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Opportunities to be involved



Wednesday Walk and Talk – Upper House Creek through Gordon Hartsman Park – Wednesday 8th June from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at House Creek through Gordon Hartsman Park,

Huon Creek Rd, Wodonga: Join the members of the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network on an easy loop walk exploring the natural treasures of upper House creek through Gordon Hartsman Park. Find out who else shares this park, where they live and how, with a 'plain English' guided tour. Come along for a casual walk with local expert in biodiversity Fleur Stelling, identify the special nooks and hollows native birds and animals use and find out how we can restore and improve their habitat. Meet at the bridge over House Creek on Huon Creek Rd – closest parking along Huon Creek Rd at David Bayne Park. No cost. Morning Tea provided. Please wear dress for the weather! Rsvp not required but would help for catering: anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au. This walk is part of our Wednesday Walks series, where local experts lead us in exploring the urban reaches of House, Huon and Felltimber creeks.



Food Swap – Every Thursday in June from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at Birallee Park Neighbourhood House, inside at 39 Emerald Ave, Wodonga: Our food swap/exchange happens every Thursday 11am-1pm inside Birallee Park Neighbourhood House at 39 Emerald Avenue, West Wodonga. Step inside to a warm, friendly, fun, environment! Also have plants on offer for the taking. Any excess fresh produce is gratefully accepted and 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



Social Night, Friends of Willow Park – Friday 10th June, 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.



WaterWatch, Friends of Willow Park – Sunday 12th June, from 9:00 am - 10:30 am at Willow Park, Wodonga: 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. Join in with Community Gardening at 10.30am, if you like, followed by morning tea at 11.30am.



Community Gardening, Friends of Willow Park – Sunday 12th June, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at Willow Park: Join us for 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.



Wonga Wetlands walk including Back Ponds – Sunday 12th June, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Wonga Wetlands, including Back Ponds. On Sunday 12 June 2016 we will meet at Wonga Wetlands Car Park, at 10am. Wonga Wetlands is downstream from Albury on the flood plain of the Murray River. BYO refreshments for the day. For further information contact leader Phillip on 6021 5313. This event is being organised by: Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc



WATCH meeting – Tuesday 14th June, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Venue to be advised: WATCH (Wodonga & Albury Toward Climate Health) is a non-partisan climate advocacy group that meets every second month in central Albury. If you want to do something about climate change, you can. We offer plenty of opportunities to take positive action. Find out more by attending one of our friendly meetings. See also: watch.id.au. Please RSVP to Lizette on 60 59 4185, to be advised of venue.



Engaging New Ways Forum – Wednesday 15th June, from 10.00am - 3.00pm at HP Barr Reserve Wangaratta: Rural City of Wangaratta and the North East CMA are hosting a forum to introduce new ways for Landcare Groups to build on and help promote their activities. This event will: Introduce new methods and tools of engagement and promotion for Landcare Groups, connect group members between projects where synergies exist, allow for networking and sharing ideas and projects with other Landcare members, explore ideas on engaging new members, and further information. [Engaging New Ways flyer](#) Cost is free, please RSVP by 10 June to Wangaratta Council's Environment Unit council@wangeratta.vic.gov.au or RSVP via <http://tinyurl.com/newnrmways>



Information Night, Friends of Willow Park – Thursday 16th June, from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, at Belvoir School, 54 Gayview Dr, Wodonga VIC 3690: Speaker - Friends of Willow Park Activists, Topic - Bushland Corridor Project, Report & Celebration. Free entry and all are welcome. Tea, coffee and light supper provided. Arrive at 7.00 pm for a catch up, start at 7.30 pm.



Yack Community Garden – Food Swap – Open to all: Saturday 18th June, 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!



Soil Health Workshop (Myrtleford) – Wednesday 22nd June, from 09:00 AM - 01:00 at Club Savoy, 252 Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford: Understanding and interpreting soil test results can be tricky. You are invited to bring along a soil test result from your property and work through the process in a small group environment with soil scientist Cath Botta in this Free workshop. TAFCO has a soil probe available to be borrowed to collect your soil samples and can arrange a soil test for you. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential! This project is supported by the North East CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme. (light lunch provided) RSVP: TAFCO on 03 5752 1800 or Kerry@tafco.com.au



Wednesday Walk and Talk – Felltimber Creek through Gordon Craig Park – Wednesday 22nd June, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am, at Gordon Craig Park, Moorfield Park Drive, Wodonga: Join the members of the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network on an easy loop walk exploring the natural treasures of Felltimber creek through Gordon Craig Park. Find out who else shares the park, where they live and how, with a 'plain English' guided tour. Come along for a casual walk with local expert in biodiversity Glen Johnson, identify the special nooks and hollows native birds and animals use and find out how we can restore and improve their habitat. Meet at the Moorfield Park Drive end of the park heart

the bridge. No cost. Morning Tea provided. Please dress for the weather! Rsvp not required but would help for catering: anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au. This walk is part of our Wednesday Walks series, where local experts lead us in exploring the urban reaches of House, Huon and Felltimber creeks.



Field Naturalists tour to Georges Creek and Jarvis Creek – Saturday 25th June, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Georges Creek and Jarvis Creek: On Saturday 25th June 2016 we will travel to both Georges Creek and Jarvis Creek. Depart from SS&A Car Park, Wilson Street, Albury at 9am. BYO refreshments for the day. For further information please contact the leader for the day, David on 0260 212022. This event is being organised by: Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc.



Riverina Trails (A Parklands Albury Wodonga Community Project) Running Series, Race 2 McFarlanes Hill - Sunday July 3 10am: 18.5km | 815m Elevation. Most people aren't familiar with the McFarlanes Hill area. It begins on the edge line of residential Wodonga, a stone's throw from your door, and by the time you reach the peak you'll wonder why you haven't noticed this sizeable rock in your backyard before! Views aside, the track is an adrenalin stoker. This magic mountain is a series highlight and a must-do for every local and touring runner. Thanks to our major sponsors Riverina Podiatry, The Athletes Foot Albury, The Full Cycle of Albury and Olive Health Foods.



Local Food Network activities: The Local Food Network is a platform to share information, resources and improve partnerships to strengthen and sustain thriving local food systems in North East Victoria, NSW Riverina and surrounds. It recognises that a thriving local food system benefits producers, and the local economy and improves access to healthy foods for all community groups. We are a network that is open to all interested individuals and organisations. We meet bi-monthly at Gateway Health, 155 High St Wodonga on the fourth Thursday of the month from 11am to 1:30pm. New members are welcome. Dates for Meetings in 2016 are: **Thursday, June 30**; Thursday, August 25; Thursday, October 20.



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.swift.net.au/cb_pages/video_conferencing.php



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 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.



Volunteering Victoria: emergency volunteer match - Volunteering Victoria has made its very first spontaneous emergency volunteer match through our [HelpOUT](#) pilot program in Geelong

and surrounding regions. In support of fire recovery efforts in Wye River, they matched Wye River Landcare to a local holiday maker and volunteer who helped to deliver 50 bird boxes built by a high school VCAL program in Monbulk for installation in the bush around Wye River. If you, your friends, colleagues or family are interested in volunteering to support community recovery following a disaster, please register your interest through <http://volunteeringvictoria.org.au/helpout/>



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



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



Solar Storage Exhibition and Conference — 1st and 2nd June: Australian Technology Park, Sydney. The event will focus on the energy storage industry at all levels – from utility scale to residential solutions as well as the emerging electric vehicle markets. The exhibition will be free to attend, and will include some of world's leading companies. For more information visit [Australian Energy Storage Conference and Exhibition](#)



Border Beef Conference – Albury, 20th July 2016: Save the Date for the Border Beef Conference. The program will be announced soon.



8th Australian Stream Management Conference – Sunday 31st July to Wednesday

3rd August: this will be held in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales, and is being convened by the River Basin Management Society with support from the Integrated Catchment Management Foundation. 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 information about 8ASM will be provided shortly. However, in the meantime, if you would like to express your interest in submitting a Conference Paper or becoming a Conference supporter, please contact GEMS Event Management on +61 2 9744 5252 or email lbarker@gemspl.com.au.



Lambex Program Released - 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.

Resources & Inspiration



FriendsNET newsletter : The most recent issue of FriendsNET, the quarterly newsletter from the Victorian Environment Friends Network is available, including articles on sea eagles, relocating reptiles, and gliders in nest boxes. Go to: <http://vnpa.org.au/admin/library/attachments/PDFs/Friends%20newsletter/FriendsNET94.pdf> .



CSIRO: Farming in 2050: storing carbon could help meet Australia's climate goals : CSIRO research, published in Global Environmental Change, assesses a range of potential pathways for Australia's agricultural land as part of CSIRO's National Outlook. Check out the CSIRO blog for an interesting read: <https://blog.csiro.au/farming-2050-storing-carbon-help-meet-australias-climate-goals/>



Understanding Accounts As A Volunteer: Heading into grant reporting season we've had a number of queries around account-keeping, so we thought it might be a good idea to remind everyone, that group and network committees have financial responsibilities – not just the Treasurer! Every committee member needs to understand the financial position of the group and make sure that the group is able to pay its debts. Never be afraid to ask questions! Whoever is preparing the accounts has a responsibility to help you understand and will be probably be very happy someone is paying attention. The best assurance you have of making sure your organisation is able to pay its debts is to keep a close eye on the accounts. The following are some basic checks and balances: Regular reports on income, expenditure,

assets and liabilities, double signatories / authorisation on bank accounts, spending Limits / spending within budget, authority to enter into contracts only with committee approval. Sometime audits are legally required, but even where they aren't, if groups are reasonable large or managing multiple grants, sourcing an independent audit can be a good idea and provide valuable feedback on financial processes. For further information check out some of the following resources or give us a call as needed. Our Community has [financial help sheets and a guide](#) 'Damn good advice for treasurers', Chartered Accountants Australia and NZ has [guidance for not-for-profits](#), CPA Australia has [professional resources for not-for-profits](#). Depending on the size and complexity of your organisation, you may wish to investigate a software package such as Xero or Saasu, or Quickbooks, which can track grants and link invoices and receipts to transactions.



Victorian Landcare And Catchment Management Magazine : is now available online and will be shortly arriving in post boxes. 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>. All the other back issues (i.e. from issues 1-65) of the Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management magazine are now on the Victorian Landcare Gateway: <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/resources/magazine/vic/previous-issues>



Regional Riparian Action Plan launched: Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Lisa Neville, has launched the Regional Riparian Action Plan, a new five-year plan to improve the health of Victoria's rivers, wetlands and estuaries. This plan outlines priority riparian management outcomes to be achieved across regional Victoria from 2015-16 to 2019-20. The plan aims to accelerate on-ground riparian work, such as stock management fencing, revegetation, weed management and the provision of off-stream stock watering infrastructure. It also has new initiatives to improve the management of riparian land. The action plan was developed in consultation with key stakeholders including catchment management authorities, Traditional Owners, Victorian Landcare Council, Environment Victoria, Victorian National Parks Association, and the Victorian Farmers Federation. See <http://delwp.vic.gov.au/regional-riparian-action-plan> for more details and to download a copy the action plan.

Funding Opportunities



Crowdfunding: The Victorian Government has committed \$200,000 to a crowdfunding pilot to support threatened species conservation campaigns. Crowdfunding enables the community to directly invest in causes and projects that they value, and are particularly passionate about. The crowdfunding pilot is offering community groups and not-for-profit organisations a unique opportunity to raise funds for additional threatened species actions, whilst having their fundraising efforts matched by government. Funding of up to \$25,000 per successful campaign is available as a matched grant. Three successful campaigns were announced in December 2015 with further opportunities to participate in 2016. See more at: [click here](#)



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](#)

Opportunities to have your say



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



The NSW Volunteer of the Year Award - Recognising the outstanding efforts of the 2 million+ volunteers in NSW, and to promote the importance of volunteering to the community. The Regional Winners will be announced at a local ceremony, which will be held between September and October 2016. [Nominations close on Friday, July 15 2016 – Nominate Today!](#)



Entries now open for the premier's sustainability awards – Closing Date Monday 27th June: Now in their 14th year, the Awards continue to recognise leadership and innovation in sustainable practices, and reward those who have driven change by reducing their environmental impact. Categories for this year's awards are: Built Environment, Community, Education, Environmental Justice, Environmental Protection, Government, Health, Innovative Products or Services, Large Business, Small and Medium Enterprises. In addition to these awards, the Premier of Victoria will select two overall winners in the Premier's Recognition Award and the Premier's Regional Recognition Award. Entries are open to all businesses, community groups, local government, and individuals who are committed to a better environment for Victoria. For more information and to apply, visit www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au



Emerging River Professional Award – Call For Nominations : The Emerging River Professional Award (ERPA) is an initiative of the International River Foundation, established to recognize and foster early career river professionals who have demonstrated innovation, excellence and leadership in river, basin, or river-dependent community management. To nominate go to: <http://iwcan.org/erpa/>



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](#)



Feedback wanted on Wodonga's three-bin household waste system: Cathy McNabb is gathering feedback from local groups in regards to the introduction of the new three-bin household waste system. Please fill out the short survey at <https://surveyplanet.com/56e8a35d493d480c1bf12a8e> If your group would like any further information about the three-bin system, Cathy can either arrange to get information out to you or can arrange for a speaker to come out for another session with your group, or you can go to <http://halvewaste.com.au/organics/> Contact Cathy McNab, Cathy McNab Projects, 0408 926 365.