



Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

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Opportunities to be involved

- ⇒ **Planet Ark Tree Planting Day Sunday 29th July:** Baranduda Land Care – Planting at the WRENs Reserve followed by family BBQ . Meet 9.45am on site . BYO: sturdy footwear, warm clothes and gloves, and if possible, a mattock and hammer for wooden stakes. RSVP essential (to enable catering): Glen Johnson, (02) 6020 8667 or [BLCare Secretary](#) Follow signs past Westmont Aged Care, Turn left from Boyes into [the normally closed] Avalon (ex-Howards) Road, 10am (sharp) briefing.
- ⇒ **National Tree Day Planting and BBQ** Sunday 29th July - Willow Park, 10am to 1pm, Meet at the Pearce St car park. Bring your gardening gloves and suitable clothes to help us plant some new baby trees shrubs and grasses in our beautiful park. Contact Bart Citroen on 0419 390329 for further information
- ⇒ **Tea Party at the Trolley 2pm Friday 3rd August:** Join us on the banks of House Creek for a symbolic trolley raising to celebrate the success of the Parklands Albury-Wodonga and Friends of Willow Park Biolinks project steward groups. BYO picnic including chairs to the creek 50m south of Brockley St. RSVP to [Anne](#)
- ⇒ **Promote your group through WULN at the Sustainable Living Fair 5th August.** We have booked a site at this year's Sustainable Living Fair at LaTrobe University, Wodonga, 10am-2pm, and welcome local group representatives to join us with your promotional material. We intend to display a map with local group areas marked and have information on hand to give away. Contact [Anne](#) to discuss.
- ⇒ **Wodonga Platypus Secrets Revealed 8th August** — Friends of Willow Park Information evening with guest speaker Geoff Williams of the Platypus Conservancy. 7.30pm Belvior School, Bowmans Court, Wodonga . See www.friendsofwillowpark.org.au
- ⇒ **Vote for Friends of Willow Park in the National Landcare Awards!** FOWP is a finalist in the national Landcare awards and is the only NE Landcare group to be nominated. The group has been nominated in the Toshiba Community Group award. This is a great honor and we can vote for them in the people's choice award section [here](#)
- ⇒ **Leneva-Baranduda Growth Area Plan** has just been released by Wodonga Council's Planning Department. This plan maps out how the Leneva valley will be developed over the next 20 - 30 years. Feedback is required by 10th August . Find the plan [here](#)

Funding Opportunities

- ⇒ **Coles Junior Landcare Grants** - 101 schools around Australia will receive grants of up to \$1000 from round 3 to assist with the development of various garden projects, not only educating children about fresh fruit and vegetables, but also the importance of looking after the environment. Schools, kindergartens, day care centres and youth groups looking to start their own garden program can apply for a Coles Junior Landcare garden grant by registering with Junior Landcare. Round 3 closes Friday 27th July. For more information please visit www.juniorlandcare.com.au.
- ⇒ Wodonga City **Neighbourhood Power** grants available; up to \$1500 per group. Groups must clearly demonstrate that the project will strengthen the community through engagement, inclusion and increasing the wellbeing of Wodonga residents. Guidelines [here](#). Application form [here](#). Best approach to discuss your idea with the Neighbourhood Power Coordinator first, email rpick@wodonga.vic.gov.au
- ⇒ **Myer Foundation Education Grants:** The Myer Foundation is currently accepting applications under its education theme on an ongoing basis, with no fixed closing date. These small grants (up to \$10,000) will support projects that work with young people in rural and regional communities (and other young people, refer website). Applicants must have tax concession status with the ATO. Further information is available at www.myerfoundation.org.au .
- ⇒ **Norman Wettenhall Foundation Grants:** To support projects that enhance or maintain the vitality and diversity of the Australian natural living environment. The objectives of the Small Environmental Grants Scheme are to support Australian biodiversity projects that are concerned with one or more of the following:
- monitoring and recording data
 - community education
 - community capacity building (training)
 - research and science
- The NWF has funded projects ranging from supporting local communities to maintain or restore habitat; to the production of education kits; and the publication and widespread dissemination of research information essential to species preservation. Expressions of Interest open: 1st August, 1st November, [Website](#)
- ⇒ **Turf Australia Grants** - Turf Australia and Junior Landcare are offering 15 green makeovers to schools and youth groups across Australia. Grant recipients will be visited by a professional turf grower who will lay real turf in their recreational areas to provide natural grass coverage for kids to enjoy. All schools, including preschools and kindergartens, as well as youth groups including Scouts, Girl Guides and other community organisations that involve and support young people are all eligible to enter the Perfect Patch of Green program. Applications close on 31st July 2012. For more information please visit www.juniorlandcare.com.au.

Do you have some info worth sharing with the Wodonga landcare and sustainability community? Ideas? Resources? Grants? Inspiration? Please forward it to me at WULN for the next Network Bulletin.

Kind regards, Anne