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Opportunities to be involved



Bush walk - Nail Can Hill Wildflowers – Tuesday 2nd September: 9am with the Murray Valley Bushwalkers. Meet at the (uphill) Service Road at the intersection of Pemberton Street and Yambla Avenue, Albury. A 5 km walk to keep track of the wildflowers on Nail Can Hill. For further information and bookings click [here](#)



Sustainable House Day House Tour - Sunday 7th September: 10am – 4pm. Open the door to sustainable living by touring some of the region's most environmentally progressive homes on show at Sustainable House Day. Sustainable Houses and Gardens will be open at Glenrowan, Bobinawarra, Beechworth & Wangaratta. Please collect your map and directions to each house from the Eco Living Centre, Park Lane, Wangaratta on the day. Tea, Coffee and light refreshments will also be available at the centre. For more information, please contact the Rural City of Wangaratta visit www.sustainablehouseday.com



Sustainable House Day Mini Business Expo - Sunday 7th September: 10am – 4pm. Stop in to see a range of sustainable local businesses at the Eco Living Centre, Park Lane, Wangaratta where you can seek advice about making sustainable retrofits or changes for your own home. Whilst you are on your way, drop into Park Lane Nursery, showcasing sustainable and low water use plants plus school student sustainable artwork on display. Park Lane Nursery boasts sustainable buildings with their large passive solar meeting room. For more information, please contact the Rural City of Wangaratta visit www.sustainablehouseday.com



Baranduda Landcare fourth and final gathering for 2014 – Tuesday 9th September: 7.30-9.30pm, Baranduda Community Centre, Sage Crt, Baranduda. All welcome!



Yackandandah Community Garden Tour – Thursday 11th September: 4-5.30 pm, 3 William St, Yackandandah. The Yackandandah community have transformed a vacant lot into a terraced garden of raised vegetable beds with water tanks, rock wall features, shade, barbecue kitchen, pizza oven and preserving table. The place is bursting with life and hosts the monthly community food swap. How did they do it? You are invited to join local educators to find out more about how the Yackandandah Community Education Network funded and managed this project, as well as touch base on what's happening in sustainability locally at this Wodonga Local Sustainability Education Network gathering. RSVP to WULN facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428565195 or anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Daytrip to Woomargama State Forest – Saturday 13th September: 9am with the Albury Wodonga Field Naturalists Club. Meet SS&A Car Park, Wilson Street, Albury. Destination Woomargama State Forest. BYO refreshments for the day. Leader Neil phone 0260 212097



Wodonga Transform-a-thon – Sunday 14th September: An opportunity for Guides, Scouts and students to raise funds for their organization while helping to improve our local environment. Further Information please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428565195 or anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Friends of Willow Park Social Night - Friday 12th September: 6.15pm, German, Austrian, Australian Club, 5 McFarland Road, Wodonga. Everyone is invited to the Friends of Willow Park Social Night held each month on the Friday before Community Gardening.



Community Gardening in the Park and Waterwatch, Sunday 14th September: 9.30-11.30 with Friends of Willow Park - Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park for a variety of gardening activities in Willow Park, including planting, mulching, weeding (and chatting)... BYO Water, sunscreen and hat. Stay for morning tea after gardening.



Small Local Food Growers Project Information Session - Tuesday 16th September: 7 - 8pm, Yackandandah Community Centre. In partnership with the Small Business Mentoring Service, the Upper Murray Regional Neighbourhood House Network is calling for expressions of interest from Small Local Food Growers for participation in a project designed to provide location based, staged, timely support to small local food growers to:

Make informed decisions about the potential business growth of their small land holdings,

Participate in an ongoing program of workshops and individual mentoring to support business growth, prosperity and sustainability

Create a sustainable economy loop that will enhance and strengthen small regional economies

We have developed a concept to bring small growers together to improve business skills to grow their businesses, to manage staff through the processes involved in working the land, harvesting, and processing produce through to saleable items. To find out more and to register your attendance at this free information session, please [Click here](#)



National Landcare Conference - Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th September will be held at the Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne. The three day Conference will include one day of field trips to a number of Landcare projects in Victoria and two days of compelling speakers and workshops. Themed **Celebrating our history – growing our future**, the Conference will showcase the work achieved Australia-wide since the inception of Landcare. The National Landcare Awards gala dinner will take place on September 18th at the World Heritage listed, Royal Exhibition Building and will bring together 69 nation-wide individuals and groups who won awards in the nine national categories at last year's Landcare Awards. Further details will be available in the near future. To stay up to date with registration and program details, please visit www.landcareonline.com.au



Nail Can Hill Wildflower Walk – Saturday 20th September: 9.30-12.30. The walk will promote local wildflower diversity and the environmental significance of Nail Can Hill. A free morning tea will be provided followed by an hour walk with local experts. This is an outdoor event and enclosed shoes must be worn. Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions on the day. The walks will follow tracks with uneven ground and a slight incline. RSVP is required by the 12th September, [click here](#) to RSVP or call Murray Local Land Services on (02) 6051 2200.



Yackandandah Community Food Swap / Seed Sowing Workshop – Saturday 20th September: 9.30 food swap opens. Seed Workshop 10:00am-11:00am. Community garden inspiration, Lee-ann Benson, will lead this session designed sharpen skills and knowledge in the sowing of seeds ready for the spring ambitions. Meet at the Community Garden.



Chiltern Mt-Pilot National Park Walk - Saturday 20th September: With Border Bushwalking Club. A walk in the northern section of the park, Wallaces Gully Track. The track is undulating . It's interesting to note as you walk through where different types of plants seem to settle in and give their best. The wildflowers should be excellent at this time. This area seems to have a quite vocal population of birds. Morning tea will be enjoyed along the way, lunch will be at Donchi Picnic Area a short drive from the end of our walk. BYO sausages and bread if desired - I will bring wood for anyone who might need a fire at the fireplace provided by Parks Vic. Approx. 10 kms Grad1 walk. Leader: Denise Smith. Phone: 02 60267948 Final booking date: Friday 19 September



Sunday afternoon on Mahers Hill – Sunday 21st September: With Border Bushwalking Club. This walk starts on Lee Lane, off Mahers Road, Bonegilla and winds its way along the eastern face of the hill, where the track is considered steep, before completing a loop on the western side of the hill. This sections provides magnificent views of Huon Hill, Kiewa Valley, Hume Dam and the Baran-

duda Range. Leader: Cindy Marsh Phone: 0410425335 Final date to book: Thursday September 18th



Daytrip to Warby Range State Park - Tuesday 23rd September: 9am-4pm with Albury Wodonga Field Naturalists Club. Meet outside 26 Murphy Street, Wodonga. BYO refreshments for the day. Destination Warby Range State Park, near Wangaratta Victoria with leader Patrick Ward. Contact local leader Neil 0260 212097.



Daytrip to Mt Pilot section of Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park - Sunday 28th September: 9am-4.30pm with Albury Wodonga Field Naturalists Club. Meet at Acacia Car Park, Smythe Street, Wodonga. BYO refreshments for the day. Leader Stephanie phone 0260 236464



Wodonga Urban Landcare Network AGM – Wednesday 8th October: Preliminary notice – please save the date! 6pm at Trudewind Rd Neighbourhood house. All welcome. All Executive positions will be declared vacant. Nominations are sought from interested community members. Full position descriptions are available. Please enquire with WULN Secretary Garry Knight on 0411427051/ garryknight3@bigpond.com or Facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428565195/ anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Week – from Sunday 26th October: AlburyCity is partnering with the City of Wodonga, Hume Bank and the Regional Centre of Expertise - Murray Darling to host a Sustainable Living Week in Albury Wodonga from Sunday 26 October to Saturday 1 November 2014. The Sustainable Living Week will encompass the economy, the community and the environment and the interconnection between individuals, householders, students and business operators. The format will include a week of programmed activities coordinated and operated by partnered and external organisations that align with the Sustainable Living Week objectives. Programmed activities will take place across Albury-Wodonga and culminate with a main feature event a 'Green Market' on Saturday 1st November with Costa Georgiadis attending.

If you are interested in having an event officially included as part of the Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Week program please contact AlburyCity's Events Officer Renate Griese (rgriese@alburycity.nsw.gov.au or 02 60238111) by COB August 1st.

If you would like to be a stall holder at the Green Market on November 1st a later deadline will be advertised, please note the \$20 stall fee will be waived for community groups.



Food Security and the Murray Darling Basin Conference, Albury - November 19-21:

Recognised as the 'food bowl of Australia', the Murray Darling Basin (MDB) is where the bulk of Australia's food is produced. While the MDB is critical to Australia's future food security, its farmers, communities and environments are under considerable stress. The broad aim of this conference is to promote dialogue, debate and collaboration on the complex food security challenges facing the MDB, but also to provide policy-relevant insights which can contribute to the development of more sustainable, resilient and socially just food systems for the Murray Darling Basin.

The conference will be relevant to a wide range of people including: federal and state government agencies and politicians; farming organisations; natural resource management organisations; irrigation organisations; academics/researchers; local government representatives; agribusiness; community food coalitions; food activists; and food relief organisations. Details are provided on the conference website: <http://www.foodsecuritymdb.wordpress.com>



Our Native Garden needs your help: Our Native Garden needs to vacate their current nursery site near the Wodonga Railway station and is seeking community help with temporary plant minding. If you can accommodate anything from a few trays of plants up to a few hundred (approx. 30mx10m) it would be greatly appreciated. Water supply can be negotiated if necessary. The community nursery is also seeking a permanent home with good water access from which to set up and operate. If you can offer any assistance or suggestions please call ONG Coordinator Brian Hickman on 0419 372 739 or Jill Dawson on 0418 579 331

Learning Opportunities



Coal Seam Gas Public Forum - Thursday 28th August: 6pm, Corowa Golf Club. For anyone who has any concern or questions about Coal Seam Gas (CSG, also referred to as 'Onshore Natural Gas') please know that the possibility of CSG is coming to a town near you! At present residents of Corowa, Urana, Jerilderie, Berrigan, Conargo & Deniliquin Shires are all within the possible exploration zone. Corowa District Landcare will hold a public forum on August 28 at the Corowa Golf Club to learn more about coal seam gas. A forum panel will allow attendees to hear from a number of respective guest speakers that represent aspects of the CSG industry. Additional time will be given for a Q & A session. RSVP to corowalandcare@bigpond.com or 02 6033 8963.



Weed ID and Control Workshop – Sunday 31st August: 10:00am Nail Can Hill (meeting point to be confirmed) Albury. The Friends of Nail Can Hill have arranged a native plant and weed ID walk led by a Parklands Ranger, showcasing some common weed removal techniques for the various species of weeds on Nail Can Hill. People can then get their hands dirty removing some of the problem weeds that they come across, including Cootamundra Wattle, Tree Lucerne, Privet and Wild Tobacco. The workshop is followed by a free BBQ lunch.

All are welcome. Bring sturdy shoes or boots, gardening gloves if you have them, eye protection and sunscreen. Children must be supervised by an adult. The event is a joint effort between the Friends of Nail Can Hill and Parklands, with support from land management agencies and Murray Local Land Services. RSVP: Numbers are limited. RSVPs are essential for this event for catering purposes. Please RSVP to Stuart Robertson via email stuart@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au by no later than midday Friday August 29th. If you have special dietary requirements please include this information in your RSVP.



Tree Planting and Nesting Box Demonstration - Sunday 31st August: 10am - 1pm, Bowmans Reserve, Beechworth Wodonga Road, Wooragee. Presenter - Jim Blackney. Jim has extensive experience in habitat restoration and a wealth of knowledge. Jim will talk about reasons for planting, different sites, weed control, planting techniques, species selection and planting densities. He will also cover the installation and monitoring of nesting boxes, why and where you would use them. BBQ Lunch provided. RSVP Karen Bowley, Wooragee Landcare, 03 57287397 or kbowley53@gmail.com



Wise Water Ways Workshop – Mon 27th – Fri 31st October: A Workshop in Stream Management Principles and Practices. Wise Water Ways Workshops offer new and current waterways practitioners the opportunity to gather, discuss and learn from a wide range of Australian and overseas waterways experts, researchers and managers. Many of the workshop speakers present new research findings and developments, and offer their first hand experience in stream management. The program features speakers who are leaders in their field. On completion of the Workshop participants will receive a subject credit towards either Charles Sturt University's Graduate Certificate in River Restoration or Master of Water Resource Management.

The 2014 Wise Water Ways workshop is being held in Beechworth. Registrations close 13 October. Full details on the program are available on the [Wise Water Ways website](#).

Resources & Inspiration



Hook up to a 'Day'. September is:

[National Biodiversity Month](#) - all month

[National Wattle Day](#) - 1st

[Walk To Work Day](#) - 5th

[Sustainable House Day](#) - 8th

[National Bilby Day](#) - 8th

[International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer](#) - 16th

[World Car-Free Day](#) - 22nd



SEED contact details have changed: Due to the re-structure of the Waste Management

Groups across the State, 'NevRwaste' is now known as the 'North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group' (NEWRRG). NEWRRG together with the North East CMA remain dedicated to supporting schools in North East Victoria in their Environmental Sustainability Education. SEED Project Officer / Schools Project Manager is still Linda Anania (works Tues & Thurs)

E-mail: seed@newrrg.vic.gov.au Ph: 0357229232 Fax: 0357229655 Mobile: 0413584705

Web - SEED: <http://www.seed.vic.gov.au> Web - NevRwaste: <http://nevrwaste.vic.gov.au>



Water Frontage Licence renewal: Crown water frontage licences are now being renewed

across Victoria and licence holders should receive a letter and information package from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) - and encouragement to undertake riparian (riverbank) works. For further information, contact the DEPI Customer Service Centre 136 186 or visit

www.depi.vic.gov.au/crownlandwaterfrontages



Woodchips available: The Wodonga Show Society have an excess of woodchips and have

made them available for use by community groups, while the stockpile lasts. Please enquire with Greg Ingham <gjingham@hotmail.com> Phone: 0439 176 310



Small Rural Property Guide now available: North East Victoria has an ever expanding popu-

lation of small rural landowners. A consistent message is emerging that there is a lack of coordinated land management information that is easily accessible. This prompted the Regional Landcare Facilitator's to produce this guide which includes information on common land management issues, where to get further information and a very useful local contacts guide. Topics covered in the brochure include: Weeds, Pest Animals, Native Plants and Animals, Useful links to apps and websites, Farm Safety Information, Information about Fire and key local contacts. [Download the brochure here](#) or contact Kelly Behrens for a hard copy on: 6043 7627 or kelly.behrens@landcarevic.net.au



Green Electricity Guide: Greenpeace Australia Pacific has produced a Green Electricity Guide

which rates providers on such issues as whether they have invested in renewable energy, whether they are supporting or undermining Australia's Renewable Energy Target, the pollution intensity of the assets they own, whether they are actively investing in unconventional gas mining including coal seam gas, and whether they are committed to not buying electricity generated by burning native forest timber.

[Get the Green Electricity Guide here and share it with your family and friends.](#)



New Wattle species found in the NE: As reported on ABC Goulburn Murray Facebook. A new

species of a rare wattle has been found in Victoria's north east. Five trees of the wattle *Acacia Linearifolia* were uncovered in March in the Mount Lawson State Park, north east of Tallangatta. We spoke to Parks Victoria Ranger, Kelton Goyne, made the discovery while looking for planned burning options. See <https://www.facebook.com/messages/#!/ABCGoulburnMurray?fref=nf>



Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management magazine: In Issue 61 (winter 2014),

Landcare members and facilitators share their stories about how young people become involved in Landcare. Their stories demonstrate the success of partnerships between Landcare groups/networks and schools when they work together to undertake Junior Landcare projects or programs. Go to <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/news/victorian-landcare-catchment-management-magazine-issue-61-out>

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<http://www.landcarevic.net.au/resources/magazine/vic/current-issue>



Film - The Human Cost of Power: The *Human Cost of Power* is an acclaimed short film directed by award winning science journalist Alexandra de Blas for the Climate and Health Alliance and the Public Health Association of Australia. The film explores the health and climate implications of Australia's massive expansion of coal and gas, and features interviews with four leading public and environmental health experts: Dr George Crisp, Associate Professor Linda Selvey, Associate Professor Ruth Colaguri, and Dr Mariann Lloyd Smith. There are three versions of the film available – a 2 minute trailer, a 5 minute and a 15 minute version which can be used for presentations, lectures, community forums, film events – there's a length to suit any occasion! Both versions of the film are available on the CAHA YouTube channel via this link: <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi8Lbuff5U-s1RbPMi0Ms0Q>

Funding Opportunities



2014 Communities for Nature Grants: The 2014 Small to Medium Grant Funding Opportunity is open until 4:00pm on 1st September 2014. Communities for Nature grants are targeted towards eligible organisations including local community groups and organisations, including schools. The program currently has up to \$3 million to invest in small to medium grants of up to \$50,000. See <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/community-programs/communities-for-nature-grants>



Local Landscape Enhancement Grants: Applications close 15th September. The Victorian Government is now inviting applications for the Local Landscape Enhancement Grants from members of the community including local community groups and schools, who are seeking to undertake projects that improve our environment, contribute to our environmental knowledge and encourage people to enjoy their local area. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for works on public land. **This is highly relevant to Wodonga groups and we encourage you to apply** – for assistance please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428565195 or anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au OR Wodonga council's Natural resources co-ordinator Andrew Griffiths 0407 150 813 or agriffiths@wodonga.vic.gov.au For program guidelines etc see <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/community-programs/LLEG-program>



Assistance to protect and enhance Seasonally Herbaceous Wetlands: Incentives are available for landholders located in the Northeast catchment. Activities funded include fencing of wetlands, planting of native understory plants and weed and pest animal control works. Contact North East CMA, Simon Feillafe on 02 6043 7600 or simon.feillafe@necma.vic.gov.au OR Trust for Nature, Karen Tymms on 0417 327 514 or karent@tfn.org.au



Assistance to protect and enhance Threatened Grassy Woodlands: Incentives are available for landholders located in the Northeast catchment. Activities funded include fencing of remnant woodlands, grasslands, planting of native trees and understory plants and weed and pest animal control works. Contact North East CMA, Simon Feillafe on 02 6043 7600 or simon.feillafe@necma.vic.gov.au OR Trust for Nature, Karen Tymms on 0417 327 514 or karent@tfn.org.au

Opportunities to have your say



How will the National Landcare Programme work for us in the North East? The Australian Government is seeking public input on the design and delivery of the Regional Stream of the National Landcare Programme. A consultation paper has been drafted to provide an overview of the Programme and help inform responses to the specific questions in the online survey. The consultation paper can be accessed via this link https://environment.au.citizenspace.com/biodiversity-conservation/national-landcare-programme-survey/consult_view

Please read the consultation paper and respond to the survey questions at the 'Online Survey' link below.

<https://environment.au.citizenspace.com/biodiversity-conservation/national-landcare-programme-survey/consultation/intro/view>

Your input would be greatly appreciated. Survey closes 29th August.



Energy Choices Poll: The Australian is running an online poll on energy choices. Head over there and make sure your views are recorded. Take the online poll and share it around.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/powering-australia/poll>



Feral Photos Competition 2014: The competition is now open once again the organisers are looking for the best images of Australia's pest animals and the impacts they have on biodiversity and agriculture. We accept photos from all locations across Australia and remote camera photos are also accepted.

You can enter up to five (5) images for the chance to win some great prizes. The competition closes on **30th September 2014**. To enter and see some past winning entries, please visit the website at: www.invasiveanimals.com/feral-photos/ . For more details contact Jessica Marsh, National NRM Facilitator – email: jessica.marsh@invasiveanimals.com or ph: (02) 6391 3907



RET Letter writing campaign: Solar Citizens are asking us to write to the Senators in our state to defend the integrity of the Renewable Energy Target (RET). The letters should be short and simple. Solar Citizens points out that hand written letters are effective because politicians notice them amongst the masses of electronic communication they receive. Further information is available at www.solarcitizens.org.au/

Senator Muir:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=250024

Senator Madigan:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=217571



Landcare hero honour roll & 25 years celebrations: The 25 years website is now live at www.landcarelife.com.au/25years. Landcarers are encouraged to nominate landcare heroes to the the honour roll and to help celebrate [A Day in the Life of Landcare](#) . Landcare Australia is hoping that this ambitious crowd sourcing photo project will culminate in a special edition book illustrating what Australia's largest volunteer movement looks like 25 years on! And share the [A Day in the Life of Landcare video](#) with your groups and all of your networks.

WULN: Our Mission

The Wodonga Urban Landcare Network supports, inspires and brings together a network of active steward groups that work effectively and co-operatively with all stakeholders to enhance and protect the environment of the Wodonga municipality.

We exist to: promote appreciation and awareness of our environment ~ support the growth and sustainability of member groups ~ facilitate partnerships and a whole-of community approach ~ act as a catalyst for change ~ facilitate landscape scale plans and projects ~ broker opportunities for environmental benefit ~ plan strategically together for broader outcomes ~ advocate for member groups and the environment.