



Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

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Opportunities to be involved



Felltimber Creek: Are you interested in the state of the creek? WULN has had contact from local people interested in working with other community members to improve the state of Felltimber Creek. If you live in the Felltimber Creek area, make use of the walking tracks or parks or have any other connection to the creek and would like to be involved at any level in restoring, maintaining or improving it, please let us know of your interest: contact [Anne](#) on 0428 565 195.



Friends of Willow Park Community Gardening, Sunday March 3rd, with a 'Clean up Australia Day' focus: FOWP conducts regular Community Gardening in the Park (planting, mulching, cleaning up around plants) and Waterwatch (water quality monitoring) days. This month we will have a Clean Up Australia day focus. Meet near the Pearce St BBQ area at Willow Park, 9.30 am - 12 pm, BYO refreshments, hat, sunscreen. FOWP supply all other equipment. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



Wodonga Rural Lifestyle Fair 15 & 16 March – Wodonga Showgrounds: The Wodonga Show is proud and excited to announce a new event for the Wodonga Annual Show, to cater for the growing number of smaller rural farmers and families who have embraced rural living in our beautiful region. There will be a comprehensive line up of groups, products, services and suppliers represented for those who are starting out on their property or looking to expand into new interest. Supporting partner, Wodonga TAFE are offering practical advice and guest speakers covering everything from washing chooks through fencing, weed control, chainsaw demonstrations and sustainable living. Guest presenter, COSTA GEORGIADIS from Gardening Australia will also be presenting workshops and children's activities. Cost \$10/adult.



WULN stall at the Wodonga Rural Lifestyle Fair: We will be attending as a stallholder and seek your support to provide information to the public about Sustainability, Landcare and Friends activities in Wodonga. If you have information to share at this event or can come along to talk to people on Sat 15th March between 10:00am - 5:00pm, or Sun 16th March 9:00am - 4:00pm. please contact [Anne](#) on 0428 565 195



Sustainability Education Network gathering, Wed 20th March: The first quarterly gathering of the Wodonga Local Sustainability Education Network will be held at Wodonga West Primary School, 4-5pm. Join local educators for afternoon tea and opportunities to catch up on what's happening locally in sustainability education, share ideas, make local connections and hear a guest speaker. For those who can stay after 5pm, host Lou Newman will also guide us around the Wodonga West sustainability projects. All welcome. Please let me know if you are coming: [Anne](#) on 0428 565 195



3rd National Sustainable Food Summit, 20-21 March - Melb: The National Sustainable Food Summit is uniquely designed as an inclusive, interactive and participatory event allowing you to contribute your knowledge and expertise in delivering real outcomes for the Summit. Last year over 230 key practitioners with interests across the food supply chain came together to share ideas. Key topic for 2013 is 'What is the roadmap to a sustainable and equitable food system?' Please find a full program and registration form at www.3pillarsnetwork.com.au



Annual Wodonga 'Transform-a-thon': Leneva Weed Blitz and Planting Day, Sunday

26th May: An opportunity for young people to learn about environmental weeds and planting using indigenous plants, link in with local community environment groups, and raise funds for their Scout group or school. 10am-12.30pm, followed by BBQ lunch. Professional instruction, BBQ Lunch, Tools and equipment provided on the day. Sponsorship materials and full instructions provided to School and Scout groups by the end of Term 1 for distribution to young people. All enquiries to WULN facilitator: contact [Anne](#) on 0428 565 195

Learning Opportunities



How to Organise a National Tree Day event: Would your group like to organise a National Tree Day event but you don't know how to go about it? FOWP invites interested WULN member groups to join our small National Tree Day sub committee. This will be an opportunity for your group to plan and organise your own event but do so with the help and support of others. If your group would like to take up this opportunity please contact Jenni Huber - secretary@friendsofwillowpark.org.au



Soil Phosphorus workshop, 7th March – Kiewa: This free DPI workshop will give landholders tools on identifying and managing soil phosphorus on their property. Whether you have an understanding of soil phosphorus, or don't know where to start, there will be something in this for you.

Bring your soil test results if you have them. 9.30am-4.30pm, morning tea and lunch provided. Dederang Multipurpose Centre, Kiewa Valley Highway, Dederang Limited places, please contact [Suzanne Briggs](#) 0400 884 813



Grasses - which ones do what and where they fit in the ecosystem, Saturday March

9th 1.30 - 3.30. Eco Tour with Jill Dawson. Entry by donation to Our Native Garden (Registered Not for Profit nursery producing local native plants). Please book through Jill on 0418 579 331 or jilldawson@alpineology.com.au



Gum Tree - a multi-layer home for multitudes; identification, evolution and longevity, Sat April 20th

1.30 - 3.30. Eco Tour with Jill Dawson. Entry by donation to Our Native Garden (Registered Not for Profit nursery producing local native plants). Please book through Jill on 0418 579

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How to become a stallholder at a farmers' market:

Do you grow, raise, catch, forage or make fabulous food? Not sure how to get your product to market? The Victorian Farmers' Market Association (VFMA) is holding their next series of workshops for producers interested in becoming stallholders at Farmers' Markets throughout 2013. Pre-Application Workshop (\$30.00), New stallholder Workshop (\$50.00) including lunch. Workshop dates include 20th March Broadford, 20th June Melbourne, **15th August Wodonga**, 21st November Seymour. Other venues further afield also available. Bookings Ph.03 9020 8035 or email tristan@vicfarmersmarkets.org.au

Opportunities to have your say



Who would you like to hear from? Friends of Willow Park (FOWP) holds guest speaker nights every 2nd month and we are keen to make these relevant to other WULN groups. If your group has an idea for a topic or speaker please let us know so that we could arrange it. Contact Jenni on secretary@friendsofwillowpark.org.au



Voice for Indi: A Voice for Indi committee has been set up by 12 people in Indi to provide a simple and effective process by which people across the electorate can give voice; where their interests, concerns and ideas are heard, respected and taken up by candidates presenting for election. The Vfl committee seeks input into establishing a reliable and accurate view of what people think and feel about their electorate, their political representation and what they see as issues and concerns that can be addressed through the political process. For further info go to <http://www.voiceforindi.com/about>

Resources



Landcare 'In Safe Hands' toolkit: Designed specifically for community groups engaged in practical conservation activities. The toolkit will assist such groups to eliminate or minimise risks to volunteer safety and to meet duties under Work Health and Safety legislation. The toolkit is now available to be downloaded free of charge until 30 June 2013 at <http://www.insafehandstoolkit.com.au/>



Ecological Footprint Calculators: Calculators for home, school, workplaces and events. These calculators can help you to live and work more sustainably by setting targets for achieving Ecological Footprint savings - both directly through your own behaviour and indirectly through other people's or organisations' behaviours that you can influence. You can also compare the impacts that different activities or everyday decisions might have, whether they take place in your home, in your school or office, or in managing an event. In addition to calculating your Ecological Footprint, you can also calculate your [greenhouse gas emissions](#) and the [impact of your car](#). Go to <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/ecologicalfootprint/calculators/personal/introduction.asp>



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

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. 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.



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.