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Opportunities to be involved



Conservation Volunteers Green Army Now Recruiting - Are you aged between 17 and 24, an Australian citizen or permanent resident and would like to be a part of a team that will make a real difference to the environment in North East Victoria?

Conservation Volunteers Australia - Green Army are now recruiting locally in Bright, Mount Beauty, Wangaratta and Wodonga. See more at <http://conservationvolunteers.com.au/green-army/victoria/>



Plastic Free July Challenge: The challenge is quite simple...attempt to refuse single-use plastic during July. 'Plastic Free July aims to raise awareness of the problems and amount of single-use disposable plastic in our lives and challenges people to do something about it. You can sign up for a day, a week or the whole month and try to refuse ALL single-use plastic or try the TOP 4: plastic bags, water bottles, take-away coffee cups and straws. By 2050 its estimated there will be more plastic than fish in the world's oceans. Most comes from land and was once in our hands. Refuse single-use plastic and together lets keep our oceans clean. Join over 40,000 people, schools and organisations from 90 countries and let those same hands be part of the solution. See more at <http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>



Yindymarra Sculpture Walk Guided Tour - Tuesday 5th July: 11.00am – 1.30pm Tour starts at Kremur Street boat ramp, West Albury, taking a 5km round trip tour of eleven stunning Aboriginal sculptures along the Murray River. Hosted by AlburyCity Council. Contact: John Murray 6023 8752



Albury Wodonga NAIDOC Songlines Festival – Wednesday 6th July: 12.00pm – 5.00pm, at Wonga Wetlands Wiradjuri Campsite, 2377 Riverina Hwy, SPLITTERS CREEK NSW: Live entertainment from Kutcha Edwards, Yella Belly, Brett Lee, Thikkabilla Vibrations and MC Comedian Dane Simpson. Cultural workshops, Ground Oven Cooking, Spear Throwing and Boomerang Throwing, NAIDOC Awards and more..... Hosted by the Albury Wodonga NAIDOC Committee. Contact: John Murray 6023 8752.



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WaterWatch, Friends of Willow Park – Sunday 10th July, 9.00am to 10.30am, meet near the BBQ in Willow Park, Wodonga. Help measure the concentration of chemicals in House Creek. BYO water, sunscreen and hat. Friends of Willow Park will supply all other equipment. Join in with Community Gardening at 10.30am, if you like, followed by morning tea at 11.30am. *This event is being organised by [Friends Of Willow Park](#) .*



Mitta Mitta Walk - Sunday 10th July: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. We will travel to Mitta Mitta, Victoria in the Mitta Mitta Valley. Depart at 9am from the Acacia Car Park Wodonga. BYO morning and afternoon tea. We will have our yearly Pub lunch at the Mitta Mitta Pub. Mitta Mitta is situated at the southernmost end of the Mitta Mitta Valley and is on the Omeo Highway. *This event is being organised by [Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc](#)*



NAIDOC Week closing event – 10th July, from 12.00PM - 02.00PM, hosted by Wodonga Council, Cube Courtyard, 118 Hovell Street Wodonga. Free event. Join us for a host of short films 'Storylines' on the big screen followed by soup and damper. Guest speakers. Enquiries: Wodonga Council's cultural development officer, Helen on (02) 6022 9300. Email: info@wodonga.vic.gov.au



Wednesday Walk and Talks: The Wodonga Urban Landcare Network & Friends of Felltimber Creek invite you to explore the natural habitat of Felltimber Creek and McFarlanes Hill with our guided walks in July and August. Find out who else shares our urban and peri-urban lands; where they live and how. Our experienced leaders will help us identify the special nooks and hollows native birds and animals use, spot native birds and the plants they need, and discuss how we can improve their habitat in our urban landscapes.

Wed 13th July - McFarlanes hillside: 9.30-11.30am. Meet at the gate, 189 Coyles Rd. Leader Dan Jones, Ranger, Parklands Albury Wodonga. No dogs please.

Wed 27th July - Felltimber Creek: 9.30-11.30am. Meet just over the bridge on Felltimber Creek Rd. Walking the creek-side to the Golf course and return. Leader Glen Johnson, senior Biodiversity officer, DELWP.

Wed 10th August - Felltimber Creek: 9.30-11.30am. Meet just over the bridge on Felltimber Creek Rd. Walking the creek-side past Lambourne Drive and return. Leader Fleur Stelling, native vegetation specialist, CSU.

Please dress for the weather! We will walk in all weather except thunderstorms. No cost. Dogs ok on lead (except 13th July) Morning Tea provided. Enquiries: anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Yack Community Garden Food Swap—Open to all: Saturday 16th July, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am, at Yackandandah Community Garden, William Street, Yackandandah. Next to the Swimming Pool and opposite the Court House. Our regular monthly food swap – open to everyone of all ages. Everything edible welcome. People bring chooks, ducks, seeds, veg, eggs, fruit, magazines, books, tools, equipment, honey – you name it! If it's to do with gardening, self-sufficiency, DIY, permaculture and growing things generally, it can go on the produce table. Love to see you there.... This is usually run in conjunction with a workshop which starts at 10.30 a.m. Gold coin donation welcome!



Film Screening – Night Parrot Stories: Friday 22nd July, from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Albury Regent Cinema (Cinema 7) You are invited to a free screening of Night Parrot Stories at Albury Regent Cinemas on Friday 22 July 2016. Film maker, Robert Nugent, will introduce the film and answer audience questions at the conclusion of the screening. In the remote deserts of Australia lives an elusive nocturnal bird called the Night Parrot. Virtually nothing is known of its ecology. It disappeared at the end of the 19th Century. Searching for evidence of its existence became a preoccupation. Night parrot Stories was filmed in all the locations where Night Parrots once lived, during a time when stories of extinction were everywhere. For more information about the film, [click here](#) .



Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park Walk: Saturday 23rd July, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm: we will be in some part of the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park. Depart at 9am from Acacia Car Park, Wodonga. BYO refreshments for the day. For further information, contact leader Neil 0428 235 964. Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park is a national park that is located in the Hume region of Victoria. *This event is being organised by [Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc](#) .*



Kent McKoy and Susan Campbell Reserves Planting morning – Saturday 23rd July: 9.30-11.30 am. Join local residents and the Friends of the Ridge Reserves planting native plants to

enhance the biodiversity of these beautiful reserves in the heart of Wodonga. Equipment, gloves and morning tea provided. Please wear enclosed boots and bring your favourite planting tools. Meet on the ridge between Stanger Crt. and Beard Cres. Enquiries anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Shooting at shadows on Lake Hume - Saturday 25 June - Sunday 23 July, at Lavington Library, Northpoint Tower, Griffith Road, Lavington. **Price:** Free. Over three days in June 2015, Albury photographer David Taylor photographed Lake Hume from the air. The Lake was at just 30% capacity at the time. *Shooting at Shadows on Lake Hume* showcases the raw beauty of the exposed lake bed in winter, revealing the landscape in all its abstract glory.



Clyde Cameron Reserve tree planting day – Monday July 25: From 11 am to 1 pm, volunteers from local schools and the general community can help dig holes, prepare the soil and plant seedlings to complement the existing beautiful river red gums along House Creek (meet at Pearce St entrance to Clyde Cameron Reserve). Volunteers must bring suitable footwear (no sandals or open-toe shoes), hat and gardening gloves. To register your interest, email cct-group@wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au Barbecue lunch will be provided by Wodonga Council. The day is also supported by Jacob Toyota and Planet Ark.



Open Ideas Talk Series – Rob Fenton on “Agro-ecology for small local growers ”: Wednesday 27th July, from 6.00 to 8.00 pm at Albury Library Museum, 540 Kiewa St, Albury. This is a four part series to progress conversations about building a resilient local food economy, and to put Albury Wodonga on the map as providing the best settlement services for migrants and refugees in Australia. Rob Fenton of Riverina TAFE National Environment Centre shares his knowledge as a specialist in ecological organic food production in our landscape. RSVP: awce@vrb.org.au or 0429 117 949. Further Information: info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au .



Social Night, Friends of Willow Park – Friday 29th July, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, at 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. 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 a few days before the night.



On The Sheep's Back: Photography by Francis Reiss - Saturday 30th July - Sunday 28th August , at Lavington Library, Northpoint Tower, Griffith Road, Lavington, **Price:** Free. In the 1950s, the wool trade epitomised the Australian way of life. Australia's export economy rode high 'on the sheep's back'. In this captivating exhibition, photo journalist Francis Reiss documents the life and times of a rural enterprise at Burren Burren, near Collarenebri, NSW. Enduring images of Rex White and his family, taken in 1951, offer a glimpse of the 30,000 acres and 5000 sheep that symbolise a successful farm at the height of the wool boom in Australia.



Riverina Endurance Trail Running Series – Race 3 Albury Ranges: Sunday 31st July, 8.30am to 12.00pm, at Bonnie Doon Park, Pemberton Street, West Albury 2640: Race 3 – Albury Ranges 30km, 968m Elevation. Our series finale lets us explore Albury's most famous range – Nail Can. Many have experienced segments of the area but its every corner is uncommonly trekked. The 30km course features approximately 16km of single track. It takes you to summits of the far western and northern regions of the range before returning along the eastern shelf following exciting single track. 30km reaches adventurer status. Take the day out to find a part of yourself that you didn't know existed. Move with courage and this course will fill you up with a life time experience. Further details and registrations at <http://www.riverinatrails.org/riverina-trail-running-series/> . This event is being organised by [Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd](http://www.parklandsalburywodonga.com.au)



National Tree Day: Register early & Win a Vertical Garden! - National Tree Day is the country's largest nature-care event and community tree planting event, on **Sunday July 31st**. Each year over 250,000 people and hundreds of environmental, community and youth organisations take part in Tree Day at over 3,000 sites across the country. To register go to <http://treeday.planetark.org/coords/>. Use the Promotional Toolkit to help spread the word to your networks and members online and via email – available at <http://treeday.planetark.org/coords/promotional.cfm>



Baranduda Landcare's Community Tree day - Sunday 31st July: Save the date and watch this space for further details of BLC's 17th Annual National Planet Ark Community Tree Day – always a great day for all the family.



Friends of Willow Park's Community Tree day – Sunday 31st July, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at Willow Park: Join us for a special National Tree Day event with a variety of gardening activities in Willow Park, including planting, mulching, weeding and chatting.

Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park. BYO Water, sunscreen and hat. Morning tea after gardening.



Thurgoona Community Tree Planting Day - Sunday 31st July, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, at Ernest Grant Park, Thurgoona. Woolshed Thurgoona Landcare group invites everyone to come along and participate in a community tree planting day on 'National Tree Planting Day' to enhance habitat for local wildlife. **Free BBQ lunch provided.** Tree planting will take place on the southern side of the oval. Please come along for all or part of the time as able. *RSVP for catering purposes by 26th July by email: enquiries@wtlandcare.org.* This event is being organised by Woolshed Thurgoona Landcare Group



Student Environment Days - The SEED project's student environment days target grade 5 students in North East Victorian primary schools. The Student Environment Days have now been operating for eight years and during that time (to the end of 2015) we have hosted nearly 4800 students from nearly 190 schools in North East Victoria. These students are the future caretakers of our planet, so it is great to know they have had the opportunity to learn from some of the top environmentalists in our area. The registration form can be accessed [here](#). Schools must register for these days. In previous years, all sessions have been booked out very early, so please book early if you wish to be involved in one of these days.

Wodonga - The CUBE - Thursday 11th August

Wangaratta - Park Lane Nursery - Tuesday 25th October



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Business Planting Day - Sunday 14th August, from 10.0 to 12.00 in Wodonga West - please RSVP for location. The Workplaces in Open Spaces partners are hosting a planting morning in West Wodonga to enable business owners, staff and families to join the National Tree Day celebrations. This will be an enjoyable social event for young and old, encouraging workplaces to be active and healthy and contribute to the restoration of native habitat in the open spaces of Wodonga. **What is provided:**

Plants, planting gear and gloves will be provided. The planting will be followed by a free BBQ lunch. **What to bring:** Water bottle. Please dress for the weather and wear waterproof boots. **RSVP:** Please contact info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au with expected numbers from your workplace.





Wednesday Walk and Talk – Reclaiming the Wodonga Railway Corridor Wednesday

24th August: 9.30-11.30am. Join members of the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network on an easy loop walk exploring the reclamation of the old Wodonga Rail Corridor. Find out what has already been done to improve the amenity of the corridor, what native species might share the space, considerations in restoring habitat and plans for the future, with a 'plain English' guided tour. Come along for a casual walk with Parklands Rangers and find out how local residents can be involved in restoring and improving habitat to this important linking corridor. Meeting place – Rail corridor entrance on Thomas Mitchell Drive. No cost. Morning Tea provided. Please dress for the weather! Dogs welcome on lead. This walk is part of the Wednesday Walks series, where local experts lead us in exploring our urban creeks, corridors and bush reserves. Rsvp not required but would help for catering: anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Save the Date! – Wednesday 24th August: Wodonga Urban Landcare Network AGM 6-9pm at the Sustainable Activity Centre, Gateway Island. Enquiries: anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Bushcare’s Major Day Out – event registrations open: In 2016, Bushcare's Major Day Out will be held during Landcare Week, i.e. on Sunday 11 September. Bushcare's Major Day Out is designed to recognise and celebrate the work done by volunteer groups to rejuvenate bushland around Australia. Bushcare's Major Day Out are inviting groups to participate by holding an event (eg a planting day, a clean-up day or whatever that group would like to do) on 11 September, or if this date is inconvenient, then to organise an event on a day about a week either side of 11 September. To register an event and for more information about the day go to www.bushcaresmajordayout.org or if you want more information contact Chris Lewis via: chris.lewis@bushcaresmajordayout.org or 0422 392 984



Hook up with the Sustainable Activity Centre on Gateway Island: The Sustainable Activity Centre (The SAC) provides a central location for sustainability. It's a venue for the public to congregate and engage in, educate and 'do' sustainable activities; A centre point for the local sustainable industry to showcase what's on offer; A membership based business that provides subscribers with resources to help achieve industry networking, industry promotions and cumulative outcomes associated with a hub of sustainable activity. If its green, eco, environmentally friendly, sustainable, natural, organic, resourcefully smart, native, philanthropic, socially and environmentally responsible, has advanced stewardship, ... you get the drift.... if it's good for the planet and the world we live in, The SAC will promote it and get the community actively involved in it. To receive notifications of events and activities by the SAC, please subscribe via: <http://sustainableactivitycentre.com.au/memberships/>



National Landcare Week - 5-11 September: Watch this space for our Landcare Week celebration activities, or contact Wodonga Urban Landcare Network to link in with local events. anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au

Learning Opportunities



FRRR Fundraising Webinars: FRRR has teamed up with Our Community to host three webinars specifically designed to help rural, regional and remote community groups access more funding. In a panel discussion format, these webinars aim to demystify some of the funding options beyond grants, and to share knowledge and practical tools to help you get started.

- Planned Giving and Bequests 101 - 1pm AEST on Thursday, **14 July**
- Sponsorship 101 - 1pm AEST on Wednesday, **27 July**
- Crowd-funding 101 - 1pm AEST on Wednesday, **10 August**

Registrations for the webinars are now open at http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/training/training_article.jsp?articleId=6924&utm



Border Beef Conference – Wednesday 20th July: The 2016 Border Beef Conference brings together leading producers, industry and agency presenters to provide current insights and ideas on how to improve efficiencies within beef enterprises. Note: No tickets can be purchased on the day. Registration by Friday, July 15 Tickets can be purchased online at: <http://tinyurl.com/BBeefConf2016>



Permaculture Design Certificate Course – 26th August to 3rd December, at Yackandandah Community Centre. This course is designed for people who would like to lead a more organic and environmentally economical life style, with information and practical demonstration on Ethics, Climate, Food, Soils, Water, Energy and Housing. The tutors have a combined experience in Permaculture of over 70 years which includes teaching, demonstrating and practical hands plus designing for themselves, other people's properties and Community Gardens. They have undergone the pitfalls and the successes of permaculture, and have the knowledge and the know how to help and instruct you. For more information please visit: <http://www.backyardpermacultureoz.com/courses--events.html>



4-month Social Change 101 Alpine/Indigo Region Program provides a unique opportunity for up to 14 individuals to gain the skills and networks needed to develop a social venture. Running from July – October 2016, it is designed for socially minded, entrepreneurial individuals looking to develop an idea or grow a social venture or those innovating from within an established organisation, including NGO managers and decision makers, who are looking to transform a specific program within their organisation. The program is designed to benefit communities affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires, and is specifically for people living in the Alpine / Indigo region. If you are, then please [register your interest here](#). You can also contact our Student Services Team: studentservices@sse.org.au



Swift Videoconferences 2016 – This year, the following SWIFFT videoconferences will be held at 9.45am at a variety of venues:

- Thursday 28 July 2016 - Threatened species - population enhancement;
- Thursday 27 October 2016 - Learning from indigenous knowledge of ecology.

For a full list of event locations, please visit the SWIFFT website at: http://www.swiff.net.au/cb_pages/video_conferencing.php



8th Australian Stream Management Conference – Sunday 31st July to Wednesday 3rd August: The 2016 event will provide the opportunity to discuss recent developments and challenges in stream management, in the context of experiences from the last two decades and beyond. Focus areas will include the role of physical interventions, catchment and riparian management, environmental flows, community expectations from stream systems, drought and flood recovery policy, and monitoring and evaluation programs. Further info go to <http://www.8asm.org.au/>



Lambex - Albury, 10-12th August: The program for Lambex has been released and it is going to be a good one. An exciting mix of three pre-tours will be available to LambEx 2016 delegates for the August 10-12 event in Albury, New South Wales. For details on the star-studded line-up of international and Australian speakers, or for further details on the Conference, visit [LambEx Conference](#). Not to be missed is an exciting choice of 3 pre-conference tours, supported by Murray LLS. For \$30 per person, including lunch, tours will visit multiple locations, from processing facilities and farms – to chocolate shops or wineries. For further details, visit [LambEx Pre-Conference Tours](#)



2016 National Landcare Conference – Melbourne: Wednesday 21st - Thursday 23rd

September 2016: Celebrating from the state where Landcare began, the 2016 National Landcare Conference and Awards will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. The National Landcare Awards ceremony and gala dinner will this year feature 69 finalists, nominated across nine categories, from all parts of Australia. Further information about the call for abstracts, event registration, and conference program will be announced shortly and these details will be available on the Victorian Landcare Gateway. Registrations are now open - Early Bird closes 31 July. For more information go to: <http://nationallandcareconference.org.au/delegate-information>



Wise Waterways Workshop – 24th – 28th October, 2016: Beechworth. Registrations are now open. 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 Key Note Speaker for 2016 is David Papps. For full details and registrations, go to <http://www.wisewaterways.org.au/index.html>



Water Sources in 2050 Webinar: Free Webinar video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFW5HkodAYw>

Resources & Inspiration



ICEWarm newsletter: The [Water Management Newsletter](#) gathers high-value contributions from truly inspiring, dedicated water professionals making a difference globally. The latest contains some interesting data on water sources for each state of Australia.



Work Safe Outdoors: WorkSafe Victoria has released a new safety alert in response to recent incidents involving workers being killed and injured when working outdoors, alone and/or in isolation. The Safety Alert lists some basic risk control measures to assist in devising a safe system of work for employees who work outdoors, especially when operating alone or in isolation. For more information go to: <http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/info/publications/alert/working-outdoors>



New Poison Baits for Foxes Released: After more than 11 years of thorough scientific testing within Australia and overseas, Animal Control Technologies Australia Pty Ltd (ACTA), Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and the Australian government through the Invasive Animals CRC are proud to officially announce that two new poison baits—Dogabait and Foxecute®—are now available for use in Australia. For more information go to <http://www.pestsmart.org.au/first-new-predator-toxin-in-50-years-becomes-available/>



Three Landcare Videos:

Natural Resource Management Planning Portal at <http://windsy.com.au/nrm-planning-portal/> The Landcare Groups in the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority region are trialling a planning model which could revolutionise how communities work together to care for our environment.

Online Farm Trials <http://windsy.com.au/online-farm-trials/> Online Farm Trials is a collaborative project putting research knowledge online and linking it to national data, opening up new possibilities for smarter farming and better research. This short documentary film explores the impact of the Online Farm Trials project from the perspectives of key users and researchers.

Making a Rabbit Bait Station <https://rabbitaction.com/2016/06/09/interested-in-making-a-rabbit-bait-station/> Jarod Coote with Connecting Country talks about using Pindone oats with bait stations to control rabbits.



Park Watch – New Issue Available: Park Watch No 261 - June 2016 - This issue of Park Watch includes articles on Co-management with Traditional Owners, Regional Forest Agreements, Nature on Private Land, and Impacts of Fire. Go to: <http://issuu.com/vnpo>



Friendsnet Newsletter: The most recent issue of FriendsNET, the quarterly newsletter from the Victorian Environment Friends Network is available, including articles on the new biodiversity strategy and tracking volunteer effort. Go to: <http://vnpa.org.au/page/volunteer/victorian-environment-friends-network/victorian-environment-friends-network--newsletter>



Victorian Landcare And Catchment Management Magazine : This issue is a feature on invasive plants and animals and includes an article featuring Parklands Albury Wodonga and the work of our local Friends and Landcare groups. To read or download the current issue of the magazine visit <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/resources/magazine/vlcm/current-issue>.



Book Release: ART+CLIMATE=CHANGE Presenting the work of Australian and international artists ART+CLIMATE=CHANGE explores the power of art to create the empathy, emotional engagement and cultural understanding needed to motivate meaningful change. This hardback publication includes beautiful images, and informative and thought provoking essays by Kelly Gellatly, Director of The Ian Potter Museum of Art, The University of Melbourne, and John Wiseman, Deputy Director of the Melbourne. For further information, go to <https://climarte.org/wp-content/cache/all/product/artclimatechange//index.html>

Funding Opportunities



North East CMA 2016-17 Riparian Incentives & Community Grants:

Assistance is available through the North East CMA, to access funding from a range of Australian and Victorian Government programs, to help landholders and community groups undertake environmental works and projects in the North East CMA region of Victoria.

Landholders or community group committees need to complete and submit a simple Expression of Interest (EOI) form that can be submitted online, emailed or mailed to the North East Catchment Management Authority. **The CLOSING DATE is 5pm on Wednesday 31st August**

- **Riparian Incentives**

Individual landholders and community groups can apply for project funding to undertake on-ground works to protect and enhance waterways or wetlands. See more at <http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/Get-Involved/Project-Opportunities/Riparian-Incentives>

- **Community Grants**

Landcare groups and other community groups can apply for funding for: **Small Community Group Support Projects** to fund or deliver a range of community support options. **Small Community Education and Action Projects** to deliver community education and awareness activities. **Community Works Projects** to fund on-ground works to deliver direct environment protection works. See more at <http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/Solutions/Grants-Incentives/Community-Grants>



Canon Environmental Grants: Applications close on Friday **5 August 2016**. Canon Oceania is now appealing for applicants for its annual environmental in-kind grants program. Grants are available to Australian and New Zealand schools, community groups and not-for-profit organisations making a positive impact on their environment and community. Recipients will be given their choice of \$5,000 (retail value) of Canon equipment for use in their project. For more information go to <https://www.canon.com.au/en-AU/About-Canon/Sustainability-Environment/Environment/Environmental-Grants>



The R E Ross Trust Grants – Vic: 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](#)



One Tree Per Child Program is now open: The Australian Government's new One Tree Per Child program is an opportunity for Landcare groups/networks and councils to receive funds for planting projects this coming planting season. We urge local schools to register with the program on line at <http://www.onetreeperchild.com/> Your registration will flow to WULN and Council enabling us to work with you on your projects.

Opportunities to have your say



Sustainability / Visual Arts School competition: School Environment Education Directory (SEED) north east is celebrating with a competition and great prizes: Be creative and celebrate your school's sustainability achievements at the same time. Title: **What do you love about your environmentally sustainable school?** HOW: *Using a visual arts medium you are to demonstrate how your school is environmentally sustainable.* CLOSING DATE: 4pm Friday 29th July 2016. For more information, go to: [A Schools Competition](#)



Australia's Biosecurity Arrangements: Have Your Say: Stakeholders across the country are being encouraged to have their say on Australia's biosecurity system and the agreement that underpins it – the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity (IGAB). To ensure its ongoing effectiveness, Australian agriculture ministers agreed to a comprehensive review of the IGAB and a broader examination of Australia's biosecurity system. The closing date for submissions is 5pm (AEST) **8 July 2016**. For further information on the review, making a submission, or to read the discussion paper, visit [the website](#)



Mountain Range to Wetlands Photographic Competition : To celebrate the beauty of North East Victoria and Wooragee in particular, Wooragee Landcare would like to invite adults, primary and secondary students to participate in a photographic competition. There will be separate sections for primary school, secondary school and adult competitors. Subject categories are Landscape, Biodiversity (Flora and Fauna) and Human Interest (eg farming, people enjoying the outdoors). There will be a special prize for photos taken in the Wooragee Valley. Prize money in each section is First \$100, Second \$75, Third \$50. Entries close 15 August 2016. Entry fee of \$2 per photo. Winners announced in September 2016. For further information contact Maureen Cooper at 03 57281311 or brigadoon.99@bigpond.com



Photos and stories wanted - Showcasing 30 Years of Landcare: Later this year, Landcare in Victoria will celebrate a major milestone – its 30th birthday! We are calling on Landcarers young and old to share their stories through photographs and videos. To mark this special occasion we would like to showcase the array of wonderful Landcare projects, events, achievements and the changes that have taken place over the last three decades. We're particularly looking for photos showing the progress of projects over time, milestones for your group/network, people participating in events, and more generally, what Landcare means to you. We've made it easy for you to upload your photos, videos and consent forms via the following link [30 Years of Landcare Photo Upload](#)