

# Nature needs us

*You're invited to a free forum at Federation Square*

This summer's horrendous fires impact on all of us, including the thousands of native plant and animal species found in Victoria. This forum explores how Victorians can work together, in the face of climate change, to help protect our precious plants and animals.

## Speakers

### Dr Ian McPhail

Victoria's Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability will kick off the forum by taking



us through the 2008 Victorian State of the Environment Report, which stresses the need for so much more to be done if we are to save our native plants and animals.

the inspiring work taking place in the Ballarat region, showing what can and is being done by everyday people caring for our natural environment.

### Matt Ruchel

Matt Ruchel, Executive Director of the Victorian National Parks Association, will discuss



what needs to be done across the state for our precious animals and plants and how you can help.

### Hedley Thomson

CEO of the Ballarat Environment Network, Hedley will cover some of



Caring for wildlife



Creating a better future for our children



Monitoring endangered species



Planting habitat for threatened animals

## Forum details

**When:** Saturday 21 February, 10-11.30am.

**Where:** BMW Edge, Federation Square.

**More information:** Phone the Victoria Naturally Alliance on 03 9341 6512 or email [info@vnpa.org.au](mailto:info@vnpa.org.au).

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