

# Wodonga Urban Landcare Network Inc.



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## Network Bulletin #56— June 2017

### Opportunities to be involved



**Sustainable Horse Keeping and Pasture Management – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** 10am-4pm at Tarrawingee Hall, Great Alpine Rd, Tarrawingee. Presented by Dr Mariette van den Berg. Topics include Horse nutrition and feeding behaviour, Plant-animal interaction, The need for pasture variety and biodiversity, Pastures for horses - benefits of native pastures, Managing soil loss and compaction, Property design. \$10 per person (Landcare member) \$25 per person (Non-Landcare member) RSVP to [alandi.durling@gmail.com](mailto:alandi.durling@gmail.com) 0428 211 008



**Citizen Science comes to Wodonga:** The Wodonga Urban Landcare Network is 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](mailto: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 - 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](http://www.ournativegarden.com.au)



**Field Day Chiltern Mt Pilot NP - Sun 4<sup>th</sup> June** from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Meet at Chiltern PO: Our monthly field day working in the Park – call 0429017229 for information.



**World Environment Day – Mon 5th June:** to encourage local awareness for World Environment Day – At the **Library Museum, Kiewa Street**, Albury from 10.30am: Environmentally themed storytime and arts and craft activities. At **Lavington Library** from 10.30am - 12.00 noon: As part of the activities, AlburyCity's Sustainability and Environment Team will hold an information session on Albury's unique biodiversity, native gardening and how you can save energy in your home.



**World Environment Day – Wed 7th June** from 10.30am at **Lavington Library**: Environmentally themed storytime and arts and craft activities.



**Solar for Business Demystified - Tue 6th June** from 8:00 am - 9:30 am at Retro Lane Café, QE2 Square, Albury: Interested in getting FREE independent advice regarding installing solar and or battery storage to reduce your operating costs? Learn from local case studies, finance and independent industry experts? RSVP: [solaralbury.eventbrite.com.au](http://solaralbury.eventbrite.com.au)



**Hovell Tree Park Albury Farmers Market – Sat 10th June** from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Wood Fired Oven at Hovell Tree Park: If you're after that fresh local produce, relaxing fun atmosphere, coffees and fresh baked goodies served straight from the oven, the Murray River Farmers Market is the place to be! Join us to roam the stalls, talk to the growers, sample the food and perhaps take home some of the many food selections on offer from tasty sweet jams, fresh fruit and vegies, breads and cheeses, beef, pork, lamb, honey, free range eggs, olive oil, relishes, native flowers and more.



**Wangaratta Farmers Market – Saturday 10th June** from 8:00 to 12:00 PM at 'Apex Park' Parfitt Rd, Wangaratta: Beautiful, regional, seasonal produce from the North East. Situated on the banks of the Ovens River in beautiful Apex Park under the shady gums.



**Nestbox Field Day – Installation - Mon 12th June** from 9.00am to 11.30am: 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. This field day includes the installation of 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 southern side of Thomas Mitchell Drive where the Rail Trail crosses. Parking spaces next to 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](#).



**WATCH meeting - Tue 13th June** from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at: 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](http://watch.id.au). Please RSVP to Lizette on 60 59 4185, to be advised of venue.



**Friends of Willow Park Social Night – Friday 16th June** 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](mailto:paulsando12@yahoo.com.au) a few days before the night.



**Yack Community Garden Monthly Food Swap - Sat 17th June** 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.



**Perennial Plants - Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June** from 10:30 am - 11:30 am at Yackandandah Community

Garden: A great little workshop to look at perennials and how they can transform your garden, and lessen the workload on the home gardener. What plants will do best in the North East of Victoria. \$10 per person.



**The Gateway Village Farmers' Market, Wodonga - Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June** from 8am to 12 noon

on the Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga. Located on the Lincoln Causeway, every second Saturday: Food tastes so much better when eaten fresh and the flavours and aromas can be amazing. If you're after that fresh local produce, relaxing fun atmosphere, coffees and fresh baked goodies served straight from the oven, the Murray River Farmers Market is the place to be! Join us to roam the stalls, talk to the growers, sample the food and perhaps take home some of the many food selections on offer from gourmet chocolates, tasty sweet jams, fresh fruit and vegies, breads and cheeses, meat and honey, free range eggs, relishes and more.



**Community Gardening in Willow Park - Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June** 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.



**North East Regional Sustainability Alliance bimonthly meeting - Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June** from

10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Indigo Shire Offices Mayday Hills Beechworth: The North East Regional Sustainability Alliance (NERSA) is a network of community sustainability groups which acts collaboratively with communities, agencies and organisations across the region. Meetings are held every two months in Beechworth. Anyone is welcome to attend.



**Just eat it – movie screening - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June** from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Baarmutha Sports

Park, Balaclava Road, Beechworth: Does it frustrate you that a small banana gets rejected? Did you know that sometimes food in supermarkets isn't even given an opportunity to reach its expiry date on the shelf? Are you interested in changing habits to address the massive issue of food waste? Join us for a cosy movie night at Baarmutha Park and a community screening of Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story. This award-winning documentary follows filmmakers and food lovers Jen and Grant to the bottom of the dumpster, looking for the sense in disposing of good food when the number of people without food security is rising. Tickets \$5pp + booking fee. Children 12yo and under free. Soup available \$5 per serve – please BYO mug. Presented by Beechworth Food Co-Op, with support from Indigo Shire Council. BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/movie-night-just-eat-it-tickets-34793995778>



**Swanpool Environmental Film Festival - Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June** from 1:00 pm - 9:40 pm Swanpool

Cinema, 2386 Midland Highway, Swanpool: The Swanpool Environmental Film Festival is now an annual event, thanks to your continued support, our team of volunteers and our sponsors. It is brought to you by Swanpool Landcare and Benalla Sustainable Future Group, working in partnership and utilising the

wonderful resources of Swanpool Cinema. This is our fifth festival and we have another great line up of speakers and films for you. It follows the same format – three sessions with guest speakers and films to match, separated by afternoon tea and an evening meal served up by the fabulous Swanpool Catering Team. The cost this year is \$25 per head (cash please), and a reminder that bookings are essential for seating and catering, phone 0498 007 988.



**Hovell Tree Park Albury Farmers Market – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June** from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Wood Fired Oven at Hovell Tree Park : If you're after that fresh local produce, relaxing fun atmosphere, coffees and fresh baked goodies served straight from the oven, the Murray River Farmers Market is the place to be! Join us to roam the stalls, talk to the growers, sample the food and perhaps take home some of the many food selections on offer from tasty sweet jams, fresh fruit and vegies, breads and cheeses, beef, pork, lamb, honey, free range eggs, olive oil, relishes, native flowers and more.



**Nestbox Field Day - Monitoring and Mapping - Mon 26<sup>th</sup> June:** 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 have nestboxes in your yard, on your property or want to get involved with the boxes in your local reserve, this workshop is for you! To be held in Clyde Cameron reserve, this will be a hands-on experience where people will learn to check the condition of nest boxes, use a pole camera to check boxes for occupants, and use a citizen science platform to record data. No previous experience required. Morning tea included. We will start and finish in Clyde Cameron reserve, Pearce St end. Parking in Willow Park or the hospital carpark. Please dress for the weather and bring your water bottle. Places are limited and bookings essential. Please book through our Eventbrite page [here](#).



**Clyde Cameron Reserve Community Planting - Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> July** from 11am to 1.00 pm. Clyde Cameron Reserve Group is celebrating National Tree Day with a planting in the reserve near the Murray Valley Hospital fence. Supported by Wodonga Council, Jacob Toyota and Catholic College Wodonga. All welcome.



**Baranduda Landcare Community Tree Day - Sun 30<sup>th</sup> July:** 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:baranduda.landcare@gmail.com).

## Learning Opportunities



**Hazelnuts (The Opportunities) Workshop - Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June** from 9am - 4pm at Club Savoy, 252-254 Myrtle St, Myrtleford, \$25 per person includes lunch: Join industry experts for a one day workshop on aspects to consider in establishing a hazelnut business. Topics will include growing, value-adding and marketing of hazelnuts in Australia, as well as emerging export marketing opportunities and truffles. The day will also include a farm walk hosted by local growers. RSVP 15 May to TAFCO Rural Supplies on 03 5752 1800 or email [Kerry@tafco.com.au](mailto:Kerry@tafco.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](#)



**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](mailto:joanne.turner@ecodev.vic.gov.au)



**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](#)

## Resources & Inspiration



**Success in a Box** - Within the last 12 months both Parklands and the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network have instigated projects to support Squirrel Gliders in Wodonga, with remarkable results. With support from the Victorian Government's Threatened Species Initiative, Parklands installed 100 nestboxes in West Wodonga. The last of these were installed along Felltimber Creek only two months ago. Meanwhile, a Wodonga Urban Landcare project has been mapping nestboxes in Wodonga and running field days to show community members how to monitor boxes in their local reserves. People can then become part of an ongoing monitoring program through the citizen science platform the Atlas of Living Australia. Recently, Parklands rangers led one of these Field Days and checked the new boxes on Felltimber creek. To the delight of Field Day participants, the first box contained a beautiful pair of gliders happily ensconced. They had made a very neat nest of gum-leaves to make their new home warm and comfortable. This is a remarkably quick occupation in our experience and shows the need amongst the glider population. Sometimes all of the conditions are right for gliders but they just don't have anywhere suitable to live. These gliders would occupy tree hollows in a natural bush setting, but we humans have removed most of the old hollow-bearing trees over the years. Our thanks to the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning for their support for these two projects - it has paid dividends almost instantly! If you would like to get involved with monitoring boxes, please contact come along to one of the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network's upcoming [Field Days](#) or contact us on [info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au](mailto:info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au)



**Dairy Industry Workers and the Back to Work Scheme** - The Victorian Government has allocated up to \$5 million exclusively for employers of dairy industry workers under the extended Back to Work Scheme. Both retrenched dairy industry workers and members of a dairy farm household are eligible employees. Payments of \$5000 are available to employers who hire an eligible employee

in an ongoing full-time, Victorian job. Employers hiring an ongoing part-time employee can claim \$3750. Claims will remain open until the capped \$5 million fund is fully subscribed or until 30 June 2018 (whichever occurs first). For further information contact Jo Turner on 03 5722 7155 or [jo-anne.turner@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:jo-anne.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](mailto:info@riverineplains.org.au) [Download a copy...](#)



**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](http://www.envirostories.com.au)



**Eco Treasure Hunt – Geocaching and Green Spaces:** this challenge is a fun way to get out and about with the whole family, to discover beautiful bushland, community Landcare projects and the best of Wodonga's green spaces. Just like a treasure hunt, use the free geocaching app to search for a hidden 'cache' at 4 secret locations. You can participate in this self-guided event at any time. Have fun! For more information click [here](#)



**Climate Ready NRM Planning Portal now online:** In a Victorian first, all ten Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) have undertaken regional climate change adaptation planning which is now available through a one stop online portal. The Climate Ready Natural Resource Management Planning in Victoria portal provides a platform to access climate change adaptation planning for natural resource management across Victoria and was funded by the Australian Government. To explore this portal, click on the link: [www.nrmclimate.vic.gov.au](http://www.nrmclimate.vic.gov.au).

## Funding Opportunities



**North East CMA Indigenous Scholarship** - The North East Catchment Management Authority, in partnership with the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program, invites aspiring indigenous community leaders to apply for the 2017 NECMA Indigenous Scholarship. Expires 13 June. Download More Information: [AVCLP NECMA Indigenous scholarship flyer](#)



**Victorian Gorse Taskforce Community Grants Program 2017/18** - Closes Mon 5th June, 2017: You and your neighbours or your local Landcare group can attract up to \$25,000 in grants to help combat gorse in your local area. The VGT will support groups, starting from just two landholders, who are genuinely willing to control gorse and stay on top of it. The VGT will consider projects under a Small Community Grants up to \$5,000 (GST exclusive), and Large (Facilitated) Community Grants up to \$25,000 (GST exclusive). For more information email [info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au](mailto:info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au) or contact the VGT on 03 5561 9905.



**The Gardiner Dairy Foundation Scholarships** - Submissions Close Tues 13th June: The Gardiner Dairy Foundation scholarships support two emerging leaders from North East Victoria and border regions working in dairy farming and its allied industries with full program fees to enable their participation in the 2017-2018 Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program. For application forms and further information about AVCLP or the scholarships, please contact AVCLP Program Coordinator Karlie Langdon on 0437 827 548 or email: [leaders@avclp.org.au](mailto:leaders@avclp.org.au)



**Threatened Species Recovery Fund** - Applications Close Thurs 15th June: The National Landcare Programme's Threatened Species Recovery Fund was launched on 5 May. For the next six weeks eligible individuals and groups can apply for funding between \$20,000 and \$250,000 for projects supporting threatened species. For more information click [here](#)



**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?** [SRCP 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](#).

**The 2017 Men's Shed Funding Round is now open:** \$879,000 is now available for communities



across Victoria, who can apply for funding to build a new shed or refurbish an existing shed through the Men's Shed Program. Men's sheds enhance the health and wellbeing of both individuals and communities as a whole by reducing social isolation and promoting social inclusion.

Funding is available to incorporated not-for-profit organisations and local councils. The 2017 grant guidelines and application can be downloaded here:

[Men's Shed Grant Guidelines March 2017 \(PDF 787KB\)](#)

To make an application, contact the department's Local Connections Team in your area to discuss your project. It is strongly recommended that you also seek advice from the Victorian Men's Shed Association. Details are on page 11 of the guidelines. An information session will be held on 11 April 2017. See page 12 of the guidelines for details. Final applications must be submitted to the departments Local Connections Team in your area by 5pm Friday 16 June 2017.

## Opportunities to have your say



**2017 Knots Drawing Competition** - Submissions by 31 August, 2017: 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](#)



**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 [rowanhagan@bigpond.com](mailto:rowanhagan@bigpond.com) [Take the survey...](#)



**Wooragee Landcare Food & Nature Photo Competition - Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June** from 8:00

am: 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. Topics: Farming in the North East, Biodiversity (Flora and Fauna). Special Award for Best photo of Biodiversity taken on a Wooragee farm. Entries close **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**.

See [Entry form](#) for further details. Entries to be submitted electronically to Maureen Cooper – email: [briga-doan.99@bigpond.com](mailto:briga-doan.99@bigpond.com) Ph: 0357281311. Mail: PO Box 386 Beechworth 3747.

Note: Only digital submissions will be accepted.