



# Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

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### Opportunities to be involved

- ⇒ **Wodonga Schools Sustainability Education Network** – In response to expressions of interest WULN is facilitating the birth of a new forum for local educators to find resources, discuss local applications of sustainability education in schools at all levels, co-ordinate PD opportunities, share success stories and support each other in sustainability education. This will involve opportunities to get together as well as a web-based forum. If you would like to participate in this network please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling at [anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au)
- ⇒ **Changes to the Associations Incorporations Act information session – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 has been passed by the Victorian Parliament and the changes come into effect on 26 November 2012. New Model Rules will soon be released and all groups currently incorporated will need to change their Rules to comply. FTLA members should be aware that the FTLA will also be changing its Rules in line with the new Act. FTLA advises that any group currently considering becoming incorporated in their own right may wish to delay the process until after the 26 November 2012 so as not to have to deal with the transition. Consumer Affairs Victoria will be running free information sessions on how the changes will affect incorporated associations. The sessions will focus on adapting to the new laws, making or changing rules, how to submit financial statements, statutory obligations. Please see <http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/news-and-events/events/incorporated-associations-free-information-sessions> for full details. Bookings are essential: Wodonga, Thurs, 25 Oct, 2- 4 pm, RSVP: 5723 6400.
- ⇒ **Hume Murray Community Gardening Collective meeting Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10.30-12.30.** A networking opportunity for those interested in community or school gardens. Meeting will be held at Frayne College, Baranduda Boulevard, Baranduda, , and will include a tour of the college gardens. Call Kylie Gillison at Gateway Community Health on 02 60553024 or e-mail [kjillison@gatewaycommunityhealth.org.au](mailto:kjillison@gatewaycommunityhealth.org.au)
- ⇒ **Landscaping for Bushfire - Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October:** 7pm, Wooragee Community Hall. Guest presenter - Phil Browne, Vegetation Management Officer, CFA Hume Region, Districts 23 (Wangaratta) & 24 (Wodonga). The presentation will include aspects of the Landscaping for Bushfire project & an explanation of the process by which brigade fuel management works are identified, ratified and undertaken. Light Supper provided. RSVP essential to Gerri Boland 03 5728 2259 or Alandi Durling 042821 1008 [alandi.durling@landcarevic.net](mailto:alandi.durling@landcarevic.net)
- ⇒ **Mt Beauty Wildflower Tour - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** Featuring Mountain Grevillea, Twining Glycine and other wildflowers, with ecologist Jill Dawson. Small group, short easy 2 hour stroll in beautiful bush. 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](mailto:jilldawson@alpineology.com.au)
- ⇒ **Reptiles & Frogs – In the Flesh - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October:** Dr. Damian Michael, Herpetologist reveals hidden reptile and frog treasures during a ½ day field extravaganza in Baranduda. 10.30am to

2pm. Meet @ Baranduda Community Centre – self drive short distances to field locations. This is your opportunity to get up close and personal to a host of locals - from the dinosaur age! Hosted by Baranduda Landcare & NECMA. RSVP Glen Johnson by: Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Oct at [baran-duda@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:baran-duda@landcarevic.net.au)

- ⇒ **Waterwise Garden Open - Bright Spring Festival - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30-12.30 Free tour and discussion of the indigenous Waterwise garden, Railway Avenue, Bright. Contact Louisa on 0357562955. [Upper Ovens Valley Landcare Group](#)
- ⇒ **Food Security in Australia Forum and Book Launch - Tuesday 30 October 2012:** Investigating the dilemmas of Food Quality vs Quantity, Global or Local Food Production, and Land For Houses or Food? Come along and join in the debate on the future of food in Australia. Free Event 9am to 4pm, Building 751, Lecture Theatre 104, Charles Sturt University Albury Wodonga Campus, Elizabeth Mitchell Drive Thurgoona, NSW. *Book early, numbers are limited.* To register your interest and to assist with catering please go to <http://www.trybooking.com/BUSW>
- ⇒ **Native Plant Propagation Workshop– Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** 1-3pm. This is a hands-on opportunity to learn propagation techniques at the Kiewa Catchment Landcare Nursery located at Running Creek. The session will focus on understorey plants (shrubs and ground covers), and will cover topics such as preparing seed, soil mixes and planting techniques. All seeds are sourced locally from Indigenous species. We will conclude with an afternoon tea. Please RSVP to Belinda Pearce by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 0407 227 814, [belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au)
- ⇒ **Roadside Plant Identification & Seed collection techniques – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** This is an opportunity to wander along some of our local roads, and spend a bit of time identifying and discussing what we find, how we would collect the seeds and propagation techniques. Some of our local roads are great examples of the diversity that may have once existed in paddocks. Roadsides are often the last remaining remnants and habitat for many of our furry, feathered and reptile creatures. Meet at 520 Yackandandah-Dederang Rd, Bruarong. Please RSVP to Belinda Pearce, by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 0407 227 814 [belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au)
- ⇒ **Bus trip to Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** 10am-2.30pm This is a fantastic opportunity to visit an outstanding example of a community-based environmental project. Wirraminna occupies four hectares of formerly unused ground between the school and recreation ground in Burrumbuttock. See [www.wirraminna.org](http://www.wirraminna.org) From its beginning in 1995, it has developed into an environmental education centre that provides opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of woodlands and the beauty of native plants. All welcome. Meet at Baranduda Scout Hall car park at 10.00am Lunch will be provided. It is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL to register your interest a.s.a.p to Belinda 0407 227 814 [belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au)
- ⇒ **Friends of Willow Park - Community Gardening in the Park – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** 9.30-11.30am. Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park. BYO Water, sunscreen and hat. Morning tea after gardening.
- ⇒ **Indigenous Weaving Workshop – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** This is a unique hands-on opportunity to learn the art of coiling and twining, and gain an insight into the importance of weaving as a Traditional Cultural Practice. The workshop will run over two Saturdays, the 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am - 3.00pm. Please bring a lunch item to share (eg salad, quiche or sandwiches). There are only 12 places available. Please note that parts of the workshop may be filmed and works produced may form part of a Traditional Weaving Exhibition. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Please RSVP to Belinda by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. 0407 227 814 [belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au) This is a joint initiative of Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups & North East Catchment Management Authority - Indigenous Engagement.

- ⇒ **Wodonga Urban Landcare Network Quarterly Gathering—Wednesday 21st November:** General Meeting and evening 'show and tell' at Willow Park. Further in formation and rsvp to Anne Stelling on 0428 565 195 [anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au)
- ⇒ **The Creating Healthy Sustainable Societies conference - Thursday, 22 November, 9 – 5.30pm,** Alan Gilbert Lounge, University of Melbourne, Carlton. Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute (MSSI) and Melbourne University invite you to a collaborative and interactive one day conference exploring the nexus between health and environmental sustainability, with a focus on profiling innovative projects and research. The conference will combine a dynamic mix of keynote presentations, panel discussions, and a series of 10 minute project updates. The conference will bring together leading thinkers and researchers from the fields of health and sustainability to provide a forum to profile research, build networks and discuss future collaboration; up skill advocates, leaders and researchers working in health and sustainability; support professionals in the field and those seeking a career in this discipline. Free, Tea and Coffee provided. Registration: <http://healthysustainablesocieties.eventbrite.com> Info: Grant Blashki: [gblashki@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:gblashki@unimelb.edu.au)
- ⇒ **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](mailto: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

## 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](mailto:anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au)
- ⇒ **National Landcare Award videos available:** Landcare Australia has a number of videos available showing the 2012 Landcare Awards nominees: go to <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxw9tvpviZle5VeD0p1yO50T3UNZoxNP>
- ⇒ **Land sector carbon and biodiversity reports available:** The inaugural Annual Report of the Land Sector Carbon and Biodiversity Board has been presented to Parliament. It provides updates on the implementation and performance of the Land Sector Package of the Clean Energy Future plan. To access the Annual Report visit [www.environment.gov.au/cleanenergyfuture/land-sector/board.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/cleanenergyfuture/land-sector/board.html) or email [lscbbsecretariat@environment.gov.au](mailto:lscbbsecretariat@environment.gov.au) to receive an electronic copy.

## Funding Opportunities

- ⇒ **Watch this Space! The 2012 Communities for Nature Small Grants Funding round will be opening soon.** If you are especially keen to apply, keep an eye on the DSE website: <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/conservation-and-environment/biodiversity/communities-for-nature-grant-program>. I can also notify you via email once the round is open—please send your details to Anne Stelling [anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au)