

# Wodonga Urban Landcare Network Inc.



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### Opportunities to be involved



**Horticulture manager for Our Native Garden nursery** - Wodonga Waste Transfer Station: to manage plant production schedule, plan production activities for volunteers to complete, and manage quality control. Some basic computer skills in email, WORD, internet and EXCEL needed, plus an interest in ecology and native plants and working with volunteers. Flexible commitment from 4 to 12 hours per week. Full training and supervision. For further information please contact Jill Dawson 0418 579331, email [ongnursery@gmail.com](mailto:ongnursery@gmail.com) and see [www.ournativegarden.com.au](http://www.ournativegarden.com.au)



**Friday Lunch in the Park - every Friday till March 27:** from noon until 1.30pm. At the Wodonga Council car park near the Jamie's Ministry of Food mobile kitchen. You are invited to bring your lunch and join us at our little patch of park paradise. Expect to relax in banana lounge chairs, listen to a new musician each week and play some healthy games like bocce and giantJenga.



**Albury Wodonga Field Naturalists Club Wetlands Walk – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Commencing 9.00am. Meet at the Boat Ramp, Kremur Street, West Albury NSW. Destination West Albury Wetlands. BYO morning tea. Contact Veronica 0260 212120



**Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Clean Up Australia Day encourages all Australians to take to their local park, beach, bushland or streets and help collect rubbish. Individuals and local groups can either organise a Clean Up Site or volunteer to join an existing Site. Register a clean up site and Wodonga Council will assist with rubbish removal after your event! <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/>



**AlburyCity's Clean Up Australia Day –Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar:** 9.00 till 11.00 at Bonnie Doon Park on Pemberton Street, West Albury. Participants are required to wear appropriate footwear (enclosed, no thongs/sandals), sunscreen and a hat. Please bring gloves. If you have any further enquiries, please contact AlburyCity on 60238111.



**Outing to Porepunkah Area - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** 9.30am. Meet at the Porepunkah Park, on the left before crossing the bridge over Ovens River. This is a full day event, so BYO morning tea, lunch, chair, etc. For more details phone Phillip Seely 02 60215313, Birdlife Ovens and Murray



**Friends of Willow Park Social Night - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 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.



**Barandududa link Walking Tour - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 9 am to 11 am. Meet at junction of Frederick Street and Boyes Road, Leneva. Join the Rangers at this Friends of the WRENS walking tour. Registrations, maps and information: [www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au](http://www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au)



**Wodonga Backyard Produce Swap – Every Saturday until March 21<sup>st</sup>:** 11am-12pm, Woodland Grove, Wodonga. Everyone welcome. Bring along whatever produce you have to share.



**Parks Week Celebrations at Woomargama—Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** 10am-2pm. Please join NPWS Aboriginal Discovery rangers for a traditional smoking ceremony, and learn about the Aboriginal culture of the Wiradjuri People. There'll be lots of hands-on activities for the whole family. You can even make your own bush craft and taste some traditional bush tucker. Have you heard of the endangered tiger quoll? Find out how to identify scats and traces of the native wildlife living in Woomargama National Park. There will also be displays and discussions about conservation activities in the park, volunteer opportunities, and local private land conservation programs happening around Woomargama. A morning tea of damper and billy tea followed by a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. Bookings required: Phone 13000 PARKS or 1300 072 757 or book at <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/Whats-On/western/aboriginal-culture-and-native-wildlife-tour>



**Community Gardening in the Park and Waterwatch - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 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.



**Drapers Hill Walking Tour - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 9am to 11am, Drapers Hill WRENS, Castle Creek Rd, Wodonga.. Meet opposite Hay Shed on Castle Creek Road, Wodonga. Check out one of the high conservation value WRENS Reserves (Wodonga Retained Environmental Network) that is just at your doorstep. WHAT TO BRING: Closed shoes, sunhat, water bottle and long trousers. RSVP: Not necessary but it would help in estimating numbers for catering (morning tea). Registrations, maps and information: [www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au](http://www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au)



**Friends of Willow Park Information Night – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 7.30pm, Belvoir School, Corner Gayview Drive and Conlan Court, Wodonga. Free entry and all are welcome. Tea, coffee and light supper provided



**Yackandandah Food Swap and Seed Saving Workshop – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Mar:** The monthly Yackandandah Community Food Swap is held on a regular third Saturday of the month 9.30 to 11am at the community garden on Railway Avenue (opposite the Courthouse and next to the swimming pool). Check out <http://yackandandahcsg.blogspot.com.au/> for more info about the community garden.



**Local Food Network North East and Riverina:** Meetings in 2015 will be held bi-monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday commencing Jan 22, 11am to 1:30pm with the room booked until 2:30 for networking. Dates: March 26, May 28, July 22, Sept 24, Nov 26. All meetings will be held in the basement meeting room at Gateway Health – 155 High St Wodonga. Enter via the reception area and go downstairs past Dental Health – the meeting room is to the left of Dental Health reception. All Welcome. Further information contact Anna Mackinlay 02 6024 5792, [Anna.Mackinlay@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:Anna.Mackinlay@gatewayhealth.org.au)



**Earth Hour - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March: 8.30-9.30p.m.** Earth Hour is requesting that Landcare groups across Australia join in calling for our country to transition from fossil fuels like coal and gas to renewable energy's like wind and solar. Landcare's role is to protect, restore and sustain the productivity and value of Australia's natural environment. By supporting the Earth Hour campaign you will be doing just that. You can show your support for cutting carbon pollution and tackling global warming for the sake of our food and farmers by requesting and encouraging local Landcare groups to take part in Earth Hour on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 8.30 pm.-9.30 pm. Thousands of food related events and Earth Hour dinners will be taking place around the country reminding Aussies how our food and farming is being impacted by global warming. For more information and ideas see the [Earth Hour](http://www.earthhour.org.au) website.



**Fishy Trail Run and Half Marathon – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 9.00am. For more information go to the [Parklands Albury Wodonga](http://www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au) website.



**Building a Local Food Future forum - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** at the Cube. This is a partnership between North East Landcare and Healthy Together Wodonga. Attendance will be free; an all day event. The plan is to tailor topics to local policy, health and food policy. Julian Cribb, author, is confirmed as a speaker addressing global level of food security. Mark Lawrence, a lecturer from Deakin University, has been invited to speak. Contacts: Brydie Foran - [brydie.foran@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:brydie.foran@gatewayhealth.org.au), Amber Croft - [amber.croft@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:amber.croft@landcarevic.net.au), Anna Mackinlay - [anna.mackinlay@bhs.hume.org.au](mailto:anna.mackinlay@bhs.hume.org.au)



**Squirrel Glider Urban Nest Box Project - Thurgoona and Splitters Creek:** Do you live in a built up area of Thurgoona or Splitters Creek, NSW? Do you want to help conserve local Squirrel Gliders, a native animal threatened with extinction? Does your property have a large tree that is within safe gliding distance (approx 40m) to gum trees in a neighbouring park, reserve, or roadside? If you answered YES to the above questions you may be eligible to receive a FREE nest box to be installed on your property. Take part in this unique conservation program involving installation of 100 nest boxes in backyards around Thurgoona and Splitters Creek, known Squirrel Glider habitat. These specially designed nest boxes will compliment tree hollows, their preferred but scarce habitat. The project closing date is mid-May 2015 or when the nest boxes are fully allocated. To find out more background to the program and to fill out the Expression of interest (EOI) form visit <http://www.alburyconservationco.org.au/projects/squirrel-glider-urban-ne...>



**Adopt-a-Plot:** Birallee Park Neighbourhood House is opening up their garden beds to the community ! The large vegetable beds are being extended and added to, and they already have smaller plots that work on the wicking system of watering. You may have noticed some of them outside the Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food Van at the Wodonga Council offices full of summer freshness! If you are interested in adopting a plot, please contact Sue Slater, Coordinator, Birallee Park Neighbourhood House Inc. 39 Emerald Avenue, Wodonga. VIC. 3690 Tel. (02)60 59 2590 Email: [Birhouse@bigpond.net.au](mailto:birhouse@bigpond.net.au)

## Learning Opportunities



**Our Table to Yours - Kitchen Garden Program:** Learn how to grow food and then prepare simple meals for yourself and your family, whilst also volunteering in a project that assists the community, and has done for over 6 years, distributing now well over 400 meals a week. Please contact Sue Slater, Coordinator, Birallee Park Neighbourhood House Inc. 39 Emerald Avenue, Wodonga. VIC. 3690 Tel. (02)60 59 2590 Email: [Birhouse@bigpond.net.au](mailto:birhouse@bigpond.net.au)



**Traditional Ecological Knowledge workshop.— Thursday 5th March,** 10am-3pm, Talgarno Hall. The workshop is being delivered by Brendon Kennedy - Aboriginal Landcare Facilitator with the North East CMA and Traditional Owner Uncle Reg Murray. RSVP by 2nd March for catering requirements to [kelly.behrens@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:kelly.behrens@landcarevic.net.au) \*Limited Places\*



**'Collaboration' Free Webinar - Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March:** 2-3 pm EST. Collaboration has been highlighted for many years as a solution to problems that are too big or too complex for any one organisation to handle. When done well, collaboration can inspire innovation and have great outcomes. When done badly it can create a huge amount of mistrust, fingerpointing, cynicism and disappointment. This webinar will look at what Collaboration is (and what it isn't), why it fails and how it can succeed – and will showcase some of skills and tools that can make a difference. This event run by BoardEffect Australia. To register, go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3131871273839328514>



**Fungi - An introduction to a Curious Kingdom – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar,** 10.30 to 16.30, at the Stanley Recreation Reserve, Stanley. The Regional Landcare Facilitators are offering a great opportunity to learn more about the ecological importance of fungi. This free workshop is being presented by ecologist & photographer Alison Pouliot. See RLF event page for full details: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/rlf/events/fungi-an-introduction-to-a-curious-kingdom> -

# Resources & Inspiration



**North East Local Produce Guide:** The new North East Local Produce Guide is OUT NOW!

More than 90 local growers are featured in the book, which aims to connect consumers, farmers and local retailers, to support local agricultural production and more sustainable, self-supporting food systems. You can get your hands on a copy for just \$5 from produce outlets across the region – check the list of stockists on the website: [www.nelocalproduce.com.au](http://www.nelocalproduce.com.au)



**Landcare in the curriculum:** Landcare Australia and the Primary Industries Education Founda-

tion have produced Junior Landcare resources to link in with the Australian Curriculum. The curriculum resources include full lessons comprising engaging and easy-to-understand teaching and learning sequences aimed at primary schools. These resources are available via the Junior Landcare website: [www.juniorlandcare.com.au](http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au)



**Wanna-bee:** An online matchmaking service linking beekeepers with farmers is about to be

launched in Gippsland. The Wanna-bee service will link beekeepers with farmers willing to host hives. The move follows a packed public meeting last Friday (February 13), at the Berrys Creek hall attended by 125 landholders from Melbourne to Maffra, all interested in planting bee-friendly vegetation or establishing hives. Organiser Jenny O'Sullivan, of South Gippsland Landcare Network, said: "The meeting revealed a real gap – there were many people keen to invest in hives but were needing farmland, bush, orchards and croplands to keep their bees well-fed." The meeting, run by South Gippsland Landcare Network and Agribusiness Gippsland, and supported by Michaels IGA, the Local Food Network through the South Gippsland Shire and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, heard from local apiarists and Australia's expert on bee-friendly vegetation. Wanna-bee can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wannabee-Linking-Gippsland-farmers-and-beekeepers/679159508860803>

## Funding Opportunities



**City of Wodonga Neighbourhood Power Program:** Encourages groups of people within a

neighbourhood to identify projects or activities they would like to see happen that would make their neighbourhood a better place. Projects may be supported by a matching grant from the Neighbourhood Power Matching Fund, or there is a category for young neighbours.

A matching grant is a partnership between the City of Wodonga and the neighbourhood group that supports community building projects by providing a cash match to community contributions of volunteer time, professional services, materials and/or cash.

Based on a model practiced successfully in the city of Seattle in the United States, Neighbourhood Power helps to provide an environment where people can develop and strengthen the neighbourhoods in which they live. Contact the Neighbourhood Power co-ordinator [dmackinlay@wodonga.vic.gov.au](mailto:dmackinlay@wodonga.vic.gov.au) (02) 6022 9300.

Project examples and further information can be found at:

<http://www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/community-services/neighbourhood-power/neighbourhood-power.asp#sthash.hIUaHZWR.dpuf>



**City of Wodonga Financial Assistance To Community Groups Fund:** This fund is aimed

at community groups, clubs and organisations to undertake community projects that will benefit Wodonga and its residents. Grants awarded are to a maximum of \$1500.

A part of the application process is to discuss your project idea with the fund co-ordinator.

The fund co-ordinator can be contacted on (02) 6022 9300.

Please read the [guidelines](#) and [application form](#) in detail before applying.

**Applications for the current round close at 5pm on Monday, March 16, 2015.**

See more at: <http://www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/about-us/grants-funds/fin-assist-comm-groups.asp#sthash.qn4R0sVo.dpuf>



**Round 3 Green Army:** Applications opened 12 February, close 17th March. More information including application form, guidelines, fact sheet, and frequently asked questions visit <http://www.environment.gov.au/land/green-army/projects>



**2015 Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grant** - Eligible to Not-for-Profits & Schools. Funding up to \$1000. Closes 27-Mar-2015. Since 2008 Coles has been providing School Garden Grants of up to \$1,000 to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, composting and worm farms, water wise gardens or veggie gardens. These programs encourage students to learn about the environment through "outdoor learning" and interaction in developing their own school gardens. All primary schools, secondary schools, kindergartens, day care centres, and youth groups are eligible to apply for a Coles Junior Landcare Garden grant.

Website: <http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au/news/archive/2015-coles-junior-landcare-garden-grants>

Guidelines: <http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Coles-Junior-Landcare-Garden-Grant-2015-Guidelines-and-Criteria.docx>

Application: <https://landcareonline.force.com/CommunitiesSelfReg>

Contact Details Email: [grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:grants@landcareaustralia.com.au)



**Food and Fibre Marketing Cooperative Grants** now available: the Victorian Government's Food & Fibre Marketing Cooperatives Grants program provides funding to promote the establishment of new marketing cooperatives in the food and fibre industries. The purpose of the grants is to encourage the establishment of cooperative groups of farmers and value chain participants, using the collective capability of the groups to generate better access to markets and customers for the products of their food and fibre activities. The program will be open until 30 June 2015, or until program funding has been exhausted. See [website](#)



**Active in Parks Take it Outside Grants:** Active in Parks has funding opportunities to support organisations and community groups across Australia. Take it Outside grants give you the opportunity to take your programs and activities outside by supporting you to buy equipment or resources. Grants of \$500-\$1500 are available all year round. For further information see <http://activeinparks.org/getting-involved/funding-2/>

## Opportunities to have your say



**World Environment Day Awards:** Sponsored by the United Nations Association of Australia, the awards aim to focus world attention on the environment, and in particular, on positive programs that work towards protecting or restoring the world's natural heritage. There are 13 different award categories open for nominations. For further information see [UNAA website](#).



**Landscape Photos wanted:** Some of you may have heard that there is a Strategic Landscape Assessment Project currently underway in Hume Region through what was Regional Development Victoria (now with DELWP). The project seeks to identify areas of our landscape that we as a community value. If you have any areas that you love, any photos or descriptions please enter the web address below and lodge your information. Alternatively email your information to the address below. Individuals and groups can provide input through the online photographic exercise. This is an opportunity for anyone to get involved in this study by providing photographs and associated information about landscapes in the study areas of the Hume Region. The online form can be accessed at: <http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/policy-and-strategy/rural-and-regional-planning/landscapestudies> and enquiries or suggestions can be emailed to: [landscapestudies@dtpli.vic.gov.au](mailto:landscapestudies@dtpli.vic.gov.au)