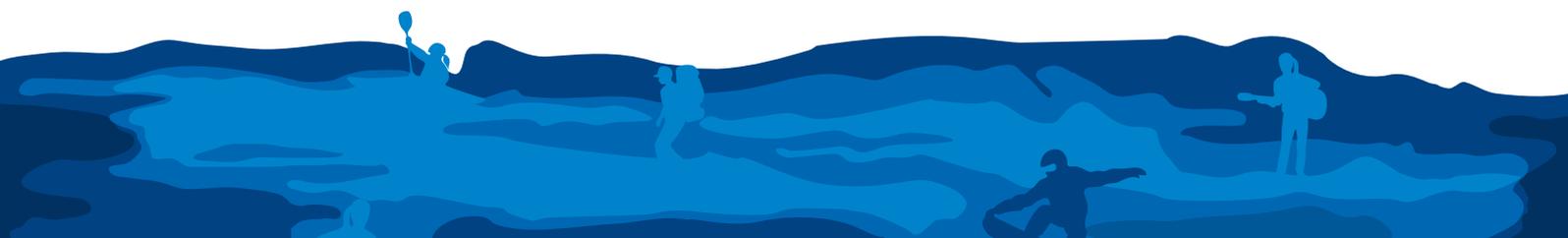
If you would like to learn more about what is happening at a global level for World Environment Day, [head here](#).

As Scouts, we are challenged to be respectful, to care for others and the environment. Globally, we are challenged to create a better world. What are you going to do that will shape a more environmentally sustainable future for the youth of tomorrow?

If you would like to know more head to Scouts Australia's [Environment Charter](#) and related [activity ideas](#).

The State Environment Council has prepared the below Challenge Cards for different Sections that you can use during the week of the June 5.

[Backyard Bird Count](#)
[Beeswax Wraps](#)
[Food Waste Investigation](#)
[Frogid](#)
[Globe at Night](#)
[Leave No Trace](#)
[Water Bug Discovery](#)



The State Environment Council runs or supports a number of youth events each year with environment focused activities supporting youth to achieve their Special Interest Area - Environment.

Recent events include

Scouts Go Solar | March 23 - 24 | Patrol Camp at Treetop

Start Trek Survival | April 26 - 28 | Mafeking

Bee Experience | beeexperience@scoutsvictoria.com.au

More information can be found on the Scouts Victoria [Environment webpage](#).

Do you have a passion for the environment?

The Environment Council is always looking for new members to support the development of Scouts environment programs. If you'd like to find our more information [click here](#).

Interested in the sustainable management of Scouting properties?

View the energy resource document for Scout Hall and property managers [here](#).

The checklists below have been developed as simple tools for us to use when planning for and delivering on, the sustainability of our Scouting premises.

Download them, start evaluating and begin reinvigorating your local areas and sites with a sustainable management plan.

[Biodiversity Checklist](#)

[Energy Checklist](#)

[Recycling Checklist](#)

[Water Use Checklist](#)

What about the Sustainable Development Goals Challenge?

The Sustainable Development Goals Challenge is our annual initiative to build awareness and encourage action on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

It's open to both youth and adult members of Scouts Australia and we encourage you to form a Project Patrol to tackle your own SDG Challenge.

Find out more [here](#).

