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### Special Event Invitation

**You are Invited to join the Wodonga Waterways Community Conversations!**

The Wodonga Urban Landcare Network is coordinating a concentrated effort to understand the community's views on the future of the creeks within the Wodonga municipality.

The Network has received funds from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to research the values the community places on different aspects of Wodonga's urban waterways, the issues people feel need to be addressed, and the vision of the community for these waterways as Wodonga continues to grow into the future.

The creeks under scrutiny are House, Huon, Jack-in-the-Box, Felltimber, Middle, and Castle creeks, and the lower reaches of the Kiewa River at Killara.

Local Friends and Landcare groups work alongside Parklands Albury Wodonga, the North East Catchment Management Authority and Wodonga Council to maintain and improve these creeks, and seek the guidance this research will bring for future projects and areas to focus on. The coming weeks will bring a range of opportunities for community members to contribute views and help to create a vision for all to work towards.

**Online survey** (closes Friday July 10th) [CLICK HERE](#) to take the survey

**Community Feedback BBQ - Sunday 5th July**, 11.30 - 1.30 pm at Les Stone Park, Join us for a BBQ lunch and contribute your views and vision for the future of our creeks.

**Community Forums – 23rd July-2nd August:** Residents, friends and all with an interest are invited to attend these Forums on the future of Wodonga's creeks. The Community Forums will provide information and an overview of the current state of each waterway 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 waterways in our back yard, but to contribute to the vision as Wodonga continues to grow and develop.

A light meal will be provided at each forum. RSVP please: [anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au)

- **House and Castle Creeks Community Forum – Thursday evening 23rd July**, 6-8pm at Birralee Park Neighbourhood House (Emerald Ave).
- **Huon Creek Community Forum – Tuesday evening 28th July**, 6-8pm at Felltimber Community Centre (Ritter Rd)
- **Felltimber Creek Community Forum – Wednesday evening 29th July**, 6-8pm at Victory College Hall (Drage Rd)
- **Middle Creek, Jack in the Box and lower Kiewa River Community Forum – Sunday 2nd August**, 1-3pm at Baranduda Community Centre (Sage Court)

# Opportunities to be involved



## **Regent Honeyeater project Volunteers - more opportunity to participate!**

Volunteers with the Regent Honeyeater project are maintaining a 6 day/week monitoring regime commencing daily at 8.30am (no Saturday's). The latest release with new radio transmitters means that there are now heaps of birds to track. Many eyes and ears make light work of picking up these birds. Please contact Liz Wemyss [Elizabeth.Wemyss@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:Elizabeth.Wemyss@delwp.vic.gov.au) to register and assist with the monitoring program.



## **The Environment, Climate Change and the Paris talks Seminar - Saturday 4th**

**July:** 11am - 3pm at The Flour Mill, Kirkland Avenue, Euroa. 2015 is seen by many as the watershed year for action on climate change. What does this mean for the region? Presenters include Richard Dennis (Australian Institute), Rob Gell, Professor Alan Pears (RMIT), Sarah Houseman (Victorian Association for Environmental Education), Vicky Fysh (University of Melbourne student), Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Child in Nature Alliance. Lunch is provided. Cost \$15 each, free for pensioners and students. To register: <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-environment-climate-change-and-the-paris-talk-tickets-15195316601?ref=ebtn>



**BirdLife Ovens and Murray – Albury Outing: Sunday 5th July:** Meet at the corner of Ebdon St and Wodonga Place (old Water Wheel site) Albury, at 9:30 am. This is a full day event, so BYO morning tea, lunch, chair, etc. For more details phone Phillip Seely: 02 6021 5313.



**National carbon farming conference – 7th-10th July, Albury :** The conference is intended to enable Farmers and others to understand how the Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF), under Direct Action, will work for Farmers, what will be allowable, timeframes for implementation and potentials for a new industry at a time when Farmers are calling out for diversity of income. For Registration and further information go to: <http://carbonfarmingconference.com.au/CarbonConference2015/home.htm>. Farmers can now save an extra \$50 on their 2 day conference rego. If 5 or more staff would like to attend please call for an group price on 02 6882 14 25.



**NAIDOC Week – 6th to 12th July:** NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July and is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. For more information go to <http://www.naidoc.org.au/>.



**Monthly Enviro Talk @ The Library – Tuesday 7th July:** 2.30 to 3.30 pm at Lavington Library. AlburyCity's Sustainability Officer and Environmental Planner will be present to answer your questions regarding energy efficiency for your home. Come along and pick up a free thermometer and shower timer to assist you in saving energy and money around your home. Need help reading your electricity bill, bring it along!



**Fair Food Documentary Screening and Q & A Panel – Thursday 9th July:** Beechworth Town Hall, 6.45 to 9.00pm. This documentary looks at why our Australian food system is broken and how we can fix it. It is about producers, businesses and communities that recognise Australia's food system needs help and looks at issues including the duopoly of the supermarket system. It looks at how the Fair Food Movement is helping producers and consumers to find ways around the existing system, by building new production and distribution systems of their own.



**Turtle Information Session – Friday 10th July:** 7.30-9.30pm, Kergunyah Hall . You are invited to join Graeme from Turtles Australia, to learn about turtle life cycles, habitat requirements and different species. You will gain tips on how you can make your property a "turtle friendly" place and also get up and close and personal with some turtle specimens. We will finish with a light supper. This is a family friendly event. ALL WELCOME \*\*\*BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL\*\*\* Contact Belinda Pearce [Belinda.Pearce](mailto:Belinda.Pearce@delwp.vic.gov.au) 0407227814



**Friends of Willow Park Social Night – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** 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.



**Friends of Willow Park Gardening & Water Watch – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** 9.30 –11.30a.m 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.



**Yackandandah Community Food Swap – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** 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



**North East Victorian Carp Conference – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** 10am - 3pm, Main Lecture Theatre, Latrobe University. This free conference is a unique opportunity to hear from leading national researches about the latest work on carp control and to learn what is happening in the North East. There will also be an opportunity for panel discussions with presenters. Register online at [tinyurl.com/carpconference](http://tinyurl.com/carpconference) by 15th July.



**Local Food Network North East and Riverina—Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** 11am to 1:30pm in the basement meeting room at Gateway Health – 155 High St Wodonga. All welcome. Room always booked until 2:30 for networking. Upcoming Dates: July 22, Sept 24, Nov 26. Further information contact Anna Mackinlay 02 6024 5792, [Anna.Mackinlay@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:Anna.Mackinlay@gatewayhealth.org.au)



**Australian Citizen Science Conference 2015 - Maximising the capacity of citizen science for science and society: 23-24 July**, The Shine Dome, Canberra. Citizen Science is a partnership between individuals and scientists for investigating pressing questions about the world. The purpose of this conference is to bring together the Australian Citizen Science community to share skills and ideas and encourage collaboration. A Fenner Conference on the Environment supported by the Australian Academy of Science. For more information: <http://csna.gairesources.com.au/wordpress/conference>



**Climate change, Health and Rural communities Seminar - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July:** 11am - 3pm, at The Flour Mill, Kirkland Avenue, Euroa. 2015 is seen by many as the watershed year for action on climate change. What does this mean for the region? Presenters include Dr Lisa Rasmussen, Professor Sue Brumby (National Institute for Farmer Health, Deakin University), Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation,.unch is provided. Cost \$15 each, free for pensioners and students. To register: <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/climate-change-health-and-rural-communities-tickets-15195328637?ref=ebtn>




**Celebrating Trees at Willow Park - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. A community event to celebrate National Tree Day with lots of activities including tree planting, information from local community groups and organisations, a BBQ, free for all those planting trees, children's activities - take home a 'Grass Head Friend' to grow, an Albury/Wodonga woodcrafter with demonstrations, a family Yoga workshop, coffee And cake, free information sessions, worm farms, worm towers and more with Karen Retra from 10.15 to 10.50, backyard chickens with Lou Bull from 11.05 to 11.50, organic pest control with Lou Bull from 12.15 to 1.00, and native bees & encouraging them into your garden with Karen Retra and Joanne Diver from 1.05 to 1.50.



## Local National Tree Day Planting Opportunities: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July...



- Baranduda Landcare Group:** Baranduda Landcare's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Planet Ark Community Tree Planting Day commences 9.45am. This year we will be focusing on Middle Creek frontage restoration planting following major Willow eradication works earlier this year, planting 800m upstream of Fredrick St. Meet at 164 Frederic Street Rd Leneva - see Google Maps link: <https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-36.179038,146.908255,859m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en> BYO appropriate footwear (including gum boots if wet), gloves, favourite planting implement e.g. mattock or mini mattock (BLCare will supply lots if you haven't any). A BLCare traditional post-planting free BBQ will follow on-site at 12.45pm. RSVP to Glen Johnson, BLCare Sec. 0418501936 [baranduda@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:baranduda@landcarevic.net.au)
- Friends of Willow Park:** 10am-2pm. Come to the Pearce St entrance to join the tree planting and Tree Day celebrations.
- Friends of Padman Park:** meet at the Kremur Street boat ramp, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Come and celebrate National Tree Day by joining the Friends of Padman & Mates Park, and Parklands Albury Wodonga Rangers for a tree planting day alongside the beautiful Murray River. Planting will be followed by a BBQ lunch at midday. Lunch, tools and plants are being provided. Please bring along your own gardening gloves if you have them. RSVP: Not required. The more the merrier!
- Albury City Planet Ark National Tree Planting Day:** meet at Gabrielle Court Reserve Springdale Heights, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Albury City invite you to join us for Planet Ark National Tree Day. Plants, tree guards and gardening tools are provided along with a FREE BBQ lunch. Please wear covered in shoes, a hat and bring your gardening gloves and your friends and family. RSVP is not necessary however it would help in estimating numbers for catering and advise us if you have any specific dietary requirements.
- Bethanga Landcare Group Planting Day:** from 9.00am to 11.30 am at Bethanga Recreational Reserve. Please join the Bethanga Landcare Group in celebrating the National Tree Day by helping us to plant native trees and shrubs. For further details call Hugh Hanna on 0401 367 441.
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**Riverina Endurance McFarlanes Hill Trail Run - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#).

## Learning Opportunities



**2015 Wise Water Ways Workshop in Beechworth: 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October.** Each year, the Wise Water Ways Committee invites specialist researchers in water quality, macroinvertebrate 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [leaders@avclp.org.au](mailto:leaders@avclp.org.au) or 0417 221010

# Resources & Inspiration



**The Murray Exhibition - Friday 12th June to Sunday 26th July:** at the Library Museum, Kiewa Street, Albury. As one of the major waterways in Australia, the Murray River has had a significant effect on the people living close to it. From the original Aboriginal people, living along its length, through to the early Europeans and developing townships along its course, people have used the river in many different ways; ways that have changed over time as society and technology has developed. This exhibition engages four artists, visual artist Vicki Luke, sound artist Joshua Salisbury-Carter, writer Kate Rotherham and Indigenous sculptor Darren Wighton, to reflect on human use of the Murray River and how it has changed over time.



**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](#).



**Plastic free July:** To get involved or find out more go to: <http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/register.html>



**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/>)



**Environmental Biosecurity Senate inquiry report released:** The final report of the Senate Inquiry into preventing new invasive species (environmental biosecurity) was released on the 13th May. The FTLA made a submission to the inquiry on behalf of members. The report includes recommendations regarding a review of available resources and the decline in scientific expertise. It can be accessed at: [http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment\\_and\\_Communications/biosecurity/Report](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/biosecurity/Report)



**Release of Australia's national Greenhouse accounts 2013:** The Department has released Australia's National Greenhouse Accounts presenting national, state and territory and industry emissions estimates for 1990-2013. The publications are available on the Progress of the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory. At <http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/greenhouse-gas-measurement/progress-inventory>



**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)

# Funding Opportunities



**2015 Yates Junior Landcare Creative Gardening Grants:** Following the success of the inaugural Yates Junior Landcare Creative Gardening Grants last year, Yates is again awarding 25 grants of up to \$1,000 each to schools and youth groups who can show innovative ways of creating a garden within their school or community. Grants will be awarded to the most innovative, sustainable and environmentally conscious entries. [Click here](#) to find out more about Junior Landcare in the Curriculum – for tips and resources on running Junior Landcare projects. Applications open: Monday, 11th May 2015, and close Friday, 3rd July 2015. To submit an application register as a user on Landcare Australia's [grant portal](#). For questions about using the online form, please refer to the FAQ's tab, or email [help@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:help@landcareaustralia.com.au).



**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](#)

## Opportunities to have your say

**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.

**Mountain Range to Wetlands Photographic Competition** - To celebrate the beauty of the Wooragee district, 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).

**Entries open for Premier's Sustainability Awards 2015:** Victorians who have shown leadership in sustainability and a commitment to improving the environment are encouraged to enter the 2015 Premier's Sustainability Awards and share their work. Entries are now open for all levels of government, business, organisation, community group, or individual who have participated in the care of our environment and inspired leadership in this area. There are 10 categories in this year's awards program, of which two are completely new – *Health Award* and *Environmental Justice Award*. The categories are:

- *Built Environment Award*
- *Community Award*
- *Education Award*
- *Environmental Justice Award*
- *Environmental Protection Award*
- *Government Award*
- *Health Award*
- *Innovative Products or Services Award*
- *Large Business Award*
- *Small and Medium Enterprises Award*

In addition to these awards, the Premier will personally select two overall winners for the Premier's Regional Recognition Award and the Premier's Recognition Award. Entries close **Monday 13 July 2015**. For more information on the awards, including entry criteria and information sessions, visit [www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au](http://www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au)



**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.

There are 8 award categories:

- Student Volunteer of the Year
- Youth Volunteer of the Year
- Adult Volunteer of the Year
- Senior Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer Team of the Year
- Excellence in Volunteer Management
- Corporate Volunteer of the Year (individual)
- Corporate Volunteer Team of the Year

Award Nominations are open from 11 May to 17 July 2015 via [www.volunteering.com.au](http://www.volunteering.com.au)

## Volunteer with us!

Whether you are a member of a Friends or Landcare group or not, there are many ways to help run the Network itself.

If you have **Organizing skills** there are always projects on the go, small or large, which need people to help keep them going;

**Catering skills** you could help to feed volunteers at planting events and other activities;

**Practical or teaching skills** you could help run planting activities with schools and community groups;

**Publicity skills** you could help us to spread the word about Urban Landcare;

**People skills** you could take on a networking role with our member groups to help everyone keep in contact.

### If you

- are looking for a way to contribute but can't do physical work,
- want to keep your mind in shape and your skills in use,
- want to learn new skills,
- or simply see a way in which you can help...

## We have a place for you!