



# Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

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### Opportunities to be involved

- ⇒ **Wodonga Urban Landcare Network Initial Meeting:** Wednesday 23rd May, Frayne College Hall, Baranduda Dr, Baranduda,. Join the foundation membership of the WULN to decide the scope and direction of the Network, find support for your group, be a part of landscape scale projects... Contact [Anne](#)
- ⇒ **Volunteering Video competition.** The federal government has launched a competition for 15 to 25 year olds designed to inspire more young people to volunteer. They're looking for short video ads that capture all the great things about volunteering. Prizes include film-making kits complete with cameras and software. The competition closes 5pm AEST Sunday **22 July 2012**. <http://volunteering.notforprofit.gov.au>
- ⇒ **Invitation to join the Friends of the Ridges Reserves Landcare Group.** This new urban landcare group is interested in the maintenance and health of the Susan Campbell and Kent McKoy Reserve areas in Wodonga (the hill top parkland area accessed through various walking paths from Ardern Place, Norsdvan Drive, Yaralumla Drive, Beard Crescent etc). These reserves are popular for walking and provide wonderful views out over Wodonga and surrounds. Join up [here](#) Or contact Judith Moore for more information: 0448 045 124
- ⇒ A comprehensive Calendar of Events for local sustainable living groups is available at [Ecoportal](#)

### Funding Opportunities

- ⇒ Just announced from DSE, new funding for Tree Planting projects. Great opportunity for group or combined group/Network activities. Go to <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/conservation-and-environment/biodiversity/2-million-trees>
- ⇒ Local Project funding available to WULN. The WULN has received notice that a one-off Victorian local landcare facilitator initiative (VLLFI) Small foundation grant is available to help us get local projects happening quickly. Projects must have a practical, on-ground element - see [guidelines](#). Please contact Anne to discuss your project ideas.

- ⇒ 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 Co-ordinator first, email [rpick@wodonga.vic.gov.au](mailto: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](http://www.myerfoundation.org.au).

## Resources

- ⇒ **Feral animals** Clear, up to date and comprehensive information on pests such as rabbits and foxes and why they are a danger to our environments. Suitable for all ages and information needs from schools to landowners. From identification, distribution, history and habits to most suitable control measures and links to other information. <http://www.feral.org.au/>
- ⇒ **Google Hangouts** Google+ has what it calls Hangouts – effectively a free video conferencing option for up to 10 people. This only requires reasonable broadband, webcam and microphone/speakers or headset, and your browser – and people can participate via phone only. Hangouts can be recorded and loaded onto YouTube if required. The hangouts also allow initiators to present content on screen, ie powerpoint, documents, photo's etc, or work together on a particular document. A new capability that has just been enabled is the ability to put hangouts on air, ie to broadcast these to a much wider audience, and record for future. Info here <http://google-au.blogspot.com.au/2012/05/google-hangouts-on-air-broadcast-your.html>
- ⇒ **Schools Environmental Education Directory (SEED)** Source of comprehensive curriculum resources, relevant to the North East. Described to WULN by a local teacher in the know as “the best—no need to go anywhere else” Start at the [NECMA Re-](#)

## Great Projects and Inspiring Work

- ⇒ **Focus on Fauna** : A little over a year ago, the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network as part of a much larger fire-recovery program, initiated a project that sought to more closely connect landholders with the recovering bush and to document the fauna of the area in this early, post-fire period. You can read all about the project at: <http://focusonfauna.wordpress.com/>. And view the video at <http://focusonfauna.wordpress.com/2012/04/24/final-fling-and-film/>

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*