



Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

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Opportunities to be involved



Baranduda Landcare – 12th Feb: The first meeting of the year will be held on February 12th and will have global warming as its theme. Details here: <http://www.ecoportal.net.au/event/baranduda-landcare-meeting1-2013>



WULN Biolinks Stage 2 Project Launch - 13th Feb: 5-7.30pm at Les Stone Park near the Lawrence St carpark. You are invited to the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network's Biolinks Stage 2 Project launch presenting the results of Biolinks Stage 1 and expectations of Stage 2. This is an opportunity for local residents to become involved in improving the ecology of House and Huon Creeks within the city of Wodonga. Please RSVP to: anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Albury Wodonga River Frontages Reference Group—Tues 19th Feb: - Parklands Albury Wodonga invites user groups and the general public to join Parklands Albury Wodonga's "River Frontages Reference Group". The role of this group is to meet twice a year and guide the setting of priorities for Parklands projects in terms of community access, infrastructure and levels of service for particular parks. For more details, go to: www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



WULN Quarterly Gathering – Wednesday 20th Feb, Bonegilla Hall, Murray Valley Hwy, Ebdon: 6pm start. All Welcome. Hosted by the Bonegilla Rail Trail group, including a presentation of the group's activities, updates from WULN member groups, committee meeting and light supper. Please RSVP to: anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Business Clean Up Day - Tuesday 26th February: Clean up your local environment or green up your office. If your business wants to get involved in Business Clean Up Day go to: <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event> And don't forget to contact WULN to link up with community members working in your area!



Schools Clean Up Day - Friday 1st March: The event inspires students to learn about their environment and contribute to their local community. It's a day when students and teachers work together to clean up a site significant to them. For more information go to: <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event>



Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 3rd March: Registration is open for Clean Up Australia Day 2013. Register or join a site now. For more information go to: <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event/clean-up-australia-day>



The North East Local Produce Guide - The NE Local Produce Guide aims to be a comprehensive guide for local consumers to source fresh food from local growers in North East Victoria. We are aiming to include all businesses in north east Victoria that grow and locally sell fresh produce. Business listings in the guide are free. The Guide is an initiative of the North East Regional Landcare Facilitator Project in partnership with the Indigo Shire Council with the aim of reducing food miles and carbon emissions, supporting local farmers and encouraging healthy eating. Register your details online here: <http://www.nelocalproduce.com.au/> For more information contact Amber Croft on 0429 400 411 or amber.croft@landcarevic.net.au



Welding Volunteer needed - Parklands Albury Wodonga is looking for a retiree with basic farm welding skills to work out of works depot on Gateway Island, Wodonga on a regular or ad hoc basis. PAW is working in partnership with the Koetong Shelley Development Association and the Puffing Billy Preservation Society to restore two timber trestle bridges on the former Wodonga-Cudgewa Railway Corridor. If you are interested in helping out for a few hours (all training, supervision and safety equipment provided) please contact Ant Packer, Community Ranger, Parklands Albury Wodonga Mobile: 0427 926 282 Phone: 02 6023 6714 or email info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au

Training Opportunities



Native Plant Propagation Workshops – Sat 2nd Feb: You are invited to participate in Kiewa Catchment Landcare Network's ongoing series of Native Plant Propagation Workshops, held at the Landcare Nursery at Running Creek.

Saturday 2nd February, 9.00am – 12noon with BBQ lunch

Saturday 16th February, 9.00am – 12noon with BBQ lunch

You are welcome to attend all or part of the sessions. For catering purposes please RSVP to Belinda Pearce. belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au



Free Rabbit Fumigation Training— Fri 15th Feb, 9.30-1.30, Age Concern, 432 Townsend St, Albury. Training by the Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre, DPI NSW. Organised by Parklands Albury Wodonga. Registrations 02 6023 6714 or email info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Business Planning For Not-For-Profit Organisations – 19th Feb: The program features a free business planning workshop hosted by Whittlesea and Cardinia and Casey Councils, followed by four individual business mentoring sessions to help guide NFP community organisations through a simple plan for constructing a basic business plan. You do not need to be based in these council areas to attend. Each seminar is limited to 15 community organisations (2 people from each organisation can attend) so you'll have to get in quick. For more information go to <http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/communitydevelopment/community-sector/e-bulletin>



Carbon Farmers Australia Webinars starting 21st Feb: 101 Series: Cost: \$55 per session, Start: 4pm. Places are limited, bookings essential.

21-Feb-2013 Session 1: An Introduction to Carbon Farming and Trading

28-Feb-2013 Session 2: The Carbon Farming Initiative Process

07-Mar-2013 Session 3: The Two Markets

14-Mar-2013 Session 4: "Tools and Techniques" Practical Carbon Farming

Advanced Sessions: Cost: \$75 per session, Start: 4pm. Places are limited, bookings essential.

21-Mar-2013 Session 1: Putting a Carbon Farming Initiative Project into Reality

27-Mar-2013 Session 2: Understand and be knowledgeable about carbon emissions Markets

For more information go to: <http://www.carbonfarmersofaustralia.com.au/Product/webinars>



Joel and Daniel Salatin Workshops - Feb 24-28th: In February 2013, for the first time anywhere in the world, father & son Joel & Daniel Salatin present an entirely new workshop series. 1 day workshops will deal with the issues of Intergenerational Succession, Farm Enterprise Planning, Complementary PolyMarketing, AgriPreneurialism, Land Access & Scaling head on. Led by one of the world's most successful father & son agricultural partnerships these workshops promise to change people's lives & the landscapes they manage for the better. **For more information & to register your interest please go to www.JoelSalatin.com.au**

Opportunities to have your say



Victorian Government pre-budget submissions – due 31st Jan: The Victorian Government is seeking submissions from community groups and businesses for the 2013 Budget. Environment Victoria is encouraging community members concerned about previous cutbacks to services

affecting our environment to make a submission outlining priorities and ideas for the next budget. See EV's suggestions at: <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/endfossilfuelsubsidies>

Submissions should be sent to Office of the Treasurer, GPO Box 4379 Melbourne, Victoria, 3002 no later than 31 January 2013. Further information see: <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/5771-coalition-calls-for-submissions-for-2013-14-budget.html>



North East Regional Waterway Strategy Development – feedback due 31st Jan:

North East CMA prepared a Regional River Health Strategy ([RRHS](#) – click on Resource Library>Strategies & Plans) in 2006 to provide a broad level strategic direction for the management of waterways in the North East CMA area. This document is now up for renewal and will be known as the North East Regional Waterway Strategy (RWS). We are currently in the early stages of developing the RWS and would like to review the old Strategy to ensure we incorporate what we have learnt from previous experiences and update management approaches. We would also like feedback from you in regards to how you would like to be engaged in the development of the new Strategy. We would really appreciate it if you could spare 5-10 minutes to fill out the surveys (below) by the 31st of January 2013. Please select the link below to complete the survey.

[Partner review of old RRHS](#)

[Partner engagement for new RWS](#)

If you would like to comment or discuss your involvement in the new RWS development further please contact Toni Costello on: 02 6043 7622 or toni.costello@necma.vic.gov.au.

Resources



2013 Landcare Calendars available:

Amber Croft has just a few dozen of the beautiful 2013 Landcare calendars left. Groups are welcome to sell them for \$5 each to raise funds, or give them away to members. Please let Amber know if your group would like some more: amber.croft@landcarevic.net.au



Our Native Garden change of contact details

The new ONG website can be found at ournativegarden.com.au. Our Facebook page gives updates on tours and plant specials; see [facebook.com/ournativegarden](https://www.facebook.com/ournativegarden). Our new email is jilldawson@ournativegarden.com.au. Our Native Garden is a not-for-profit, volunteer run, native plant nursery dedicated to developing balanced ecosystems which help create and maintain a healthy environment for plants, creatures and people. Visit our Tawonga nursery or see us at markets and join us on engaging and interesting eco tours through local bush land with Jill Dawson.



Prospectus guiding Federal Funding:

The national biodiversity conservation prospectus, *One Land – Many Stories: Prospectus of Investment* (the Prospectus), presents the Australian Government's vision for conserving and managing Australia's valuable and most vulnerable environments. The Prospectus provides an overarching framework of the Australian Government's priorities for funding conservation and improving natural resource management in 2013–14. This Prospectus articulates the places (target areas), national priorities (investment themes) and the available grant funding to guide the development of project proposals in the 2013–14 round of biodiversity conservation and natural resource management investment across the Australian Government environment portfolio. This document provides information in one place about the range of grant programs available so that applicants can assess the program/s that are the most appropriate to support their conservation and natural resource management activities. Download the Prospectus at <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/publications/prospectus/pubs/prospectus.pdf>



Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

- In August 2012, several regional organisations accepted an invitation from Charles Sturt University and La Trobe University to become involved in the establishment of a Regional Centre of Expertise - Murray Darling (RCE- MD). The United Nations University recently advised that the submission was successful. The RCE-MD's vision is to establish a consortium of key regional stakeholders within and across the Murray Darling Basin communities. For more information please contact Dr John Rafferty at CSU JRafferty@csu.edu.au



Weeds Network: [Join The Weed's Network](#) to become a part of a world-wide movement of like-

minded people who want to prevent or control weeds without harming people or environment. The Weed's Network has now launched it's on-line [Sustainable Weeding Guide](#). Our aim is to become the number one place in the world to learn more about how to work and live with weeds sustainably.



Invasive Animals Update: The Invasive Animals CRC has recently embarked on a further five years of work under the Commonwealth Government's Cooperative Research Centres program. We are continuing our investigation into new methods of detection and management of the impacts of Australia's key vertebrate pest species such as rabbits, wild dogs and carp. In the last few months, some new PestSmart resources have been finalised and are now available on the web at www.feral.org.au/pestsmart. Some examples of the new products include the glovebox guide for managing rabbits, the working plan to manage wild dogs, guidelines for preparing a working plan to manage wild dogs, guidelines for planning carp fishing competitions, and many more.



Riversymposium: The proceedings from the 15th International Riversymposium, held 8-11 Oct 2012 in Melbourne, Australia, are now available for viewing on the Riversymposium Website. You will find integrated audio/powerpoint presentations from all speakers who gave permission for their work to be made available. The Great River Debate and other plenary sessions will also be made available via youtube in the near future. For more information go to: <http://riversymposium.com/> The 16th International Riversymposium will be held in Brisbane on 23-26 September, 2013, with the theme 'Rivers: linking water-energy-food'. Submissions will open on 25 January, 2013.



ACF Economic Advisory Service - Economics is a crucial factor in so much decision-making that affects the environment. Without a compelling economic case, groups working to look after the environment face an uphill battle. The Australian Conservation Foundation is launching this new service to provide economic assessments to community groups, green businesses and individuals to help articulate the value of our environment. The service can help: Community groups seeking grants for a local conservation project; Organisations hoping to prioritise funding to a project with strong environmental benefits; Groups working with council or government on a project with the potential to impact on the environment; Social enterprises wanting to demonstrate the additional benefit to the environment and wellbeing beyond just the bottom line; Groups needing economic experts to participate in planning or legal proceedings on matters environmental. If this means you, visit <http://www.acfonline.org.au/NEAS> or email economics@acfonline.org.au with an outline of your economic challenge.



Landcare Australia Limited 2010-11 Annual Report: Download at http://www.landcareonline.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/AnnualReport1011_FINAL_compressed.pdf



Apps to check out (most are free):

Museum Victoria – Field Guide to Victorian Fauna

This app lets you explore useful and interesting information about each species including: identification, biology, distribution, diet, habitat, scientific classification and endangered status. Wherever you are – a forest, a desert, a rocky shore, at Ararat or Apollo Bay – you'll be able to find information on more than 700 animals at the swipe of your finger.

Grains Research & Development Corporation - Weed ID: The Ute Guide

This application is designed to be used in the paddock to assist in identifying the most common, annual, biennial and perennials weeds in Southern Australia. Where possible, photographs have been provided of the weed at various growth stages to ensure correct identification. Each weed has a calendar to show which month/s the weed is likely to be present in the paddock.

Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority - APVMA

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has released an iPhone app that enables people to instantly access information about agricultural and veterinary chemicals while on the move. The tool will give access to a searchable database of the 10,500 agricultural and veterinary chemicals approved for use in Australia.

Dept. of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population & Communities: My Environment

Find the Australian environmental places and species that make up your neighbourhood or area of interest. My Environment uses the GPS to show assets around you. See the heritage places, wetlands, protected species, protected areas, weeds and invasive species near you.

Australian CliMate

Allows farmers to interrogate climate records for the past 60 years to learn about rainfall, temperature, radiation, as well as derived variables such as heat sums, soil water and soil nitrate. CliMate has a number of analyses structured around seven key questions to help farmers determine when crops will germinate or flower, or what inputs may be required. The app is suitable for anyone who uses probabilities of weather events in their decision making, from grain growers and graziers to grape growers. The app can also be downloaded for iPod touch. It is available at: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/australian-climate/id582572607?mt=8>. A web version will be released in March.

SoilMapp for iPad:

Find out what's beneath your feet with SoilMapp which taps into the best available soil information from Australia's national soil databases. You can find out about the likely types of soil near you or you can look anywhere across the country. Discover the soil's secrets, how it holds water, its clay content, acidity and other attributes related to agricultural productivity and land management. SoilMapp for iPad provides direct access to best national soil data and information from the Australian Soil Resource Information System (ASRIS) and ApSoil, the database behind the agricultural computer model: Agricultural Production Systems SIMulator (APSIM). SoilMapp is designed to make soil information more accessible to help Australian farmers, consultants, planners, natural resource managers, researchers and people interested in soil. CSIRO's SoilMapp is available from the App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/soilmapp/id578173447?mt=8>.

Funding Opportunities



Caring For Our Country Community Landcare Grants Open: These grants focus on sustainable farming and fisheries, agricultural innovation and community capacity building. Grants between \$5000 to \$50 000 (GST exclusive) are available to help local community-based organisations and groups take on-ground action as well as build their capacity and skills, while contributing towards program outcomes to:

- increase the percentage and area of farming entities that have adopted sustainable land management practices to increase productivity and improve the quality of ecosystem services delivered to the broader community from their land, whilst building their resilience to climate change
- increase the percentage of fishing and aquaculture entities that have adopted sustainable and low environmental impact management practices to increase productivity
- increase the number and area of farming and fishing entities that have trialled innovative practices for improved natural resources management
- increase the percentage of farming and fishing entities and land managers improving their knowledge and skills in managing our natural resources to deliver ecosystem services.
- increase the capacity and confidence of regional community leaders, including women, young people, Indigenous Australians and culturally diverse communities involved in agriculture or fisheries production and the protection of natural resources, and
- increase engagement and participation by regional communities, including Landcare, professional farming, industry and other community groups or individuals, in activities to manage natural resources.

For more information on eligibility and to submit a Community Landcare Grants application, visit the Caring for our Country website <http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/agriculture/clg/index.html> or call or telephone 1800 552 008. Online applications close at 5pm AEDT 20 March 2013. Please let WULN know if your group intends applying for this funding.



Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grants: The Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grants program funds schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens. For more information go to <http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au/grants-2/coles-grant> or call 03 9662 9977 Applications close February 15, 2013. Please let WULN know if your group intends applying for this funding.



OLN bikeTREES Project - Applications extended through to March 30th 2013.

A partnership program between the Ovens Landcare Network/Landcare Victoria and bikeTREES, a self-funded recreation industry based organisation dedicated to tree planting and reforestation programs with aims to improve the world we live in by planting trees as an offset. The project can subsidise trees up to \$2.00 per plant/mat/guard combination, and every supported plant attracts another \$0.50 donation to the establishment of a new Seed Bank program for all local Landcare groups. More details: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/oln/projects/oln-biketrees-project> Please let WULN know if your group intends applying for this funding.



Helen McPherson Smith Trust <http://hmstrust.org.au/grants>

The Helen Macpherson Smith Trust makes grants to support the immediate and long term needs of the wider community of Victoria across a range of targeted program areas. These include Land Stewardship programs that enable community organisations to undertake land care activities. The Trust wishes to target funding that brings organisations together on projects so that more effective outcomes can be achieved in environmental management. The Trust channels its grant funds into two streams:

- **Small Grants** <<http://hmstrust.org.au/grants/small-grants>> – to a maximum of \$25,000
- **Impact Grants** <<http://hmstrust.org.au/grants/impact-grants>> – grants above \$25,000

Please let WULN know if your group intends applying for this funding.



Cald (Culturally And Linguistically Diverse) Seniors Grants Program:

The Participation for CALD Seniors Grants Program is a small grants program that offers funding for organisations to create or expand social participation opportunities for socially isolated seniors from our ethnically diverse communities in Victoria. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available. For more information go to <http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/Home/Services-and-Resources/Community-Programs/Participation-for-CALD-Seniors-grants-program.aspx> or call 9349 4122. Applications close March 8, 2013. Please let WULN know if your group intends applying for this funding.