



Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

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Opportunities to be involved



WULN Quarterly Gathering – Wednesday 21st November, Willow Park Wodonga: 5:30 – 8pm. All Welcome. 5.30 pm: Walk and presentation of master-plan and group activities of Friends of Willow Park. 6.30 pm: Dinner (BBQ provided by FoWP. BYO chair / plate / cutlery / drinks/salad or dessert to share). 7pm – 8 pm: Committee meeting.
RSVP essential to: anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



“Australians don't care where their food comes from, as long as it's cheap and looks good” – Radio National AgTalk panel discussion Thurs 22nd November:

Anyone who is passionate about food, food production and agriculture is invited to attend a live panel discussion and audience Q and A held in the ABC Iwaki Auditorium, Southbank, Melbourne on 22 November at 7pm. The discussion will also be broadcast by *Bush Telegraph* on 26 November at 11am. A podcast will be available on the [RN website](#) after broadcast. The panel will respond to the statement: *Australians don't care where their food comes from, as long as it's cheap and looks good.*

Hosted by ABC Radio National *Bush Telegraph* presenter, Cameron Wilson, the panel includes John Durkan – Merchandise Director, Coles, Dr Andrew Monk – Director, Biological Farmers Australia, Jane Adams – National Representative, Farmers' Markets Association, Judith Damiani – CEO, Citrus Australia, Dougal Gordon – CEO, Australian Lot Feeders' Association, Steve Spencer – Director, Fresh Logic.

Part of the government's mission to engage with industries, communities and consumers on agricultural issues, the discussion—along with six very different points of view—will bring attention to the issues the agricultural and food industries are currently facing.

RN hopes to involve as many representative organisations and members of the public as possible, to include a range of perspectives for a lively and insightful debate. Join in by:

- Attending the event in person. Attendance is free and light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited so register now at caitlinf@coxinall.com.au.
- Following the *Bush Telegraph* twitter profile (@RNBushTele) and 'like' the [ABC Radio National](#) and [Bush Telegraph Facebook](#) pages for further updates.
- Engaging with the conversation using the hashtag #AgTalks
- Tuning in to *Bush Telegraph* on 26 November at 11am.



Landscape Planning for Small Rural Properties Workshop – Sunday 25th November:

9.30 am – 12.30pm, Yackandandah Community Centre. A workshop subsidised by the Regional Landcare Facilitator Project. Contact Amber Croft 0429400411



One Mile Creek Carp Muster: Let's Go Fishin' – Sunday 25th November: 8am-2pm. Join

Wangaratta Urban Landcare Group- Wangaratta Sustainability Network - Restoring Our Waterways to clean-up One-Mile Creek and help remove European Carp from One Mile Creek. Catch as many Carp as you can along One Mile Creek. Learn to fish or catch yourself a prize. There will be plenty of fun activities and a free BBQ lunch. Children under the age of 15 years must be accompanied by an adult. To register your interest phone 57223823. Email diane.farmer@bigpond.com Registration will be necessary on the day.



Secrets of Successful Groups Training - Monday 27th November 10:30am - 3:30pm, Oxley Shire Hall (near Wangaratta) Run by the Farm Tree and Landcare Association, this workshop

will cover two or three topics from a number of available modules including: Effective Decision-making, Legal Duties & Governance, Employment & Employer Responsibilities, Health & Safety, Volunteer Recruitment & Succession, Managing the Books. Lunch and Refreshments included. Please RSVP to Susi or Mary at the FTLA, ftla@vff.org.au or 03 9270 5527.



Youth Leading the World - Ozgreen 3 day Youth Congress - 27-28-29 Nov 20, the

Cube, Wodonga. Imagine bringing thousands of young people together in 50 locations all across the world, focussing on global sustainability challenges, vibrant goal setting, action planning for change; **CONNECTING... PLANNING... TOGETHER**

Youth Congress - day 1 & 2: Focus | Vision | Change | Action process to develop plans for change

Community Forum - day 3: Invitation to government, local business, parents, teachers, Indigenous leaders, principals and families to come, listen and be inspired!

Phone Ozgreen on 02 6655 2180 | annalou_houston@hotmail.com | www.ozgreen.org



Blackberry Field Day: Effective Control Methods in Action - Wed 28 November, 10.00

am to 2.30 pm, 180 Bryants Gap Rd, Tallangatta Is blackberry impacting on the productivity of your agricultural land? Would you like to limit the spread of this noxious weed that is damaging our natural environment? Then join us for a demonstration of products that will help you control blackberry & other woody weeds & how to use them to get effective results. Learn about M2MBAG's "community approach" to blackberry control & how you can participate this spraying season.

Demonstrations & Guest Speakers including M2M Blackberry Action Group: Jim de Hennin - Greenacres Land Management: Andrew Knowles - Dow AgroSciences: Brad Davis - Dupont: Greg Bennett - DSE "Good Neighbour Program": Arthur Scholz - NECMA 'Biocontrol': Simon Feillaffe. *Bring: Hat, sturdy shoes & camera, Lunch & Refreshments Provided, RSVP by 25 Nov 12: John Maddock (02) 60712273 or Jim de Hennin 0408978847*



Wodonga Local Sustainability Education Network – Meet the community Wed 6th

December 5-6.30pm. An informal end-of-year gathering for educators and WULN members to make connections and look to strengthening our delivery of sustainability education locally. Please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling at anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Bogong High Plains mossbeds walk - Sat 8th December—See Alpine Stackhousia, Sky Lil-

ies, Victorian Buttercups. Donation \$20 gratefully accepted to keep the Not For Profit Our Native Garden nursery producing local native plants. Please book through Jill on 0418 579 331 or jilldawson@alpineology.com.au



Alpine Ecology Course - Sunday 3rd to Friday 8th February 2013, Bogong High Plains

and Falls Creek Resort. A fantastic opportunity to refresh your skills, or learn some new ones in the beautiful high country of Victoria. This is an opportunity to learn about the plants, animals, land-forms and soils that make up alpine ecosystems, in the context of land use and conservation issues. The emphasis is on practical demonstration and field experience. Most sessions are conducted in the field in small groups. A formal knowledge of botany, zoology or geology is not required – each session provides the basic knowledge needed to understand the topic. Accommodation at CSIR Aurora Lodge, Falls Creek Course Fee (includes accommodation, meals, instruction and course notes): if paid by organisation or business: \$1590 (inc. GST); if paid by individual: \$1290 (inc. GST).

Applications due by 26th November 2012, with deposit of \$330

Enquiries: Sandra Bowers, alpine.ecology@latrobe.edu.au 03 9479 2190



The 2013 Sustainable Living Festival: call for events The Sustainable Living Festival raises

awareness and provides tools for change by showcasing leading solutions to the ecological and social challenges we face, it aims to inspire and empower everyday Australians to accelerate the uptake of sustainable living. The SLF are now calling for events throughout Victoria happening between 9 and 24 Feb 2013, the SLF would love you to host an event in your community, and time it to fit within this fortnight. In the past groups have held all kinds of events; expert panels speaking about environmental and climate change issues, cooking classes, gardening workshops, music performances, tours of parks and gardens, art exhibitions, farmers markets and so much more! We want groups all around the state to hold their own event which explores and promotes sustainable living. Register your event at festival.slf.org.au so

that we know it is happening. Check out the 2012 Festival promo: <http://vimeo.com/44715153> <http://vimeo.com/35081045>

Resources



Jute matting bulk purchase opportunity. Jute matting is a geotextile used for weed and erosion control. It acts as a mulch, providing weed suppression and moisture retention to enhance plant establishment, while protecting the topsoil from erosion. It will biodegrade over time. It comes in rolls 25m x 1.83, and is appropriate for use along our Wodonga creeks, replacing the need for paper or cardboard mulch. Standard price is between \$80-\$140/roll. WULN is seeking expressions of interest from local groups with a view to co-ordinating a bulk purchase for 2013 plantings, hoping to negotiate a better price/roll and reduce freight costs. Please contact WULN at anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Murray Darling Seminar Series video clip available on Youtube: This fantastic presentation entitled 'Filling the Gap' was given by Neil Ward from the MDBA – Indigenous Liaison at the final of this year's Murray Darling Seminars. Well worth watching.



Get to know the locals! New guide to North East Fish, Crayfish & Turtles. A new guide to the Freshwater Fish, Crayfish and Turtles of North East Victoria has been launched as part of the Ninety Days of Nature. The guide is now available from DSE offices.



National Landcare Conference Videos now online: The video presentations from the plenary sessions at the 2012 National Landcare Conference in September are now available online at <http://www.daff.gov.au/landcareconference/videos>. The presentations from the range of concurrent sessions are also available at; <http://www.daff.gov.au/landcareconference/speakers/presentations>. The video presentations include;

Conference opening address: Dr Conall O'Connell, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, discusses the Australian Government's approach to, and priorities for, Landcare.

Landcare, Be Heard! A highly entertaining presentation by publisher Mia Freedman and award-winning author Peter FitzSimons as they explain how Landcare can benefit from and engage in the fast paced and 'sexed up' world of social media.

Landcare to Lunchbox – the balance of food production: A fascinating and challenging panel session on the origins and quality of food in Australia, the price we pay for it and sustaining the food agriculture industry. Panellists include environmentalist Tim Flannery, Woolworths representative Andrew Hall, National Farmers' Federation president Jock Laurie, food and wine personality Lyndey Milan and scientist Carole Hungerford.

The Legacy: award-winning scientist Dr David Suzuki provides an insightful look at the changing climate and human biology.

Our lessons for the future of Landcare: A panel of experienced Landcarers impart their wisdom about the history and values of Landcare, as well as how we can learn from the past and draw on different cultures and viewpoints to ensure our land is preserved into the future.

Landcare – The Future in Our Hands: A panel of young Landcare volunteers, producers and farmers discuss creative ways to engage the next generation of Landcarers in environmental projects and what the future holds for the Landcare movement.

Funding Opportunities



Communities for Nature grants program now open: Communities for Nature grants are targeted towards local community groups and organisations, including schools. The Communities for Nature grants program seeks to: support practical community action to deliver measurable environmental outcomes; support community groups and volunteers undertaking works of primarily an environmental nature; support communities with relevant and timely information to assess priorities at the local level to determine the best returns in undertaking on-ground works. The program has up to \$700,000 to invest for the 2012 Small Grants Funding Opportunity for grants of **up to \$10,000 each**. Projects that will be completed by 31 May 2014 are eligible for funding. Applications can be submitted online from 1:00pm on 10 November 2012 and close at **midnight on 19 December 2012**. Go to: <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/conservation-and-environment/biodiversity/communities-for-nature-grant-program> Application forms and FAQ's are also attached to this link.