



Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

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Opportunities to be involved



New Felltimber Creek group: Who's looking out for Felltimber Creek? We are! Join the new Felltimber Creek stewardship group to learn more about this beautiful creek, have a hand in planning to restore and improve the creek, get out and do some planting or weeding, meet people who share your interest, bring your skills and knowledge to bushland restoration and management, and learn skills from digital mapping to flora and fauna surveys. Contact Garry Knight to register your interest 0411 427 051 garryknight3@bigpond.com



Wodonga Local Sustainability Education Network is now Online!! The WLSen website is a place for local teachers and educators to connect and share what's happening in other local schools, Sustainability curriculum resources, local case studies, local excursion sites, ideas and inspiration for Sustainability education, students needing projects and projects needing students, opportunities for older students to work with younger students; connecting Primary, Secondary, TAFE and Universities.

The site is also a place for WULN to share Professional Development opportunities, funding opportunities and guided grant writing sessions, Landcare case studies, learning and project opportunities for students involving Landcare projects, local resource lists such as suppliers of plants and gear, local contacts lists for expertise in sustainability topics, Landcare groups and volunteers willing to work with local schools.

You are most welcome to register with the site to add your stories, information about local resources, queries and requests, and receive email notification of other posts. Your input will be most valued and we encourage all educators from pre-school right through to Adult Ed level to become involved. Register at <http://wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au/wlsen/register/>

This site has been developed for WULN by Tony Marsh. Any issues or suggestions can be directed to Tony at greencomputing@gmail.com Mobile 0417687842



Friends of Willow Park Community Gardening, Sunday 14th April: FOWP conducts regular Community Gardening in the Park (planting, mulching, cleaning up around plants) and Water-watch (water quality monitoring) days. Meet near the Pearce St BBQ area at Willow Park, 9.30 am - 12 pm, BYO refreshments, hat, sunscreen. FOWP supply all other equipment. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



Biolinks II Planning Workshop, Thursday 18th April: 6-9pm at Belvoir School, Wodonga. Workshop leader Ali Mitchell will guide those interested in stewardship of specific areas on House and Huon Creeks through a step-by-step process to develop a basic plan for their site. Attendance at the workshop is a pre-requisite for receiving plants and practical assistance from the Biolinks II Project funds. For further information or to register please contact Anne Stelling at facilitator@wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au 0428565195



Tallangatta Farm and Water Expo 18th April: The Tallangatta Show-grounds will attract more than 200 trade stalls, lifestyle exhibits, tractor and machinery, farm vehicles, stock handling equipment, food and entertainment. The Expo will showcase New farming technologies, Water themes, Women's shed and General Farming Exhibits. Mitta to Murray Landcare Network will have a site at the Expo with a focus on the Carbon Farming Initiative. Visit the site and find out about the Network and all its activi-

ties including the Blackberry Action Group as well as the Carbon Farming Initiative. For more information contact Dave Cromarty on 0418691160



Milk Run, Sun 28th April: Tangambalanga Lions Club invite you to walk, jog or run 5km or 10km along the High Country Rail Trail. Event supported by Murray Goulburn, Indigo Shire Council & Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group. 10am Huon Reserve, High Country Rail Trail. Details: www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



National Volunteer Week Tour, Mon 13th May: Members of the general public are invited to check out some of the many volunteer projects that are underway around Albury Wodonga. Full day tour of Parklands projects including lunch. Details: www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Baranduda Landcare Group meeting, Tues 14th May: 7.30pm Baranduda Community Centre. Details wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au/blc/



WULN Quarterly Gathering, Wed 15th May: Hosted by Baranduda Landcare Group at Frayne College, Baranduda. 5.30pm for shared dinner and 'show and tell' of Baranduda Landcare/ Frayne projects. Meeting 7-9pm. Learn and be inspired by the 9 Friends / Steward Groups and get support for your own park project through the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network. RSVP to WULN Secretary Jude Moore secretary@wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au or 0428565195



National Volunteer Week Tour, Fri 17th May: Members of the general public are invited to check out some of the many volunteer projects that are underway on the High Country Rail Trail. Full day tour of projects including lunch. Details: www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



AWMA Trail Running Series Race 2, Sun 19th May: Members of the general public are invited to participate in this series which is being organized in partnership with the Albury Wodonga Military Area. Explore Federation Hill on the family 3km event or the challenging 13km with lots of altitude gain. On line registrations encouraged. Details: www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Full Moon Cycle / Sandy Ck Bridge Dinner, Sat 25th May: Join the High Country Harvest Festival by cycling by the light of the full moon from Huon Reserve to dine under the chilly stars on the Sandy Creek Bridge. 1950's tucker. Fundraiser for the Bonegilla and Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Groups. Details: www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Annual Wodonga 'Transform-a-thon': Leneva Weed Blitz and Planting Day, Sunday 26th May: An opportunity for young people to learn about environmental weeds and planting using indigenous plants, link in with local community environment groups, and raise funds for their Scout group or school. 10am-12.30pm, followed by BBQ lunch. Professional instruction, BBQ Lunch, Tools and equipment provided on the day. Sponsorship materials and full instructions provided to School and Scout groups. All enquiries to WULN facilitator: contact [Anne](#) on 0428 565 195

Opportunities to have your say



Who would you like to hear from? Friends of Willow Park (FOWP) holds guest speaker nights every 2nd month and we are keen to make these relevant to other WULN groups. If your group has an idea for a topic or speaker please let us know so that we could arrange it. Contact Jenni on secretary@friendsofwillowpark.org.au



Voice for Indi: A Voice for Indi committee has been set up by 12 people in Indi to provide a simple and effective process by which people across the electorate can give voice; where their interests, concerns and ideas are heard, respected and taken up by candidates presenting for election. The Vfl committee seeks input into establishing a reliable and accurate view of what people think and feel about their electorate, their political representation and what they see as issues and concerns that can be addressed through the political process. For further info go to <http://www.voiceforindi.com/about>

Learning Opportunities



How to Organise a National Tree Day event: Would your group like to organise a National Tree Day event but you don't know how to go about it? FOWP invites interested WULN member groups to join our small National Tree Day sub committee. This will be an opportunity for your group to plan and organise your own event but do so with the help and support of others. If your group would like to take up this opportunity please contact Jenni Huber - secretary@friendsofwillowpark.org.au



"Doing more with less" Forum on soil health and sustainable farming, 16th April: Hothouse Theatre, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga. Presented by Murray and North East Catchment Management Authorities. A range of highly respected and experienced speakers. For more information on program and speakers go to www.murray.cma.nsw.gov.au or www.necma.vic.gov.au or speak with Lachlan Campbell 0400 852 482 or Felicity Anderson 02 6051 2253.



Gum Tree - a multi-layer home for multitudes; identification, evolution and longevity, Sat April 20th 1.30 - 3.30. Eco Tour with Jill Dawson. Entry by donation to Our Native Garden (Registered Not for Profit nursery producing local native plants). Please book through Jill on 0418 579 331 or jilldawson@alpineology.com.au



How to become a stallholder at a farmers' market: Do you grow, raise, catch, forage or make fabulous food? Not sure how to get your product to market? The Victorian Farmers' Market Association (VFMA) is holding their next series of workshops for producers interested in becoming stallholders at Farmers' Markets throughout 2013. Pre-Application Workshop (\$30.00), New stallholder Workshop (\$50.00) including lunch. Workshop dates include 20th March Broadford, 20th June Melbourne, **15th August Wodonga**, 21st November Seymour. Other venues further afield also available. Bookings Ph.03 9020 8035 or email tristan@vicfarmersmarkets.org.au

Resources



New connections to NECMA: There's a lot happening in our North East backyard. Discover how people are helping to protect our precious land, water and biodiversity. The North East CMA has undertaken to provide new ways for the community to connect, and to enable the CMA to assist in promoting activities in the region. If you or your group are using these platforms, please connect to the CMA pages - by searching for North East CMA or links below:

[North East CMA Facebook:](#)

[North East CMA Twitter:](#)

[North East CMA Google+ page:](#)

For the latest Landcare News and Events, go to <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au> or go to the North East CMA website <http://www.necma.vic.gov.au> for regional information.



New State Threatened Fauna Species List: This advisory list of vertebrate fauna that are considered threatened, poorly known, near threatened or extinct in Victoria is maintained by the Department of Sustainability and Environment. The information in this list provides detail of the conservation status of Victorian vertebrate fauna in a way that is not currently provided anywhere else. This information may be of use in a range of planning processes. The Advisory Lists of Rare or Threatened Plants in Victoria 2005 and Threatened Invertebrate Fauna 2009 remain current and can also be accessed via this link:

www.dse.vic.gov.au/plants-and-animals/native-plants-and-animals/threatened-species-and-communities/threatened-species-advisory-lists



Newly released Federal Government 'Sustainable Agriculture stream: strategic directions 2013-2018': Strategic Directions outlines the outcomes the Australian Government is aiming to achieve under the Caring for our Country Sustainable Agriculture stream, the strategies to get there, and the type of funding that will be available. Over the next five years, the Sustainable Agriculture stream will focus on ensuring Australia's agricultural base is sustainable, productive and resilient. This will

include:

- sustainable production of food
- innovation in Australian agriculture and fisheries practices
- reduced impact of weeds and pests on agriculture
- improved management of agriculture and fisheries and the natural resource base
- **a skilled and capable Landcare community**

As you may know, from July 2013, Caring for our Country will be delivered through separate Sustainable Agriculture and Sustainable Environment streams. This will encourage greater efficiency and more focused deliver of the government's agriculture and fisheries priorities within the broader sustainability agenda.

To download a copy of Strategic Directions, visit www.nrm.gov.au. For further information about the Caring for our Country Sustainable Agriculture stream call 1800 552 008.



Ecoportal: An incredible local resource! Find all upcoming local Landcare, Environment and Sustainability events, information on local groups and upload your own at ecoportal.net.au

Funding Opportunities



Volunteer Grants 2013 call for applications is now open: Community organisations have the opportunity to apply for funding for grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 in the 2013 round of Volunteer Grants, from **15 March until 24 April 2013**. Grant funding is to support volunteers and encourage volunteering. Eligible not-for-profit community organisations can apply for grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to:

- Purchase portable, tangible, small equipment items to help their volunteers
- Contribute to the reimbursement of fuel costs for their volunteers who use their own car to transport others to activities, deliver food, assist with medical appointments or help people in need
- Contribute to the reimbursement of transport costs incurred by volunteers with disability who are unable to drive

Contribute to the cost of training courses and/or undertake background screening checks for their volunteers

Go to <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/communities-and-vulnerable-people/grants-funding/volunteer-grants-2013-call-for-applications-now-open>



Biolinks II Launch 13th Feb @ Les Stone Park



WULN stand at Wodonga Rural Lifestyle Fair 15th March

WULN: Our Vision

is of a bio-diverse, connected and sustainable landscape, supported by an integrated community approach.