

# Exploring Earth Laws, Earth Democracy and the Rights of Nature

Free workshop, Orbost - 10am to 4pm, Sunday 6 March, 2016  
Orbost Neighborhood House, 1 Browning Street, Orbost, Victoria



## Join us for a fascinating workshop, to discuss new legal and community organizing frameworks

Around the world communities are responding to social, economic and environmental challenges by actively resisting destructive developments and working together to create desired positive change. But often our existing legal and governance system doesn't help. So can we change the way our legal system works, to better support community aspirations and protect the environment?

The Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA) was formed in 2012 by a group of lawyers who believe our legal and governance systems need systemic change, in order to build a more Earth friendly future and nurture the Earth Community. Over the past three years, AELA's work has expanded to include advocating for community and nature's rights; bringing diverse teams of scientists, lawyers and community groups together to map out what Earth centred governance looks like for bio-regional health and supporting a range of initiatives that support cultural change – including Earth Arts, Exploring Ecospirituality and bringing indigenous and non-indigenous people together to learn about Caring for Country.

Join us for a fascinating day of discussions, facilitated by Dr Michelle Maloney, National Convenor of AELA. Michelle will provide an introduction to Earth Laws or "Earth Jurisprudence" which suggests that we rethink our legal, economic and governance systems to support rather than degrade the Earth. She will also facilitate a discussion on the rights of nature, ecological health, community-based rights and consumption, aimed at deepening understanding and enabling ongoing support of individual and collective activity and networks.

**Michelle will also be at (f)routeville at Nicholson River Winery on March 5<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information about Michelle, please visit her profile page: <http://www.earthlaws.org.au/about-us/aela-team/michellemaloney/>

### HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

This event is free, but bookings are essential. Please RSVP by contacting Jenni York:

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### REFRESHMENTS:

Tea, coffee and morning tea will be available.

You are welcome to bring your own lunch or purchase it at a nearby café.



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