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### Opportunities to be involved



**Albury-Wodonga Repair Café:** Are you good at fixing things like woodwork, bikes, clothing or electrical appliances and would you enjoy showing others how to do so? If you answered 'yes' to both these questions, we'd love your help at our Albury-Wodonga Repair Café. This will be a free meeting place for members of the community to learn about the art of repair from professional tradespeople, experts and 'hobbyists' in a collaborative setting. It's about repairing and restoring items, rejecting throw-away society and fostering a culture of creativity, innovation, repair and re-use. It's fun, social and satisfying. There are almost 100 Repair Cafés in The Netherlands but only two in Australia. For more information about Repair Cafés visit: <http://repaircafe.org>. We are planning four trial sessions in Albury-Wodonga between November 2015 and May 2016. For more information, please get in touch with Lizette Salmon – [lizette@salmonfamily.id.au](mailto:lizette@salmonfamily.id.au) or (02) 60 59 4185.



**FUN positions vacant - Our Native Garden Nursery:** Do you enjoy social media **posting** and e connecting? Do you like to have a tidy and **orderly** office? We would love for you to manage our membership and volunteer records. Are **numbers** your special thing? We have a small number of invoices to write and bills to pay and record. Our much loved accountant Rolf Proft has been very ill. He is keen to keep on with the organisation **financial** reporting but it would be wonderful if he could get a bit of a hand for a while. Can you do this please? Volunteer days: Mondays 10am to 12pm, Wednesdays 10am to 2pm, Sundays 10.30am to 1pm. Call us on 0418 579 331 or just come drop in at the nursery. The nursery is located at the Wodonga Waste Transfer Station at 29 Kane Rd Wodonga. Please park outside the Transfer station then walk in. Immediately on your right is the Reuse shop car park where you will see our banner marking our special entrance for volunteers.



**Border Beef Conference in Wodonga – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July:** 9.00 am to 4.00 pm at The Cube, Wodonga. This Conference brings together leading producers and industry presenters to provide current insights and ideas on how to improve efficiencies within the beef enterprises. It is an initiative of and is jointly funded by the Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), Murray Local Land Services (LLS), North East CMA, Meat and Livestock Australia's (MLA) More Beef from Pastures program, and the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [www.thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets](http://www.thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets)



**Repair Cafe working group meeting – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July:** Wolfgang's home, 18 Central Place, Wodonga (park on the paved area and walk through the carport to get to the house). If you're interested in helping to trial a Repair Cafe in Albury-Wodonga, please come along to our next meeting. For more information or to RSVP your attendance, please contact Lizette.



**Border Bushwalking – Mt Stanley: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August,** 7.00 am to 5.30 pm. This walk will start at the top of Mt Stanley in order to avoid walking through the creek. We will walk to Myrtle Creek for morning tea and then begin the climb back up the mountain. Most of this walk is on well-formed tracks but there is a small bush-bash towards the end. It is 17km in length. Leader: Bernadette Cromarty. Phone: 0419241687, final bookings: 29/7/15.



**Breaking the Sod Ceremony - Saturday 1st August,** 2.00pm at The Bright Community Garden Site – The vacant block of land behind the All Saints Anglican Church on Church Street, Bright.

To commemorate the official opening of the Bright Community Garden and celebrate our recent procurement of land. Afternoon tea provided – Please bring a picnic rug and refreshments. This event is being organised by: [Bright Community Garden](#)



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an interest are invited to attend this Community Forum to create a vision for the future of these waterways. We are seeking community input on the issues, vision and values our community holds for the creeks. The Forum will provide information on land ownership, the relationship between creekline bush and fire risk, ecological restoration, and will include feedback from the surveys and research thus far. We encourage community members to come along and not only find out more about the waterway in your back yard, but to add your ideas and vision as Wodonga continues to grow and develop. A light meal will be provided. **RSVP please:** [anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au)



**Riverina Endurance McFarlanes Hill Trail Run - Sunday 2nd August:** Check out the West

Wodonga Hills of McFarlanes, Hunchback and Klings, 19km of single track and fire trails. For more details, go to the [Parklands Albury Wodonga website](#).



**Equine Workshop; Healthy Pastures, Healthy Horses, Healthy Soils – Sunday 2nd**

**August:** 11.00am to 3.00pm, free lunch included, at 47 Bowmans Road, Bowmans Forest (between Everton and Gapsted). This is a free workshop for equine enthusiasts on managing your land for horses. Three knowledgeable speakers will talk about drenching regimes, reducing drench resistance, preserving dung beetles, reducing the risk of laminitis and reducing weeds in pasture paddocks. This event is being organised by: [Ovens Landcare Network](#)



**NE Regional Sustainability Alliance (NERSA) Bi-monthly meeting – Monday 3rd**

**August,** 10.00am to 12.00: at the Indigo Shire Offices, 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. This event is being organised by: [North East Regional Sustainability Alliance \(NERSA\)](#)



**Friends of Willow Park Social Night – Friday 7th August:** at 6.15 pm. Everyone is invited to

the Friends of Willow Park Social Night held each month on the Friday before Community Gardening. It is held at the German, Austrian, Australian Club, 5 McFarland Road, Wodonga. A reasonably priced meal is available at the club. Meet some members of Friends of Willow Park. For bookings to attend please contact Pauline Anderson on 02 6056 6275 or email [paulsando12@yahoo.com.au](mailto:paulsando12@yahoo.com.au) a few days before the night.



**Corry's Bushland Tree Planting Day – Saturday 8th August:** 10.00am to 12.30pm, at the

Corry's woodland end of Dryandra Way, Thurgoona. Come and help us plant a variety of native trees, shrubs and grasses to improve the habitat for local wildlife, including some of Thurgoona's threatened species. This event is being organised by: [Woolshed Thurgoona Landcare Group](#)



**Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club – Saturday 8th August:** 9.30 to 4.00, departing

from Acacia Car Park, Wodonga. We will be exploring different parts of the Beechworth and Stanley area. BYO refreshments for the day. Leader Neil, phone number 0428 235 964. This event is being organised by: [Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc.](#)



**Friends of Willow Park Gardening & Water Watch – Sunday 9th August:** 9.30 – 11.30am

A variety of gardening activities will be happening in Willow Park, including planting, mulching, weeding (and chatting). Or help measure the concentration of chemicals in House Creek. Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park. BYO water, sunscreen and hat. Friends of Willow Park will supply all other equipment. Morning tea at 11.30am.



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Bushland, Corry's Woodland end of Dryandra Way, Thurgoona. This event is being organised by: [Woolshed Thurgoona Landcare Group](#).



**Friends Of The Rail Trail - Mahers Hill Walk: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August**, 11.00am to 4.00pm at Ludlows Reserve, Murray Valley Hwy, Ebden, approximately 20 minutes drive east of Wodonga. This event is brought to you by the Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group. Contact: Joy Bayes 02 6020 6600 or email [joybayes@bigpond.com](mailto:joybayes@bigpond.com). Select one of the two walks available:

**Short Walk 8.5 km (approx 3hrs)**

After beginning with a short walk along the Rail Trail we will cross the Murray Valley Highway and commence a short steep climb to the top of Mahers Hill. We will walk along the eastern side of the hill which provides stunning views from the Hume Weir Wall to Sandy Creek Inlet and the surrounding mountain ranges.

**Longer Walk 14km (approx 4 ½ hours)**

As for the short walk but we will continue further along the eastern face of the hill before completing a loop on the western side of the hill with magnificent views of Huon Hill, Kiewa Valley and the Baranduda Range. Registration (gold coin donation) at 11am at Ludlows Reserve (Lake Hume), Murray Valley Highway, Ebden.



**Cloth Nappy Workshop – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August:** 10.30am to 11.30am, at Wodonga Library Hovell Street, Wodonga. We understand that choosing or converting to cloth nappies can be quite a daunting concept. Our free workshops touch on many of the popular questions relating to modern cloth nappies as well as providing you with the opportunity to touch and feel a range of nappies and accessories. This event is being organised by [Halve Waste](#).



**Tiny Houses Albury-Wodonga – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August:** 7.30pm to 8.30pm, venue to be announced. This would be the first meeting of Tiny House supporters in the region. Please let anyone that might be interested know about the meeting or get them to contact me so I know how many people might be coming. We will find a suitable meeting place closer to the date depending on numbers. This event is being organised by: [Tiny Houses Albury Wodonga](#)



**Yackandandah Community Food Swap – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August:** 9.30 to 11.30am, at the community garden on Railway Avenue. The food swap is held on the third Saturday of the month. Items for swap include all fruit and veg, nuts, plants, eggs and egg cartons, clean empty jam jars, seeds and seedlings, home made preserves and jam. Swap items have included alpaca wool, pine needles, ducks and even a rooster or two. All money collected is used to develop our community garden, buy seeds and equipment etc. Each month we also host a workshop from 10am-ish covering a range of topics of interest to gardeners. Check out <http://yackandandahcg.blogspot.com.au/> for more info about the community garden.



**Koala Habitat Planting - Sun 16<sup>th</sup> August:** 9.30—1.30pm Join Castle Creek residents to plant habitat species to support the koala population in the area. BBQ Lunch included Follow the signs on Castle Creek Enquiries to Luisa Pelizzari , President, 0427857564 or email [Luisa.Pelizzari@sca.com.au](mailto:Luisa.Pelizzari@sca.com.au)



**Fed Hill Challenge – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August:** Hosted by the Wodonga Athletics Club, the Fed Hill Challenge is a mass participation fun run event reflecting Wodonga's commitment to connecting communities. The 10km long course features the trails and slopes of Federation Hill and highlights spectacular views of Wodonga. The 5km short course meanders along the base of Federation Hill, avoiding the steeper slopes. Registration essential. Enquiries: Wodonga Athletic Club on 0455 252 425 Email: [info@fedhillchallenge.com.au](mailto:info@fedhillchallenge.com.au)  
Cost: Various.



**Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August:** 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. we will be exploring Mitta Mitta Victoria. Meet at Acacia Car Park, Wodonga for a 9am departure. BYO refreshments for the day. Contact Veronica on 0260 212120. This event is being organised by [Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc.](#)



**Wirraminna Arboretum – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August:** 10.30am at Wirraminna Arboretum, Burrumbuttock. Contact details: Grant Allen, [grant@parklanenursery.com.au](mailto:grant@parklanenursery.com.au). This event is being organised by: [Australian Plant Society, Wangaratta](#)

# Learning Opportunities



## Webinar: Diversifying Revenue Series

**Part 1: Power of the People - The pros and cons of Crowdfunding:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1.00 to 2.00, cost free. In partnership with our friends at Community 21, Matrix is hosting a three part webinar series where we will look at some funding options and talk to organisations who have used them successfully. Our first topic is Crowdfunding - there are some very clear do's and don'ts, for running a successful crowdfunding campaign. We will be speaking with David Brennan, from Community 21's banking and crowdfunding platform and also with Gabe Smith who will relate the story of AMRRIC's successful crowdfunding campaign. [Register here](#)



**Talk: The Other Pollinators – Thursday 6th August, 2015, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.** At the National Environment Centre (TAFE), 97 Ettamogah Rd, Thurgoona, 2640. Seed Savers Albury-Wodonga invite you to a talk by guest speaker Dr Manu Saunders, offering insights into the roles of pollinators in food growing, gardens and agriculture. European honey bees aren't the only pollinators and she'll look at other insects involved and how you might help encourage them in your garden. [Dr Manu Saunders](#) is a post-doctoral research fellow on ecosystem services with the Institute for Land, Water and Society at Charles Sturt University. We hope you'll join us for this informative talk. All welcome – a gold coin donation from non-members would be appreciated. This event is being organised by: [Seed Savers Albury-Wodonga](#).



**2015 Wise Water Ways Workshop in Beechworth: 26th - 30th October.** Each year, the Wise Water Ways Committee invites specialist researchers in water quality, macroinvertebrates and fish, as well as practical onground managers, to engage with participants and present their most recent findings at the five day workshop. The 2015 Wise Water Ways Workshop to be held in Beechworth, will be no exception. [Register](#)



**AVCLP Governance Training - Governance Foundations for Not for Profit Directors:** AVCLP, in partnership with the Australian Institute of Company Directors, is pleased to be offering regional governance training for community members who are considering joining a Board or are interested in developing their skills whilst sitting on a Board. This training has been specially tailored for the not for profit sector. The two-day training will be held on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September 2015 in Wangaratta. Cost of the program is \$950 per person which is a fraction of the fee for the full company directors' course. For expressions of interest in this training please contact Anne Shaw on [lead-ers@avclp.org.au](mailto:lead-ers@avclp.org.au) or 0417 221010

# Resources & Inspiration



**Cause Clarity Tip of the Month:** To get the response and engagement you want for your cause, it is vital to communicate with people in a way that resonates and is relevant to them. This means reversing the thinking from what you want to tell them to considering what is important to each audience. Go to [CauseClarity.org](http://CauseClarity.org) for a bite-sized video course on how to customize your message.



**Trash Puppets** - combine your Sustainability Education with the Arts (both creating and performing) in a really engaging way. Trash Puppets run some fabulous hands-on workshops for schools and community groups. They use recycled materials to make moving puppets - from very simple ones to very professional complex ones, making this suitable for any school groups from kindergarten through to year 9's and for community groups. [Check out their website](#). Through puppetry, they educate on concepts of sustainability, with a particular focus on waste. They are very flexible and tailor topics to suit your needs and age-groups and are very happy to come to deliver in North East Victoria.



**Recycling and imagination come together at Wirraminna's F.art in the Bush –** Now taking entries: You are invited to participate in Farm Art in the Bush 2015 to be staged on 12th and 13th of September. Last year's successful event attracted 30 local and interstate artists with many visitors travelling hundreds of kilometres to attend. All enjoyed Wirraminna's unique setting of wetlands, bush and landscaped areas linked by walking tracks while viewing the displays. F.art in the Bush will again be held at Wirraminna in Burrumbuttock NSW, located 34ks Northwest of Albury. This event is being organ-

ised by: [Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre](#) .



### **Mountain Range to Wetlands Photographic Competition (ongoing)**

Wooragee Landcare would like to invite adults, primary and secondary students to participate in a photographic competition covering the Wooragee area including Woolshed Valley. For entry forms and further information email Maureen Cooper at [brigadoon.99@bigpond.com](mailto:brigadoon.99@bigpond.com) . This event is being organised by: [Wooragee Landcare Inc](#) .



### **Weeding Without Chemicals:**

The Weed's Network offers seminars and workshops on chemical free weed control. To access the latest weeding news, seen from a sustainability perspective, click on [The Weed's News](#).



### **Landcare Australia Day Honours:**

A number of Landcarers were honoured this year including our local Susan Campbell, FTLA Committee and Past President and member of Springhurst & Byawatha Hills Landcare Group and the North East Ecological Farmers (Read more: <http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/2839889/a-passion-for-the-land/>



### **News of the Regent Honeyeater Project:**

If you would like to keep up to date with the latest news of this inspirational project in our back yard please contact [Glen.Johnson@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:Glen.Johnson@delwp.vic.gov.au) to subscribe to the newsletter.



### **Local Inspirational Video clips - 3 great short films from NECMA:**

[The Art of Nest Boxes](#)

## **[The Mitta to Murray BlackBerry Action Group](#)**

## **[Considering Native Pastures](#)**



### **E-tools for Landcare and Friends Groups:**

The Regional Landcare Facilitator Project is offering small group workshops for individual groups on setting up and using various e-tools for communications and group management. Topics can include:

- ~ Setting up a Facebook Page or Group,
- ~ Using [MailChimp](#) to send group emails or newsletters,
- ~ Using [Google Drive](#) to create an online membership form
- ~ [Wave](#) free accounting software

All of these tools have the potential to make group administration tasks much more streamlined and less time-consuming, plus much easier to hand-over when new committee members are appointed. If your group is interested in finding out more about these tools, or getting assistance with setting them up, email Amber Croft, Regional Landcare Facilitator [amber.croft@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:amber.croft@landcarevic.net.au)



### **Our Native Garden Nursery:**

A selection of native plants are now on sale. Nursery located next door to the Wodonga waste Transfer Station 29 Kane Rd Wodonga. Plants are also available at the Re-use shop - Mon to Sat 10am to 3pm Sundays 10am to 2pm.

# Funding Opportunities

**Fulbright Scholarship Opportunity:** Applications are now open for the annual Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership. Consider applying for this opportunity to spend three to four months in the United States working on a project of your choice. The scholarship, valued at \$40,000, provides an opportunity for personal and professional development and broader impact through research or experiential learning at an approved US institution or charitable organisation. [Apply here](#)

**2016 North East Incentives and Victorian Landcare Grants now open** - Landholders or Committees of Management across the catchment can now submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for projects that will protect waterways, woodlands and wetlands. Community groups including Landcare Groups and Networks can also apply for funding through the Victorian Landcare Grants. [Go to the CMA website page for details of Incentives and Grants available.](#)

**Watts working better - School video competition** - Win \$500 for your school: Goulburn Broken Greenhouse alliance Watts Working Better in schools project invites schools to create a one minute video addressing the question: 'How would you improve energy efficiency in your school with \$500?' Schools may enter more than once and each participating council offers a \$500 voucher first prize. Click [here](#) for the registration form. Email registration of interest forms before SEPTEMBER 1 2015 to Kathryn Maddox [gbga1@gvwrq.vic.gov.au](mailto:gbga1@gvwrq.vic.gov.au) Email Kathryn for further information.

**20 Million Trees Programme Grant Round Two:** Round Two of the 20 Million Trees Programme invites applications from individuals, organisations and community groups such as schools, landholders and conservation groups to apply for funding of between \$20,000 and \$100,000 to plant trees in a range of urban, peri-urban and regional environments across Australia. To assist applicants to plan their projects, the Guidelines and other key information will be available online from today at <http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/20-million-trees/competitive-grants-round-two>. Applications for Round 2 can be submitted from early August using the online form. Applications must be submitted by the closing time of 2.00pm AEST (Canberra time) 16 September 2015.

## Opportunities to have your say

**Felltimber Creek Community Forum – Wednesday evening 29th July**, 6-8pm, Luther Hall, Victory Lutheran College (Drage Rd). Residents, friends and all with an interest are invited to attend this Community Forum to create a vision for the future of Felltimber Creek. We are seeking community input on the issues, vision and values our community holds for the creek. The Forum will provide information on land ownership, the relationship between creekline bush and fire risk, ecological restoration, and will include feedback from the surveys and research thus far. We encourage community members to come along and not only find out more about the waterway in your back yard, but to add your ideas and vision as Wodonga continues to grow and develop. A light meal will be provided. **RSVP please:** [anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au)

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**NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards 2015:** The Centre for Volunteering – the peak body for volunteering in NSW – is encouraging people to nominate local volunteers for formal recognition through the 2015 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. This is an annual program run by The Centre for Volunteering to recognise the outstanding work of volunteers in every region across NSW. Twenty one award ceremonies are held across NSW in September and October where nominees are recognised with certificates and winners announced. Regional winners will be entered into the overall State 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award which is announced in December. Award Nominations are open from 11 May to 17 July 2015 via [www.volunteering.com.au](http://www.volunteering.com.au)

## Do you have practical gardening skills?

Local schools, Scouts and Guides groups often call us for assistance with practical activities. Where teachers don't have gardening experience even an activity like planting a garden becomes 'too hard'. It seems a shame that children in Wodonga miss out on such satisfying outdoor activities simply through lack of an adult to show them the way... Can you help?

Schools activities are likely to range from one-off planting events to regular weekly sessions of an hour or two, all during school hours. Scouts and Guides activities are usually after hours or on weekends for special events.

WULN can send out requests as they come in for your consideration, help to link you with any that may suit you and provide support for you to volunteer your time and skills.

If you would consider volunteering please let us know. Contact WULN Facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428 565 195 [anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au)

