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Opportunities to be involved



Citizen Science comes to Wodonga: The Wodonga Urban Landcare Network is launching a citizen science project supporting Threatened Species locally, and we invite you to get involved! The nest box network around Wodonga provides vital homes for arboreal mammals, and we need resident's help to monitor the rate of use, the state of the boxes and any gaps in habitat. If you have boxes in your backyard, the park next door or want to get out to the bush parks in the hills, you can be a part of this important program. To book a spot, contact Anne at wodongalandcare@gmail.com



Boomerang bags: Boomerang Bags is a community driven initiative tackling plastic pollution at the grassroots level. Dedicated schools, community groups, businesses and volunteers get together to make re-useable 'Boomerang Bags' using recycled materials as a means to replace plastic bags. Through Boomerang Bags we start conversations, make friends, up-cycle materials and work towards shifting society's throw away mentality to a more sustainable revolution of re-use – one community, needle and thread at a time! This very active initiative is not the entire solution but a platform for communication, cooperation and positive change. Want to get involved? Please contact Claire on 0406943436



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



Our Native Garden Nursery - Our Native Garden is a community owned, not-for-profit, Registered Charity, volunteer run, indigenous plant nursery. It is located at the Wodonga Waste Transfer Station at 29 Kane Rd, Wodonga. Opening hours – Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays 10am - 1pm. Phone Jill Dawson or Amanda Murie on 0418 579 331 or email www.ournativegarden.com.au



Planting season begins: The cheering sight of seedlings ready to plant is always welcome at Parklands. More than 28,000 plants from local nurseries converged here recently. They were soon joined by Wodonga Urban Landcare Network volunteers keen to help sort and fill orders, and take the plants out to various project sites across Albury and Wodonga. Schools and community groups wishing to get involved with planting over the coming months are most welcome to talk with us about organising a planting event. Please call us on 6023 6714 or email us at: info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Friends of Ridge Reserves gardening event - Saturday 1 July: at Kent McKoy reserve from 10am to 12 noon: Meet on the hill at the picnic table. We will be checking previous plantings and putting in more native trees and understory plants to encourage the biodiversity of the reserve. Tea/coffee/snack provided. Please wear enclosed boots & protective clothes. You're welcome to bring your favourite planting tools, and we'll have spare tools and gloves too. For more information or to book in, phone Jude Scarfe on 0448 045 124.



Field Day Chiltern Mt Pilot NP - Sat 1st July from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Meet at Chiltern PO: Our monthly field day working in the Park – call 0429017229 for more info. All welcome! This event is being organised by Friends of Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park.



Repair Café - Sat 1st July from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm @ Sustainable Activity Centre (The SAC), Gateway Village, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga: Do you have a broken household item you'd like fixed but need a hand to do so? Then this is your opportunity. Our Repair Café is a free meeting place to bring along broken household items such as furniture, clothing, battery-operated appliances, books and bikes and learn how to fix them with the help of experienced, volunteer repairers. You can also bring along small, blunt garden tools like secateurs and we'll show you how to sharpen them. Maximum three items per person per session. Please note we will NOT be offering jewellery repairs this month. Repair Cafes are a great way to save money, bypass landfill, extend the life of belongings and learn the art of repair. Toss it? No way. You can repair it at the Repair Café – we are open the first Saturday of each month (except January). Please note we are not a pick up and drop-off repair service – we want visitors to get involved and learn from the repair process. No need to register, just come along with your broken item and we'll do our best. And if you have a guitar that needs some TLC, get in touch and we'll put you on our waiting list – because from time to time we'll have a guitar repairer on hand too. For photos and more information visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/repaircafeaw>



The Gateway Village Farmers' Market, Wodonga – Sat 1st July from 8am to 12 noon on the Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga.



Beechworth Farmer's Market – Sat 1st July at Christ Church, Church Street, Beechworth: Beechworth Farmers Market is held on the first Saturday of every month – a great variety of fresh, local produce. Come by and have a chat with some passionate growers and producers of the region.



Free E-waste event in Wangaratta – Sat 1st July from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Wangaratta Transfer Station, Sandford Road, Wangaratta: The free E-waste (electronic waste) event will be held at Wangaratta transfer station (Sandford road). If you have any electronic items that are unwanted or at the end of their life, Council encourage you to take advantage of this safe, free and easy to use service to dispose of your e-waste. This event is open to all residents of Wangaratta simply turn up on the day with your unwanted items (maximum of five per resident) and we'll do the rest.



Tiny Houses Winter Social Meeting - Sat 1st July from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Sustainable Activity Centre, 44 Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga: lets get together to see where things are at with everyone's Tiny House. Progress on my building will be discussed (first 10 minutes) and then we can look at prospects of other builds as well as what is new in the tiny House movement. This event is being organised by Tiny Houses Albury Wodonga.



Celebrate NAIDOC Week 2nd – 9th July:

Eddie Kneebone - Bones of Contention, Arts Space Wodonga: Exhibition Opening 5.30pm, Thursday 6th July: Murray Arts, in partnership with Arts Space Wodonga and Wodonga TAFE, proudly present this rare chance to witness the finely detailed works of Eddie Kneebone, in his last series **Bones of Contention**. Two of Eddie's children, Scott and Leanda Kneebone, will officially open bones of Contention at 5.30pm Thursday 6th July. A video work reveals Eddie's explanation of the stories shared through the series of paintings that make up *Bones of Contention* and there will be a re-creation of the studio where Eddie worked as an artist in residence at Wodonga TAFE.



Flow of the River Department of Justice and Regulation Aboriginal Art Exhibition at GIGS Gallery: Exhibition dates 20th June to 2nd July – The Department of Justice and Regulation has partnered with Murray Arts and GIGS Art Gallery to hold *Flow of the River*, an exhibition featuring Aboriginal artworks from a recent competition, works by local school children and Beechworth Correctional Centre Koori prisoners. It coincides with the lead up to NAIDOC Week 2017 and we encourage everyone to visit GIGS Art Gallery.



Local Aboriginal Artworks showcased at North East Water: Exhibition dates: 9.00am to 4.00pm, Monday 3rd to Friday 7th July – Local Aboriginal Art will be on display at North East Water's regional headquarters in Wodonga during NAIDOC Week. The North East Water Corporation has partnered with Murray Arts and Burraja Gallery to exhibit the work of local Aboriginal artists, Marlene Plunkett, Kelly Locke, Ellie Plunkett, Tammy Campbell, David Dunn, Karin McMillan, Phil Murray, Tamara Murray, Mick Bogie, Darren Wighton and Trish Cerninara. Community members are welcome to view the artwork at North East Water, Thomas Mitchell Drive, Wodonga.



NAIDOC pre-school program: July – September : We're looking forward to rolling out our NAIDOC pre-school program for the third year in a row, right around the region throughout July and well into September. We love this program, which supports the employment of Aboriginal artists and delivers an authentic cultural experience to 12 pre-schools across our six Local Government partners. Murray Arts successfully received funding from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to make this program possible.



BlackOut at Burraja Cultural Centre are inviting Koorie Youth and families to a **Burraja Youth Day** to check out the Centre, listen to guest speakers and see some of the cultural activities on offer. Free BBQ lunch from 12 noon Wednesday 5 July, Burraja Cultural Centre Gateway Island Wodonga. Contact Darren Moffitt m: 0428 648 764.



City of Wodonga's Open Galleries and Light Projections Aboriginal artwork will be on display at the Cube Courtyard over NAIDOC Week. Light projections of Dr Trehna Hamm's work will be cast across the Cube Wall and Karin McMillan's Harmony & Dreaming series will be shown in the Open Galleries light boxes, located on the northern side of Wodonga Library. Karin's original artworks Blue–Water Dreaming, Green–Spirit Dreaming and Yellow–Sun Dreaming are all for sale at [Burraja Gallery](#), along with some of Dr Trehna Hamm's works.



City of Wodonga will officially launch NAIDOC week with local community members at a flag raising ceremony 12noon Sunday 2 July at the Cube Wodonga Courtyard. Celebrate Eddie Knee-bone *Bones of Contention* exhibition with dance, morning tea and art making with local Aboriginal artists at Wodonga Library and Arts Space Wodonga, from 10am on Thursday 6 July.



Indigo Shire Council will also hold a flag raising ceremony at 10am 4 July at the Yackandandah Office – 34 High Street Yackandandah to recognise NAIDOC week and open the Council forecourt. Community attendance is welcome at this event.



Riverina Endurance McFarlanes Hill Run - Sun 2nd July from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm at McFarlanes Hill, Wodonga West: McFarlanes Hill offers a challenging event for all runners and some rewarding views of Huon Hill and the Riverina area into the distance. Runners summit both the peaks of Klings and Hunchback Hill as they make their way along some well-defined trails and fast downhill sections. Schedule of Events: 9am – 9:45am Runner Check in; 9:55am - Runner Briefing; 10am - Race starts; 12noon - BBQ starts; 12 noon – Presentation; 1:30pm - course closes. Distance: 18.5km, elevation: 815m, start Location: Mountain Bike Park on Felltimber Creek Rd, entries Open: Friday 12th May @ 8am. Bookings: www.riverinatrails.org



Shaping Landcare in Baranduda – Wed 5th July at the Baranduda Community Centre, 3 Sage Court, Baranduda from 7.00 to 9.00pm: All welcome. Come and join in the discussion on projects and activities for Baranduda Landcare. Enquiries: barandudalandcare@gmail.com.



Hovell Tree Park Albury Farmers Market – Sat 8th July from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Wood Fired Oven at Hovell Tree Park.



Installing Nestboxes for Squirrel Gliders—Monday 10th July: 9.30-11.30am. If you are interested in installing nest boxes on your own property or caring for boxes in local reserves, this hands-on session is for you! This morning workshop focusses on installing nest boxes along the Rail Trail in Wodonga. It will be a hands-on experience where people will learn to locate nest boxes, mount them appropriately and use a citizen science platform to record data. No previous experience required. Morning tea included. We will start and finish on the Rail Trail off Thomas Mitchell Drive (behind Blueys Hunting and Fishing). Please dress for the weather and bring your water bottle. Places are limited and

bookings essential. Please book through our Eventbrite page [here](#).



Friends of Willow Park Social Night – Friday 14th July at 6.15pm at the 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. Relax and 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.



The Gateway Village Farmers' Market, Wodonga – Sat 15th July from 8am to 12 noon on the Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga.



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



Plastic Wise Towns - Sat 15th July from 10:30 am - 11:30 am at Yackandandah Community Garden, William Street, Yack: Plastic Wise Yackandandah will provide hints, tips and conversation about reducing our need for plastic, including recipes for replacements for current plastic items. Presented by the Plastic Wise Yack team. \$10 per person.



Screening of A Plastic Ocean- Sat 15th July from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Beechworth Memorial Hall, Ford Street, Beechworth: The award-winning documentary film, A Plastic Ocean, with appearance by David Attenborough, brings to light the consequences of our global disposable lifestyle. We thought we could use plastic once and throw it away with negligible impacts to humans and animals. This turns out to be untrue. This documentary details the global effects of plastic pollution—and introduces workable technology and policy solutions that can, if implemented in time, change things for the better. Screening followed by Q&A panel, including Anthony Hill of Plastic Pollution Solutions. 6pm soup 'n sourdough, 7pm film. Tickets \$15, under 16 y.o. free <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/screening-a-plastic-ocean-q-a-tickets-35421620019>



Willow Park Community Gardening - Sun 16th July from 9:30 am - 11:00 am at Willow Park, Pearce St, Wodonga: We have community gardening activities in Willow Park along the House Creek Corridor. We spend an hour or so doing something of environmental value such as planting, watering, litter collection or weeding. Nest boxes are checked and more are planned for future projects. We would love to hear your ideas for gardening and environmental projects. Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park, BYO Water, gloves, sunscreen and hat. Morning tea after gardening (would you like to bring some morning tea?) Friends of Willow Park supply all equipment, school and community groups most welcome. We don't garden over the summer months.



Spotlighting Night Walk on Gateway island - Saturday 22nd July: 7-9pm. Join Parklands Rangers for a night adventure spotlighting for nocturnal native wildlife in the bush park. Parklands have been working with the community restoring the native plants to the area in recent years to support native species including the threatened Greater Glider. Meet at the Sustainable Activity Centre, Gateway Village Please wear warm clothes and closed shoes and bring a personal torch. Parklands will bring the spotlight. Participants are requested to stay with the Ranger and remain quiet during the walk. Places are limited. Please book through our [Eventbrite page](#).



Hovell Tree Park Albury Farmers Market – Sat 22nd July from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Wood Fired Oven at Hovell Tree Park



Installing Nestboxes for Squirrel Gliders Field Day - Mon 24th July from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the SAC, Gateway island Wodonga: In partnership with the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network, Parklands is leading a series of field days for community members on nest boxes for threatened species. If you are interested in installing nest boxes on your own property or caring for boxes in local reserves, this hands-on session is for you! This morning workshop focusses on installing nest boxes along the Murray River on Gateway Island. It will be a hands-on experience where people will learn to locate nest boxes, mount them appropriately and use a citizen science platform to record data. No previous experience required. Morning tea included. We will start and finish at the Sustainable Activity Centre, Gateway Island. Please dress for the weather and bring your water bottle. Places are limited and bookings essential. **Please book through our Eventbrite page [here](#).**



Spotlighting Night Walk on the Kiewa River - Monday 24th July: 7-9pm. Meet at Killara

Carpark on the Kiewa River, Riverina Hwy, Killara. Join Parklands Rangers for a night adventure spotlighting for nocturnal native wildlife along the Kiewa River. Parklands have been working with the community restoring the native plants to the area in recent years to support native species. We may be lucky enough to spot possums, gliders, marsupials and owls. Please wear warm clothes and closed shoes and bring a personal torch. Parklands will bring the spotlight. Participants are requested to stay with the ranger and be quiet during the walk. Places are limited. Please book through our [Eventbrite listing](#).



2017 Tree Day in Clyde Cameron Reserve - Thu 27th July from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at

Clyde Cameron Reserve, behind the Murray Valley Hospital, south from the Pearce Street bridge in Wodonga: Our annual Tree Planting day is from 11am to 1pm on Thursday 27 July 2017. This is an open event with tree planting along the Murray Valley Hospital rear fence and a barbecue lunch provided by the Wodonga Council at 1pm.



The Gateway Village Farmers' Market, Wodonga - Sat 29th July from 8am to 12 noon on the Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga.



Baranduda Landcare Community Tree Day - Sun 30th July 2017: 18th Annual Tree Day

at Middle Creek, upstream of Fredric Street Road intersection: Works will focus on a 2016 willow eradication zone & supplementary planting into the adjoining Billabong Reserve. For further info & registration of interest to participate for catering etc, contact baranduda.landcare@gmail.com.



Riverina Endurance Albury Ranges Trail Run - Sun 30th July from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm at

Bonnie Doon Park, Cnr Pemberton St and Rosedale Dr West Albury: This is the last race in the Riverina Endurance series and a challenging and rewarding course. This run takes you on a long tour of the ranges best single tracks to the far west and northern regions of the range.

Schedule of Events: 8am – 8:45am Runner Check in, 8:55am: Runner Briefing, 9am Race starts, 12noon BBQ starts, 1pm Presentation, 2:30pm course closes. Distance: 30km, elevation: 1000m, start location: Bonnie Doon Park – Cnr Pemberton St and Rosedale Dr West Albury, entries Open: Friday 12th May @ 8am. Bookings: www.riverinatrails.org

Community members are invited to the

Annual General Meeting

of the

Wodonga Urban Landcare Network Inc.

Wednesday August 23rd, 2017, 6-9pm
The SAC, Gateway Village, Gateway Island
~ Refreshments provided ~

rsvp to secretary@wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au

Learning Opportunities



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



3rd Wetlands Restoration Science Forum - 17th & 18th August: Day 1 - 9.30am to 6pm, Day 2 - 8.45am to 3.30pm, at Mokoan Hub & Café, Winton Wetlands, 652 Lake Mokoan Road, Chesneyvale: The 3rd Wetlands Restoration Science Forum is aimed at providing support for research on the Winton Wetlands and to assist scientists and managers in gaining data for management of the site. The theme for the 2017 event is 'Landscape Connections and Restoration'. This emphasises the connections through landscape and time, due to the legacy issues of previous catchment disturbances. The forum will offer a diverse selection of speakers and a tour of the recently completed Lunette Walk and art installations throughout the wetlands site. For more information contact Winton Wetlands on 03 5762 1192 or restoration scientist (aquatic ecology) Lance Lloyd on 0412 007 997 or email lance.lloyd@wintonwetlands.org.au



Planning with Communities: Facilitation and Conflict Resolution Skills Training - Adelaide Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th August 2017: This is a three-day, intensive, practical master class, accredited nationally the Unit Manage Conflict in the Diploma of Government. It provides both the new and the experienced facilitator with comprehensive skills to facilitate any group to do its best thinking and to make sustainable decisions. The course will be invaluable to you if you: work with communities in natural resources management, urban planning, transport planning or health; work on complex problems with multiple stakeholders to make positive impact and change; work collaboratively with a mix of people and professions; are involved in a process of strategic planning or in organisational change; or lead a team. Accreditation is optional. You can choose to be assessed for the Unit Manage Conflict which is used towards the Diploma of Government. Contact Margaret Dugdale, Social and Environmental Planning Partnerships. Phone 03 939 14545 / 041 463 3938 / E: info@planningpartnerships.com.au www.planningpartnerships.com.au.



Farming Smarter Expression of Interest for 2017: Farming Smarter, first piloted in 2016 and supported by Meat & Livestock Australia's Profitable Grazing Systems project and sponsored by Rural Finance, is back in 2017. This year Farming Smarter will be run twice and places are limited to 10 farming businesses each time (20 places all up). For more information click [here](#)

Resources & Inspiration



Sustainable Gardening Australia (SGA) - App Newsletter: SGA has launched a crowd funding campaign on Chuffed.org to help fund the development and maintenance of a web-app that indicates the safety of 1000+ garden products for pest, weed & disease control or improved soil fertility. It will help gardeners make informed choices on reducing the use of chemicals that may have negative effects on human health and the environment. SGA has developed a unique data-base which scores chemicals against 11 criteria indicating the impacts of each product. Each product will be rated from 1 to 6 stars and show levels of safety for humans, bees and other insects, fish and birds, persistence in soils and likelihood of polluting waterways. It will also suggest chemical-free alternatives to gardening problems. Please assist SGA in this campaign by sharing the initiative with your professional and personal networks and passing on to environmental and gardening groups within your community.



Issue 69 of Victorian Landcare magazine - climate change feature:

Issue 69 of the Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management magazine, which is a feature on climate change is now available online. To read or download this issue of the magazine go to the Victorian Landcare Gateway: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/landcare-magazine/>



Podcast: CLIMARTE CEO and co-founder Guy Abrahams is interviewed in the most recent episode of Bank Australia's podcast *On Purpose*. Guy discusses art, big oil and the future of climate change action. [Listen to the podcast here](#)



Big Give from a generous community - Parklands are very pleased to have been awarded funds by the Border Trust for their 'Tree Top Trail' project, which will provide quality vocational training for a diversity of volunteers in metal fabrication and fencing. Through this project, chainmesh handrails will be installed along the Tree Top Trail at Gateway Island to make it safe for general public use. Once complete, this stunning trail will connect cyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities to the CBD of both Albury and Wodonga via the raised railway corridor through Gateway Island.



Dairy Industry Rural Skills Connect Program: The Rural Skills Connect (RSC) Program will assist dairy industry personnel who need or want to seek new employment or explore new opportunities through training. This program aims to provide employment and training guidance for dairy farmers, their family members or employees, and affected dairy farm service providers. For further information or a confidential conversation, contact the Program Manager for RSC in the Murray Dairy region - Jo Turner - on 0472 863 050 or joanne.turner@ecodev.vic.gov.au



Soil Carbon in Cropping Systems publication: Local farming systems group, Riverine Plains Inc, has just released a new publication for the region's grain growers called *Soil Carbon in Cropping Systems*. *Soil Carbon in Cropping Systems* details the results from the completed Riverine Plains Inc project *Increased soil carbon by accelerated humus formation from crop residues* project (2012-2015). *Soil Carbon in Cropping Systems* was funded by the Sustainable Agriculture Victoria - Fast Tracking Innovation Initiative, with the support of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the William Buckland Foundation.

To obtain a hard copy contact Riverine Plains Inc on 03 5744 1713 or info@riverineplains.org.au [Download a copy...](#)



Food Mapping Wangaratta: Food producers and farmers in the Wangaratta area are being asked to 'put yourself on the Map'. That's the Wangaratta Food Map of course. Community Food For All (CFFA) in Wangaratta is a local food network of people, agencies and

groups who are interested in our local food system and improving access to healthy and affordable food in Wangaratta and the surrounding rural communities. The CFFA network is mapping the local food system in the Wangaratta Local Government Area over the next two months. For further information contact Rowan O'Hagan on 0427 331 598 or rowanohagan@bigpond.com [Take the survey...](#)

Enviro stories - Through inspiring local literacy, Enviro-Stories helps connect students with their local area – whether it is a farm, bushland, school, beach, exploring Indigenous culture, investigating an individual icon or promoting their community. The program supports kids writing of a storybook about that area to engage and/or educate other students. PeeKdesigns established the Enviro-Stories program in 2009 because we are passionate about students learning about their local area and bringing their stories to life. Through the valuable support of our sponsors, Enviro-Stories has been brought to schools in regional areas from the east to the west coast of Australia. The program has produced over 380 student written and illustrated books and well over 70,000 copies distributed to schools and communities across the regions where the program has been run. This is a massive achievement for all the teachers, parents, students, sponsors and other contributors to this innovative program. For more information, go to www.envirostories.com.au

Funding Opportunities



Grants for schools available: Does your school need an outdoor learning space? The Yates Gardening Junior Landcare Grants for Gardens program is offering 15 grants for fun, hands-on garden projects that will help young people learn about gardening, sustainability and our natural environment. Grants are worth over \$2000. Apply now: <http://ow.ly/GC5v30cfeG4> #grantsforgardens.



Final round of the 20 Million Trees Competitive Grants: Round Three of the Australian Government's 20 Million Trees was launched yesterday. This is the final round. \$6 million is available for grants between **\$20,000** and **\$100,000** for tree planting projects that will support EPBC listed Threatened Ecological Communities and Threatened Species. Individuals and groups can apply for projects on both public and private land. **Applications close: 19 August 2017.**

Guidelines, application form and other useful information is available at: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/20-million-trees/competitive-grants-round-three>



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



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



\$50K Business Help in Victoria - Victoria's Stronger Regional Communities invests in community-led initiatives and to drive change in regional and rural towns with grants of up to \$50,000. Eligible applicants include businesses and for-profit organisations, local councils and not-for-profit community organisations. Ongoing. **More?** [SRC application guidelines](#)



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

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



The R E Ross Trust Grants: The grants work around 4 impact areas. For Landcare groups the most relevant area is impact area D; the protection and preservation of Australian Flora and Fauna. Organisations must first submit an expression of interest for consideration by the Trustees and may then be invited to submit a full application. Applications are considered all year round. For more information go to: <http://www.rosstrust.org.au/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>



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

Opportunities to have your say



National Water Week 2017 Poster Competition - 15 - 21 October: The annual National Water Week poster competition for primary school students is on again. This year's theme is 'Water - the Heart of Our Culture'. The theme encourages young people to explore how water shapes our everyday lives through recreational activities, the natural world and our community values. Students can win book vouchers valued up to \$50 in the regional competition. Each regional school that enters will go into a draw for a voucher. State student winners will be given \$500 cash for first place and \$250 for second place. The winning students' school will also win a cash prize. First prize \$300 and second prize \$150. Entries close Friday 1 September 2017. [Entry Form](#) [Competition Flyer](#) For further enquiries contact North East Water: Diane Doyle P: (02) 6022 0580 E: education@newater.com.au



Wooragee Landcare Food & Nature Photo Competition - Wed 5th July Wooragee Landcare would like to encourage people to celebrate the biodiversity and beauty of our region by participating in this amateur photographic competition. PRIZE MONEY: First – \$100.00 Second – \$75.00 Third – \$50.00. Categories: Separate sections for primary school, secondary school and amateur adult competitors: Farming in the North East; Biodiversity (Flora and Fauna). Special Award for Best photo of Biodiversity taken on a Wooragee farm. Entries close Friday 20th October 2017. See [Entry form](#) for further details. Entries to be submitted electronically to Maureen Cooper – email: brigadoon.99@bigpond.com | Ph: 0357281311 | Mail: PO Box 386 Beechworth 3747.



2017 Knots Drawing Competition - Submissions by 31 August: The 2017 Knots Drawing Competition is open for young people aged 6 - 18 years. This competition is part of the Year of the Knots campaign to raise awareness of the Great Knot and Red Knot. Both species are experiencing rapid population declines in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF). Young people are invited to learn more about the Knots and draw creative pictures to inspire others to learn about the species and the situation these birds find themselves in. For more information click [here](#)