



Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

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Opportunities to be involved

- ⇒ **Yackandandah Land for Living Day - Sunday 23rd September** 5 inspiring properties with guided tours. Discover self sufficient food production, inspiring native gardens, organic farming principles, rare chook breeds & heritage vegetables, creating native habitat & more! REGISTER on the day from 9.30am at the Yackandandah Community Centre, High St, Yackandandah. (Bookings for each property can only be made on the day. Bookings for each property are limited and will be on a first come basis.) Regular guided tours will be conducted at each property throughout the day. This is a FREE event! Enquiries: Amber Croft, Regional Landcare Facilitator, amber.croft@landcarevic.net.au or 0429 400 411
- ⇒ **Hume's Annual Tree Planting Day – Sunday 30th September** To offset the carbon emissions from Hume's company vehicles, Hume plants hundreds of trees with Parklands Albury Wodonga each year. Hume invites customers to participate in its 9th annual tree planting day on Sunday 30 September 2012 at Gateway Island, upstream of Harris Road carpark, Wodonga. Refer to website for location details. Includes a free BBQ lunch. All tools, equipment, materials, saplings and gloves will be provided. Please bring closed shoes and trousers. RSVP by 20 September to Gemma Noordewier 02 6051 3226 or gnoordewier@humebuild.com. To find out more go to www.humebuild.com.au
- ⇒ **Professional Development Seminar Thursday 11th October, 4.00pm - 5.30pm** Linda Anania, the SEED "School Environment Education Directory" project officer, along with other agency staff, will deliver a seminar to promote delivery of Biodiversity Programs in schools in the region. School principals, teachers and other representatives, and interested community members are welcome. No cost. To assist with catering please RSVP by Friday 5th Oct to Glen Johnson at baranduda@landcarevic.net.au Venue: Frayne College - Baranduda.
- ⇒ **Reptiles & Frogs – In the Flesh - Sunday 28th 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 25th Oct at baranduda@landcarevic.net.au
- ⇒ **Planting supplies bulk purchase opportunity – September only** SA company Abor-green is offering bulk purchase specials we may be able to take advantage of if we pool local orders. Offer includes **Corflute Treeguards** – Only 1 stake needed - Normally \$1.48 ea Special: Qty 500+ \$1.00 ea: 1000+ \$0.94 ea: 2000+ \$0.88 ea **Hardwood Stakes** - Specially machined stake which prevents the Corflute guards from spinning around in the wind. Normally: \$0.60 ea Special: Qty 500+ \$0.44 ea: 1000+ \$0.42 ea: 2000+ \$0.40 ea **Eko™ Mat Jute Advanced**- 100% biodegradable but lighter and more durable than conventional jute. 350gsm, 1.83m x 25m roll. Normally \$110 per roll Special: Qty 1+ \$88 roll Qty 5+ \$79 roll Qty 10+ \$70 roll
WULN will co-ordinate a bulk local order if there is interest. Please ring Anne on 0428565195

⇒ **Secrets of Successful Groups training** for committees

is being offered by the Farm Tree and Landcare Association. The Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) is supporting ten sessions across Victoria to assist Landcarers to improve the capacity and health of their groups and networks. There will be one session per CMA region between September and December this year, with the closest to us being in Wangaratta, date TBA depending on interest. Sessions open to all Landcarers, Friends of groups etc. Each session will cover two or three topics from a number of available modules including:

Effective Decision-making, Legal Duties & Governance, Employment & Employer Responsibilities, Health & Safety, Recruitment & Succession, Managing the Books

Please express your interest with [WULN](#) – we already have two local groups interested.

⇒ **Fully Funded Training - Sustainable Practice Skill Set** Centre for Sustainable Skills at Wodonga-TAFE have partnered with The National Centre for Sustainability (NCS) and project partners and are delighted to offer the opportunity for VET practitioners to complete the TAE Sustainable Practice Skill Set. As part of the implementation of the national Green Skills Agreement, the NCS Consortium partners (led by the University of Ballarat) will deliver this Skill Set nationally throughout 2012. The aim of this professional development program is to expand the base of Australian VET practitioners from across the range of RTOs and industry areas, to develop skills and knowledge to support the delivery of skills for sustainability in their VET training programs. The Sustainable Practice Skill Set units to be completed are:

TAESUS501A – Analyse and apply sustainability skills to learning programs

TAESUS502A – Identify and apply current sustainability education principles and practice to learning programs. To register your interest please contact Jennifer Klippel on 02 6055 6334 or email: jklippel@wodongatafe.edu.au.

Resources

SEED has great curriculum resources available, specially developed to focus on NE Victoria. Find out how best to use the SEED resources at the:

SEED Seminar Thursday 11th October, 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Frayne College - Baranduda

See page 1 for details

Funding Opportunities

⇒ **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](#)

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