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Opportunities to be involved



Boomerang bags: Boomerang Bags is a community driven initiative tackling plastic pollution at the grassroots level. Dedicated schools, community groups, businesses and volunteers get together to make re-useable 'Boomerang Bags' using recycled materials as a means to replace plastic bags. Through Boomerang Bags we start conversations, make friends, up-cycle materials and work towards shifting society's throw away mentality to a more sustainable revolution of re-use – one community, needle and thread at a time! This very active initiative is not the entire solution but a platform for communication, cooperation and positive change. We already need 500 bags for a great independent local grocery line who are eager to change their dependency on plastic bags - so that's a great start – let's get cracking with these ideas and actions. For more information please contact Claire on 0406943436



Food Swap, West Wodonga – from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at Birallee Park Neighbourhood House, inside at 39 Emerald Ave, Wodonga. Our food/Plant swap happens every day from 9am - 2pm inside Birallee Park Neighbourhood House at 39 Emerald Avenue, West Wodonga. Step inside to a warm, friendly, fun, environment! Any excess fresh produce is gratefully accepted and what is not swapped it is used in our emergency food program. Whilst you visit, take a look at our magnificent community gardens, have a coffee and smell the aromas wafting from our kitchen as we make over 150 daily meals ready for donation to many organisations in our community! Contact Amanda between 9am and 2pm, Monday -Friday on 60592590.



Our Native Garden Nursery - Our Native Garden is a community owned, not-for-profit, Registered Charity, volunteer run, indigenous plant nursery. It is located at the Wodonga Waste Transfer Station at 29 Kane Rd, Wodonga. Opening hours – Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays 10am - 1pm. We're after seeds or a cutting of Hairy Bursaria to use in revegetation projects - can you help? Small Engine Fixer - Our Brush cutter and pump on a 200L sprayer needs some mechanical attention. Neither have been used recently, and although we believe there's no major faults, we need a handy person to get them started and check them out, so we can sell them. Phone Jill Dawson or Amanda Murie on 0418 579 331 or email www.ournativegarden.com.au



WATCH meeting - Tue 4th Apr from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at to be advised: WATCH (Wodonga & Albury Toward Climate Health) is a non-partisan climate advocacy group that meets every second month in central Albury. If you want to do something about climate change, you can. We offer plenty of opportunities to take positive action. Find out more by attending one of our friendly meetings. See also: watch.id.au. Please RSVP to Lizette on 60 59 4185, to be advised of venue.



Beechworth Community Meeting - Tue 4 Apr: 6pm - 7.30pm
Are you interested in the future of the Beechworth Historic Park? North East Water is planning to make changes to the sewer pipe that runs through the park and would like to hear your values, interests and concerns regarding the potential impacts. For further detail communications@newater.com.au or call 1300 361 622 [Read more...](#)



Castle Creek Walk 'N Talk – Tues 4th April from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at Castle Creek Bushlands, Castle Creek Road, opposite the hayshed - look for our signs: Parklands rangers will lead this Walk 'n Talk into the beautiful bush reserve on Castle Creek Rd. Learn about the restoration work that has been done over the years to restore and improve this important habitat for threatened species. Please dress for the weather including hat, long pants and covered shoes. Morning tea provided, so leave time for a cuppa and chat after the walk. This event is being organised by Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd, Wodonga Urban Landcare Network.



NutriSoil presents Dr Christine Jones “Weaning off N & P – Are your soils addicted?” - Fri 7 Apr: 10am - 4pm, Baranduda. An internationally renowned and highly respected groundcover and soil ecologist, Dr Christine Jones is very well known for her farmer workshops. These workshops explain the Liquid Carbon Pathway and how photosynthesis, microbes, diversity and limited chemical and tillage are the key to profitable and sustainable farms. [Read more...](#)



Wangaratta Sustainability Network’s Sustainable Food Celebration – Sat 8th April from 8.00am at Apex Park Wangaratta: this event is run alongside the Wangaratta Farmers Market and will involve celebrity chefs, demonstrations, live radio & good wholesome food. Free entry.



Corowa Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary & AGM - Sat 8th April from 9:30 am at Corowa Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary, Nixon Street, Corowa: Bird watching outing to Corowa Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary. This is a full day event, so BYO morning tea, lunch, chair, etc. The AGM will be held after lunch. For more details phone Phillip Seely: 02 60215313 or contact: ovensmurray@birdlife.org.au



Albury Wodonga Farmers’ Market – Sat 8th April from 8am and 12 noon on the Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga. Located on the Lincoln Causeway, every second Saturday: Food tastes so much better when eaten fresh and the flavours and aromas can be amazing. If you're after that fresh local produce, relaxing fun atmosphere, coffees and fresh baked goodies served straight from the oven, the Murray River Farmers Market is the place to be! Join us to roam the stalls, talk to the growers, sample the food and perhaps take home some of the many food selections on offer from gourmet chocolates, tasty sweet jams, fresh fruit and vegies, breads and cheeses, meat and honey, free range eggs, relishes and more.



Riverina Lightning Trail Run – Sun 9th April from 7:00 am - 10:00 am at Kiewa River, Killara: Race 3 of the Riverside Estate Summer Run series. This is a classic Albury-Wodonga run (aka the 'Fishy') along Kiewa River trails. Choose from 5 or 10km courses. This event is being organised by Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd.



Community Gardening in Willow Park - Sun 9th April from 9:30 am - 11:00 am at Willow Park, Car Park Pearce St Wodonga: Join us for a variety of gardening activities including planting, mulching, weeding and chatting. Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park, BYO water, gloves, sunscreen and hat, morning tea after gardening. This event is being organised by Gardens For Wildlife. Phone Jenni on 0410 074 900 for details.



North East Regional Sustainability Alliance (NERSA) Bi-monthly meeting - Mon 10th Apr from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Indigo Shire Offices, Mayday, Beechworth: The North East Regional Sustainability Alliance (NERSA) is a network of community sustainability groups which acts collaboratively with communities, agencies and organisations across the region. Meetings are held every two months in Beechworth. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Spotlighting Night Walk - Mon 10th Apr from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Gateway Island bush park, Gateway Island, Wodonga: join Parklands Rangers for a night adventure spotlighting for nocturnal native wildlife in the bush park. Parklands have been working with the community restoring the native plants to the area in recent years to support native species including the threatened

Greater Glider. Meeting Place: outside the Sustainable Activity Centre, Gateway Village. Please wear warm clothes and closed shoes and bring a personal torch. Parklands will bring the spotlight



Lucerne for Lamb Field Day - Tue 11 Apr: 9.30am - 12.30pm. Rutherglen. Agriculture Victoria is inviting sheep and lamb producers to a 'Lucerne for Lamb' field day, being held on Tuesday, 11 April at Rutherglen. Participants will hear from specialists about growing lucerne for productivity and persistence, using lucerne as a tool in sheep reproduction programs and animal health issues with grazing Lucerne. Please register with: Viv Burnett on (02) 6030 4575 or 0428 316 806

viv.burnett@ecodev.vic.gov.au



Spotlighting Night Walk - Wed 12th April from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Gordon Craig Park, TAFE Felltimber Creek Carpark, Moorfield Park Drive, Wodonga: Join Parklands Rangers for a night adventure spotlighting for nocturnal native wildlife in Gordon Craig Park. Parklands have been working with the Friends of Felltimber Creek restoring the native plants to the area in recent years to support native species including the threatened Greater Glider.

Meeting Place: The TAFE carpark near Felltimber Creek Bridge, Moorfield Park Dr. Please wear warm clothes and closed shoes and bring a personal torch. Parklands will bring the spotlight. This event is being organised by Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd.



QEII Twilight Market – Thurs 13th April from 5pm to 8pm at QEII Square, Dean Street, Albury. Price: Free: Join us at the QEII Twilight Market - it's the place to shop, listen to live music and relax on the lawn to soak up the atmosphere. Attracting up to 80 stall holders, this market is the perfect place to pick-up gourmet foods or one-off pieces including arts and crafts. Buy something truly unique while supporting local traders and designers. The littlies are catered for at AlburyCity's Creative Kids space where they can paint their own masterpiece to take home. Markets are held on the second Thursday of every month during daylight savings (October to March) and operate from 5.00pm - 8.00pm.



Yack Community Garden – Monthly Food Swap - Sat 15th April from 9:30 am - 10:30 am at Yackandandah Community Garden, William Street, Yack. (Next to the Swimming Pool and opposite the Court House): Our regular food swap, but not just limited to fruit, veg and plants, but chooks, eggs, books, seeds, cuttings, tools and anything else with a garden slant. This is followed by our monthly garden workshop. No charge to come to the food swap – just bring something to swap or make a small donation to help the Community Garden's great work. It's worth bringing your takeaway coffee (in recyclable cup, of course!) and shooting the breeze at the Community Garden. Lots of interesting chat and talk about gardening. Come and join us – you'll be more than welcome. This event is being organised by Yackandandah Community Centre.



Seed Saving in your garden - Sat 15th April from 10:30 am - 11:30 am at Yackandandah Community Garden: A great little workshop to look at the pros and cons of saving your own seed, and then making sure it remains viable for as long as possible. Well known gardener, Neil Padbury, passes on tips and wrinkles on how to make the most of your own (and your neighbours' and friends' seeds). \$10 per person. This event is being organised by Yackandandah Community Centre.



Hovell Tree Park Albury Farmers Market – 15th April from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Wood Fired Oven at Hovell Tree Park : If you're after that fresh local produce, relaxing fun atmosphere, coffees and fresh baked goodies served straight from the oven, the Murray River Farmers Market is the place to be! Located on the banks of the Murray River, in a central location between the Albury Sports Ground, Albury Swim Centre and Noreuil Park, every second Saturday. Join us to roam the stalls, talk to the growers, sample the food and perhaps take home some of the many food selections on offer from tasty sweet jams, fresh fruit and veggies, breads and cheeses, beef, pork, lamb, honey, free range eggs, olive oil, relishes, native flowers and more.



Kiewa Tangambalanga Lions Club Milk Run – Sun 30th April: This event starts and finishes at the High Country Rail Trail at the Huon Reserve, Murray Valley Hwy, Huon. The Kiewa Tangambalanga Lions Club Milk Run follows a 6km or 10km course along the rail trail over the Sandy Creek bridge starting at Huon Reserve. With the weir containing good amounts of water over recent years, the views along the course remain sensational and will be much more enjoyable with a coffee, sausage, flavoured milk or yoghurt in hand after you complete your run/walk. There will also be loads of spot prizes on the day.



'How to' Field Day: Bush Regeneration and Environmental Weeds - Mon 24th April from 9am-1.30pm, lunch included. Bush regeneration is one of the main activities of Friends and Landcare groups and there are approaches, tools and techniques that make our work easier and more effective. These Field days shine a light on some great examples of bush regeneration in our local area and focus on the tools and techniques that suit the site, the vegetation type and the season. Each event is approx. 4 hours and includes a light lunch. Registrations essential: wodongalandcare@gmail.com



Murmungee Pumpkin Festival – Sat 22nd April at Murmungee Hall, Murmungee: Fun day for all the family with great country hospitality and community pride. Keep your eye open for further info on displays and competitions. Follow them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GiantPumpkinCompetition/>



2017 Regent Honeyeater Project – Release Days and Survey program – Begins

Wed 12th April: Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park. The time to register for these exciting days is now!

The 2017 project will once again provide an opportunity for volunteers to have a unique 'hands on' role in a threatened species monitoring program. The main activity is radio tracking and associated visual confirmations of released (and any wild) Regents; however there are also opportunities to help with radio communications, data collation and office based work. There's even 'carting equipment around' roles! Monitoring will be undertaken from the 12th April onwards over an extended three to more likely six month period.

Please Note: It is ESSENTIAL that volunteers who wish to attend release days or assist in surveying register their interest. The Regent Honeyeater team then provide essential information including links to free phone apps that must be undertaken/downloaded prior to arriving on site. Please Email Liz Wemyss Elizabeth.Wemyss@delwp.vic.gov.au or Glen Johnson Glen.Johnson@delwp.vic.gov.au by Wednesday April 5th. Please ensure you provide your full name, email address, mobile phone number.



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Hovell Tree Park Albury Farmers Market – Sat 29th April from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Wood Fired Oven at Hovell Tree Park : If you're after that fresh local produce, relaxing fun atmosphere, coffees and fresh baked goodies served straight from the oven, the Murray River Farmers Market is the place to be! Located on the banks of the Murray River, in a central location between the Albury Sports Ground, Albury Swim Centre and Noreuil Park, every second Saturday. Join us to roam the stalls, talk to the growers, sample the food and perhaps take home some of the many food selections on offer from tasty sweet jams, fresh fruit and vegies, breads and cheeses, beef, pork, lamb, honey, free range eggs, olive oil, relishes, native flowers and more.



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Whistlestop Progressive High Tea - Sat 13th May from 1.30pm at Huon Reserve, Murray Valley Highway, Bonegilla (20 minutes drive east of Wodonga): Back by popular demand, as part of the North East High Country Harvest Festival, the Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group, Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group and Parklands Albury Wodonga invite you to get on your bike for this fabulous progressive High Tea. 24km return cycle from Huon Reserve over the Sandy Creek Inlet bridge to Tallangatta and return. A sociable afternoon mingling with other High Tea participants at this Friends of the High Country Rail Trail event. There will be High Tea (1950's style tucker) and hot drinks at various "whistle stops" along the High Country Rail Trail between Huon and Tallangatta. Bring a bicycle, bicycle helmet and water bottle. We are doing this to celebrate the High Country Rail Trail, showcase the region and attract visitors during this quiet period for tourism. We are also fundraising for the High Country Rail Trail. Many community and business volunteers continue to contribute significant time in restoring traditional trestle bridges, fencing and establishing access so as to open this spectacular High Country Rail through to Corryong. Lots of people all contributing a little (time and donations) has enabled us to open 60km of rail trail....only 40km to go! Bookings essential: <http://www.highcountryharvest.com.au/listing/whistlestop-high-tea-huon/>



Fungi Identification and Photography Workshop – Sat 20th May and Sun 21st May starting at 10.30am at the Civic Centre, Corowa: Corowa District Landcare are hosting this workshop to learn about the diversity and ecology of fungi and environmental photography. RSVP to Judy Kirk 02 6033 1137. (On Behalf Of Murray Local Land Services).

Learning Opportunities



Social Enterprise Workshop-Thurs 6th April, from 9.30 to 1.00pm at the Conference Room, Performing Arts Centre, 33 Ford St, Wangaratta: \$50 per ticket: If you are thinking about starting a social enterprise in Victoria that trains or employs young people, women and/or people from multicultural backgrounds, this is where you can explore your idea with experts from Social Traders and like-minded enterprises. This workshop is one in a series of workshops, feedback clinics and networking events. By attending this workshop you will also receive invites to networking events designed to bring together the social enterprise community to connect, learn and mentor. For more information [click here](#)



Women's Environmental Leadership Australia (WELA) Are you a woman and an active environmentalist living in Australia? Are you looking to take your next step in leadership? Then WELA 2017 is for you! The Women's Environmental Leadership Australia (WELA) program will bring together 20 women environmentalists of different ages and diverse backgrounds; they will be working on a variety of environmental issues and campaigns around the country, some with environment groups, some independently, in both paid and unpaid roles. WELA 2017 is a leadership program designed by women for women. It aims to address the ways in which women's crucial leadership in the environment movement is undervalued and often not reflected in formal leadership positions. It will examine critically ideas about leadership and support women taking even more environmental leadership in Australia. The program includes: three residential retreats in Victoria (May, July and October), mentoring sessions with experienced women environmental leaders, small group projects on key issues facing women environmentalists, and access to an ongoing supportive network of powerful women! The retreats will be facilitated by Holly Hammond (Plan to Win) along with special guests with expertise in campaigning, political life,

management, and many other aspects of leadership. For further details contact: welaprogram@gmail.com. WELA Program information and application form: welaprogram.org.au. To speak to someone from the WELA 2017 team, write to welaprogram@gmail.com with your phone number and a good time to call. One of us will ring you back. Alternatively ring Sue (0410 310 457) or Margaret (0419 877 325).



Our Community Webinar program: The feedback on our recent webinars has been terrific.

Now, by popular demand, and to help more people around Australia – particularly those in regional and remote areas – we're offering a new program of webinars on a range of topics. We're keeping the cost low at just \$88 – and as a bonus, that price includes a book relevant to the topic of each webinar. Alternatively, if you're on a tighter budget, you can register for the webinar only (no book) at just \$55. These prices include GST. All webinars start at noon AEST (or AEDST). We're taking registrations now for:

- Questions your board needs to ask about finances - 27 April 2017
- Being an effective chair - 25 May 2017
- Reviewing your board - 15 June 2017

Register here <http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/training/calendar.form>



Australian Rural Leadership Program 2017: Applications are open for the next round of the [Australian Rural Leadership Program](#). Course 24 runs from August 2017 until October 2018. It consists of up to 50 days face-to-face, delivered in multiple sessions over 15 months. Five of these sessions take place in locations across Australia, and one takes place overseas. More [here](#).



Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program - Applications are open for our 2017/18

leadership program: Since 1998, our program has developed leaders across Northeast Victoria and the Border region. Applications for the 2017/18 program are now open. If you know someone who'd benefit from our program, please put them in touch with us. Let those upcoming leaders in your network know that by undertaking the AVCLP, they can expect personal growth and professional development, leadership skills development, increased knowledge of regional business, industry and community networks, a greater understanding of our region's social, economic and environmental resources, and membership of an increasing network of program graduates. Applications are due by Tuesday, 13 June 2017. For successful applicants, the program will begin with its opening retreat on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 July 2017. Here are links to our program information pack and to this year's application form: [information pack](#) [application form](#)



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Program - Come walk in the foot-

steps of remarkable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders. Honour their story to support your leadership aspirations. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Program (NATSILP) develops and prepares Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to engage in powerful and different conversations. Participants will walk in the footsteps of remarkable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders. They will learn from their stories and each other, to support their leadership aspirations. Participants will be exposed to expert Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners who have been challenging assumptions and shifting approaches in this space for decades.

There are four NATSILP programs being delivered in 2017 in two different models. For more information, call Scott Goringe on 0427 022 139 or Naomi Browne on 02 6281 0680 at the ARLF. Or, [apply here](#)

Resources & Inspiration



Beat the bite - Protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne disease by wearing loose-fitting clothing when outdoors, using mosquito repellents containing DEET or picaridin on exposed skin, trying to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about (usually dusk and dawn), making sure there is no stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your home, making sure your accommodation is properly fitted with mosquito netting or screens, and not forgetting the kids – it's safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin. Beat the bite! Resources include:

[Brochure: Beat the bite!](#) (pdf) [Poster: Beat the bite!](#) (pdf) [Fact sheet: Preparing Victorians for the mosquito season](#) (pdf) [Fact sheet: Mozzie-proof your home](#) (pdf) [Fact sheet: Mozzie-proof your holiday](#) (pdf)

[Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#) [Ross River virus disease](#) [Murray Valley encephalitis](#)

If you would like to order any of these resources, please visit the [order page](#). If you have any concerns about your health, see your doctor or call NURSE-ON-CALL Tel. 1300 60 60 24, DHHS, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit. Tel. 1300 651 160, or your local council.



Wodonga Waste Transfer - Did you know you can potentially save money by sorting your trailer or ute before heading to Wodonga Waste Transfer Station? The Transfer Station is located at 29 Kane Rd, Wodonga. It is designed to maximise re-use and recycling. Sorting your load will reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. If you are a frequent visitor to the waste transfer station with more than 10 visits per month, you can [apply for a credit account](#).

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm; Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from 10am to 4pm; and closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day. You can recycle a wide range of materials at the Waste Transfer Station.

The items that can be dropped off at the Waste Transfer Station at a **cost** include clean **Concrete and bricks; Greenwaste**, including lawn clippings, branches and garden prunings; raw timber, frames and doors, excluding treated timber products; **soil; electrical waste; LPG gas cylinders (car); gas cylinders/ barbecue gas bottles, waste; silage wrap** - clean silage wrap, vine wrap and bunker cover; **mattresses; whitegoods; tyres.**

Items can be dropped off for **free** include **Cardboard and paper; plastics (codes 1 to 7):** please don't include plastic bags; **Glass:** please don't include broken drinking glasses, window glass or crockery; **aluminium and steel; batteries; scrap metal (No gas cylinders); waste oil**, including cooking oil; clean empty chemical drums (both plastic and steel) are accepted - must be triple rinsed; **paint** tins whether full or empty; **televisions and computer associated products.** If in doubt call: (02) 6022 9358, or Email: owaste@wodonga.vic.gov.au.

The Waste Transfer Station **does not accept** asbestos or toxic chemicals (sulphuric acid, etc) or household chemical products however we do hold an annual [Detox Your Home](#) chemical collection day, in partnership with Sustainability Victoria, that enables you to dispose of potentially dangerous household chemicals and a number of targeted products safely and easily without harming human health or the environment. You will need to register for this event and the household chemicals that you wish to dispose of.



Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party now on Facebook: The Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party (VSTWP) would like to announce the development and launch of their Facebook site. The site will be another important tool to engage and deliver information to landowners, land-managers and stakeholders on the noxious weed Serrated Tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) across Victoria. [Read More...](#)

Funding Opportunities



Government Grants Briefing series - Tue 4 Apr: 5.30pm - 7.30pm, Wangaratta.

The Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be hosting a series of Government Grants Briefings which will introduce you to the financial assistance and hands-on support offered by all three tiers of government. Victorian Chamber and government representatives will be on hand to provide advice that will give your grant application the best chance of success.

[Read more...](#)



Australian Ethical Investments Community Grants Program: Every year Australian Ethical

Investments donates 10% of its pre-tax profits to organisations making a positive difference in the world. Grants are available for \$5000, \$10,000 & \$20,000. Eligible organisations include those working for charitable, benevolent and conservation purposes as part of a contribution to a positive and sustainable society. For further information: <http://www.australianethical.com.au/communitygrants>



Grants of up to \$500 are available for **schools to support activities in National Science**

Week. The grant pool is \$90,000 and the grants are administered by the [Australian Science Teachers Association](#). Applications close on 24 April. [#natsciwk](#)



The Myer Innovation Fellowships aim to support breakthrough solutions to Australia's most

pressing social and environmental challenges and bring new talent to the social sector. Fellows are offered the unique opportunity to take nine to twelve months away from their current role to pursue a big idea that has the potential to achieve positive outcomes in the areas of: Education, Poverty and Disadvantage, Sustainability and the Environment. The Myer Innovation Fellowships provide recipients with time and support needed to develop their ground-breaking idea into a sustainable plan for action. Fellows will each receive \$100,000 for their nine to twelve month commitment to the program and an additional \$30,000 will be available to each Fellow for approved expenses such as work space, rent, travel and contracting of external expertise. <http://myerfoundation.org.au/grants/other-programs/mif/>



\$50K Business Help in Victoria - Victoria's Stronger Regional Communities invests in communi-

ty-led initiatives and to drive change in regional and rural towns with grants of up to \$50,000. Eligible applicants include businesses and for-profit organisations, local councils and not-for-profit community organisations. Ongoing. **More?** [SRCPC application guidelines](#)



The **Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and Entrepreneurship** Programme provides funding for businesses, not-for-profits and research organisa-

tions to support outreach programmes that target girls and women to encourage their interest in entrepreneurship, develop their innovation and entrepreneurial skills and build their professional networks. Find further information on eligibility requirements in the [Programme Guidelines](#) - PDF; <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/women-in-stem-and-entrepreneurship>



The R E Ross Trust Grants: The grants work around 4 impact areas. For Landcare groups the

most relevant area is impact area D; the protection and preservation of Australian Flora and Fauna. Organisations must first submit an expression of interest for consideration by the Trustees and may then be invited to submit a full application. Applications are considered all year round. For more information go to: <http://www.rosstrust.org.au/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>



Norman Wettenhall Small Environmental Grant Scheme: The Small Environmental Grant

Scheme provides support for groups or individuals undertaking biodiversity conservation projects in Australia. Projects can be about one or more of the following: monitoring, recording and sharing data, delivering community education, providing community capacity building (training), research and science, or landscape restoration and education (Victoria only). Have a look at: [can you apply.](#)



Landcare Australia 2017 Habitat Restoration Grants: Applications Close 5pm Mon 17

Apr 2017. Landcare Australia's Habitat Restoration Grants 2017 are proudly funded by Landcare

Australia's Workplace Giving Program. These grants will support the Landcare community's involvement in protecting and enhancing Australia's biodiversity assets.

-Landcare and volunteer based community groups are invited to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 (ex GST) to fund projects that focus on improving biodiversity through the restoration of habitat for Australia's native flora and fauna.

-A total funding pool of \$100,000.00 (ex GST) is available to support successful applications. [Read more...](#)

Opportunities to have your say



ClimateWatch App – become a Citizen Scientist: ClimateWatch is a national program developed by Earthwatch Australia, Bureau of Meteorology and the University of Melbourne to better understand how climate change is affecting our wildlife. The first continental phenology project in the Southern Hemisphere, ClimateWatch enables every Australian to become a citizen scientist, by collecting and recording data that will help shape the country's scientific response to climate change. Go to <http://www.climatewatch.org.au/>



More Citizen Science - Australian Bird Feeding & Watering Study: Our backyard gardens provide habitat, food and water for many birds living in Albury and Wodonga, and the small towns and farms throughout the region. Thanks to Deakin and Griffith Universities, if you have a bird bath or bird feeder in your backyard, you have all the ingredients to contribute to an important study comparing birdlife in urban and rural areas. The Australian Bird Feeding & Watering Study aims to examine the feeding and watering of garden birds throughout Australia, including which species use bird feeders and baths and how our behaviours and garden habits may impact or influence the birds that visit. Read more and sign up as a 'citizen scientist' at <https://csdb.org.au>



Survey of Australian Farmers Regarding the Use of Big Data in Ag: Big Data in Agriculture - what is it? What is the potential and what are the pitfalls? Your chance to have your say. Gina Wood, a PhD researcher at the School of Law in the University of New England, is running a survey "Big Data in Primary Production - What Do Farmers Know and Not Know, Do and Not Do, Concerning Farm Data in Australia?" to find out what farmers think about Big Data and related technologies - is it a powerful tool to help farmers or more empty promises and hyped-up words? A means to improve productivity or a step towards dependency on suppliers? A way to make better decisions on farm or a loss of control? Ms Wood encourages all farmers to fill out her anonymous online 15-minute questionnaire whether you are familiar with "Big Data" or know nothing about it. Your answers are vital in helping to determine how Big Data and its associated technologies can be best put to use for the benefit of primary producers in Australia. http://uneprofessions.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6m9ENEZVD2evLQV

Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

WULN supports, inspires and brings together a network of active steward groups and volunteers that work effectively and cooperatively with all stakeholders to enhance and protect the environment within the boundaries of the municipality of Wodonga.

Connecting people – Connecting Landscapes