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Opportunities to be involved



Local Food Network North East and Riverina—Thursday 28th May: 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: May 28, July 22, Sept 24, Nov 26. Further information contact Anna Mackinlay 02 6024 5792, Anna.MacKinlay@gatewayhealth.org.au



Biggest Morning Tea & Enviro Talk – Thursday 28th May: 10.30 to 11.30. Lavington Library, 366 Griffith Road Lavington. Albury City's Sustainability Officer 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!



Lesters Memorial Planting Day – Saturday 30th May: 10.00am to midday, south of the Junction of Lawrence Street and the former railway corridor just east of Hovell Street, Wodonga. Lesters & Sons Funeral Directors cordially invite the general public to join staff and their clients at their 5th annual memorial planting day. Come and plant some native trees and shrubs in memory of a lost loved one, while also helping to improve the appearance, biodiversity and habitat value of a section of the High Country Rail Trail near Wodonga CBD. Bring closed shoes, garden gloves (if you have them), friends, and family. Plants, tree guards, tools and free BBQ lunch are provided. RSVP is not necessary but it would help in estimating numbers for catering: [Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd](http://ParklandsAlburyWodongaLtd.com.au)



Leneva Landcare Planting morning – Sunday 31st May: 9.30am-1.30pm, 145 Martins Rd. Join us to plant out the roadside of a section of Martins Rd with native understorey species. BBQ Lunch included. Free plants available for Leneva Landcare group members. Enquiries Luisa Pelizzari, President, 0427857564 or Luisa.Pelizzari@sca.com.au Ken Brewer, Treasurer kbr43133@bigpond.net.au



Lou Lieberman Park Planting morning—Sunday 31st May: 9.30 – 11.30 All welcome. Morning tea provided.



Albury City World Environment Day Story time – Wednesday 3rd June: 11.30, Lavington Library, Griffith Road, Lavington. **Thursday 4th June:** 11.00 to 12.00 at the Library Museum, Kiewa Street, Albury. Bring your children along to the Library and join us for a special story and art and craft activities to help celebrate World Environment Day.



Energy Cut business event - cut your energy bills - Thursday 4th June: 17.30 to 20.30 at GOTAFE Docker Street Wangaratta. With Guest speaker (Co-Founder of Planet Ark) Jon Dee, Rural City of Wangaratta along with Indigo Shire are hosting an Energy Cut business event to help businesses reduce energy use and costs. Energy Cut is an initiative developed by the not-for-profit organisation DO SOMETHING in partnership with the Australian Government Department of Industry. The goal is to help businesses reduce energy use and power bills. Cost: Free, Light supper provided. RSVP: by June 1 2015 to Rural city of Wangaratta 03 5722 0888 or council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au



BirdLife Ovens and Murray - Outing to Chiltern-Mount Pilot National Park – Saturday

6th June: Meet at Chiltern Post Office, at 9:30 am. This is a full day event, so BYO morning tea, lunch, chair, etc. For more details phone Phillip Seely: 02 60215313.



Applications open for 2015-16 AVCLP Program - Do you know a friend, family member or work colleague who wants to make a difference in their community? Applications for the 2015 2016 Annual Program are now being accepted. Apply now for an information pack. The closing date for applications is 9 June 2015. For further enquiries about the program please contact AVCLP Executive Officer, Kim Scanlon via email admin@avclp.org.au or phone 0417 348 547



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 2nd and Thursday 3rd 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 or 0417 221010



Friends of Willow Park Social Night – Friday 12th June: 6.15pm. 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 a few days before the night.



Friends of Willow Park Gardening & Water Watch – Sunday 14th June: 9.30 –11.30am 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.



Wodonga Rail Trail Community Planting Morning & Update: Sunday 14th June: 10.00 am. Help us to 'bird-scape' the Wodonga Rail Corridor. Meet at the junction of the Rail Trail and Thomas Mitchell Drive, Wodonga. Park in the service road near the garage and join us along the corridor heading north towards Lawrence Street. Bring old clothes, gloves, family and friends. Tools, plants and free BBQ lunch are provided. RSVP would be helpful for catering please: info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Friends of Willow Park Information Night – Thursday 18th June: 7.30pm, Belvoir School, Corner Gayview Drive and Conlan Court, Wodonga. Featuring Tom Croft, North East Catchment Management Authority. Free entry and all are welcome. Tea, coffee and light supper provided.



Frayne College and City of Wodonga community planting afternoon—Friday 19th June: 3.30pm, corner of Baranduda Boulevard and John Schubert Drive. As part of a Local landscape enhancement grant, Frayne College and the City of Wodonga are looking to revegetate an environmental reserve that adjoins the school grounds. Community members are invited to come along and plant some native trees and shrubs to create homes for our native threatened species. A pre planting briefing will be held on site at 3:30pm, to demonstrate tree planting techniques and provide advice on tree planting requirements. A post planting free BBQ and bonfire will be held at the completion of planting. BYO: Sturdy footwear (for example, gumboots), warm clothing and gloves, and if possible, a mattock and hammer for wooden stakes. RSVP not necessary but would help with catering. For further information, please contact Andrew Griffiths at agriffiths@wodonga.vic.gov.au or Suzie Patralla at spatralla@fcbaranduda.catholic.edu.au



Yackandandah Community Food Swap – Saturday 20th June: 9.30 to 11.30am. Community garden, Railway Avenue. Each month we also host a workshop from 10am-ish covering a range of topics of interest to gardeners. Some require RSVP and a small charge and others you can just

turn up. Check out <http://yackandandahcg.blogspot.com.au/> for more info about the community garden.



Riverina Endurance Huon Hill Trail Run – Sunday 21st June: Race registrations are from 9:00 am to 9:30 am. The race starts at 10:00am, at Huon Hill summit picnic area near the Rotunda and toilets, Huon Hill Parklands, Kenneth Watson Drive, Wodonga. Head north up Whytes Rd at the Junction of the Murray Valley Highway and Whytes Road, Killara and follow the signs up to Huon Hill Parklands. Bring water and energy food as there will be minimal trail marshalls. The 13.8 km Huon Hill Trail Run will take place thanks to the collaboration between Riverina Endurance and Parklands Albury Wodonga. To find out more about the sponsors who have made this event a reality, go to Riverina Endurance's website: <https://brendanjohnmurray.squarespace.com/huon-hill/> Volunteers needed to help for a few hours as marshals, cooking the BBQ or time keeping and registrations between 8am and midday. Please contact info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Jarvis Creek Jaunt – Sunday 28th June: 8.30am for 9am start at Tallangatta Information Centre (The Triangles). Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group invite you to join their annual Friends of the Rail Trail Jarvis Creek Bike Ride. Medium 49km circuit, 9km on the sealed rail trail to Old Tallangatta followed by a climb up into Jarvis Creek Plateau Regional Park & spectacular downhill run on 4WD tracks. Lifts to the top available from Information Centre but will not leave until after 10 am. Book in when registering (limited spots available). Morning tea available on plateau for gold coin donation. The damper and morning tea at the top are worth the effort. Mountain bike best but robust hybrid OK as well. Please contact info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Ride or walk from Tallangatta to Old Tallangatta- Sunday 28th June: Registration 10am at Tallangatta Information Centre. This is an easy ride on the sealed section of the rail trail. 18km return. Enjoy morning tea at Old Tallangatta (gold coin donation). Bring a snack/lunch on your back. On return enjoy a local counter meal/take away or BYO BBQ lunch or a picnic in Tallangatta. For more information phone Rob Caddell: 02 6071 2374 or Kerry Love: 02 6071 2334 (AH)



Squirrel Glider Urban Nest Box Project - Thurgoona and Splitters Creek: Do you live in a built up area of Thurgoona or Splitters Creek, NSW? Do you want to help conserve local Squirrel Gliders, a native animal threatened with extinction? Does your property have a large tree that is within safe gliding distance (approx 40m) to gum trees in a neighbouring park, reserve, or roadside? If you answered YES to the above questions you may be eligible to receive a FREE nest box to be installed on your property. Take part in this unique conservation program involving installation of 100 nest boxes in backyards around Thurgoona and Splitters Creek, known Squirrel Glider habitat. These specially designed nest boxes will compliment tree hollows, their preferred but scarce habitat. To find out more background to the program and to fill out the Expression of interest (EOI) form visit <http://www.alburyconservationco.org.au/projects/squirrel-glider-urban-ne...>

Learning Opportunities



Ruminant Nutrition Workshop – Thursday 28th May: to be held at the Bowmans-Murmungee hall. A step by step guide on how to get the most out of each season for your livestock, presented by the renowned ruminant nutritionist and primary producer Dr Paul Cusack. Providing education and knowledge about all aspects of pasture utilisation and animal performance, combined with targeted supplementary feeding to achieve greater returns. Participation fee: \$50 per farming family. RSVP by Monday 25th May to Norman Tozer 0409 130 813, norman@perags.com.au



Using fire as a land management tool—Friday 29th May, Kiewa, Saturday 30th May, Talgarno: 9.30 am to 3.30pm A free land management workshop informed by traditional Indigenous and contemporary fire knowledge. Bring Sturdy footwear, long sleeve tops, long pants and water bottle. Kiewa session meet at Baranduda Community Centre at 3 Sage Court Baranduda then into the paddock at 87 Lindsay Road, Kiewa. Talgarno session meet at Hall, School Land Talgarno then into the paddock at the end of Hore's Lane, Talgarno. RSVP to greta.quinlivan@necma.vic.gov.au or 0260437640.



Turtle Information Session at Kergunyah Hall - Friday 12th June 2015: 7.30pm. We will kick off at 7.30pm at the Kergunyah Hall. This will be an opportunity to learn about the biology of

freshwater turtles, identification, threats and how to enhance and protect their habitat. Graeme from Turtles Australia will also bring along some live specimens and talk about the research work this voluntary organisation is undertaking. If you have seen turtles in the area, you may like to contribute to a community turtle mapping program (turtleSAT) that is gathering important data. For more information go to: <http://turtlesat.org.au/turtlesat/default.aspx>.



2015 Wise Water Ways Workshop in Beechworth: 26th - 30th 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](#)



Partnerships and Alliances – free webinar: Matrix Onboard Consulting has supported a wide range of non-profit organisations to collaborate successfully and has run countless workshops on the topic of Partnerships and Strategic Alliances. Presented by Andrea Comastri, our Senior Consultant in Sydney, this [free webinar](#) will look at how to adopt a rational, informed approach and how to use the right tools to reach the best decision for your non-profit, minimising risks and ensuring future sustainability. [Register>>](#)

Resources & Inspiration



One in five adults aren't on-line – join Go Digi, a national digital literacy program. Become a Go Digi Partner today and gain access to a range of free resources, free event listings and an opportunity to connect with other community focused organisations. To find out more or to sign up, head to godigi.org.au/partner or email us at hello@godigi.org.au



Broadband for Seniors: The Federal government has announced that it will continue funding for Broadband for Seniors kiosks across Australia. Broadband for Seniors helps senior Australians get the skills they need to use computers and access the Internet. You can attend a 'kiosk' with other local people and a volunteer tutor, or learn online. See more at Broadband for Seniors <http://bfseniors.com.au/>



Rabbit control contact: Jason Parker runs a vertebrate pest management business within North East Victoria, he is a certified operator though DELWP, he is fully licensed and insured, his contact phone number is 0402442158 or you can email him at Parkerruralservices@gmail.com. He says he specialises in small and large rural properties.



The Murray - 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.



Good Read: Australian philosopher Peter Singer's latest book, [The Most Good You Can Do](#), examines the social movement known as effective altruism. "Effective altruism" refers to charitable giving that is underpinned by evidence, and that supports actions or causes that will – empirically – bring about the greatest positive impact. "It would be good to see the data upon which [decisions about aid projects, for example] are made. Preferably, there would be independent evaluations of those projects," [Singer told The Guardian](#). "I'm hoping the word gets around that if you do this, do it well, you'll get money, and organisations not providing the data won't be on recommended lists. In a way I'm looking to shame organisations." Order the book or read excerpts from it here: www.textpublishing.com.au/previews/the-most-good-you-can-do.



Green Career – 29th April 2015: <http://www.greencareer.net.au/> A link for people looking for

work.



Victorian Landcare Magazine: The Aboriginal Landcare and community arts feature issue (no. 63, autumn 2015) of the Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management magazine is out now. <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/resources/magazine/vlcm/current-issue/issue-63-aboriginal-landcare>. Previous issues of the magazine can be accessed via <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/resources/magazine/vlcm/previous-issues>



Help Save the Earth – Dreamstime: design an eco poster using our Earth Day collection: http://www.dreamstime.com/earth-day-coll-det15721?utm_medium=email&utm_source=email_newsletter&utm_campaign=newsletter-earthday2015



Market Forces -Your money as a force for good: We believe that the banks, superannuation funds and governments that have custody of our money should use it to protect - not damage - our environment. Our vision is a future where institutions invest with a high degree of respect for the environment, utilising our money to deliver solutions to major environmental issues, and where the community holds to account the custodians of their money to ensure it is used to benefit the environment. Our work will expose the institutions that are financing environmentally destructive projects and help Australians hold these institutions accountable. We will work with the community to prevent investment in projects that would harm the environment and drive global warming. See <http://www.marketforces.org.au/>.



WINNING ENTRIES - Slopes to Summit (S2S) Big Tree Competition 2015: the winning entries of the S2S Big Tree Competition 2015 have been judged. Find out more at www.greateasternranges.org.au. Photos, short films and posters that accompanied entries can also be viewed [here](#). Congratulations to the winning entries with very special thanks to everyone who submitted their big tree and shared their story. Sam Niedra, Slopes to Summit (S2S) Facilitator

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.



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](#)



FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants: The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and Heywire are collaborating to support communities to put into action the great ideas generated at the 2015 Heywire Regional Youth Summit. FRRR is providing \$100,000 nationally to assist rural, regional and remote Australian communities 'adopt' and pilot one of the Heywire project ideas. Not-for-profit community organisations can apply for seed funding of up to \$10,000 in order to make a Heywire idea a reality. **Website:** <http://www.frrr.org.au/grants/heywire-youth-innovation>



Beverage Container Recycling Community Grant: Eligible to Local Governments, Businesses, Not-for-Profits, and Schools. Funding Amount: \$0 to \$5,000. This round closes 29-May-2015. The Beverage Container Recycling Community Grants (BCRG) will resource practical steps to encourage and facilitate "Out & About" recycling programs in Australia at a local community level. These programs

can include the provision of education on the correct disposal of waste, provision of education on the cause and effects of recycling and the enforcement of best practice principals in local communities.

Website: <http://kab.org.au/beverage-container-recycling-grants/> Keep Australia Beautiful, Phone: 02 8626 9396, Email: deb@kab.org.au



Food and Fibre Marketing Cooperative Grants now available: the Victorian Government's Food & Fibre Marketing Cooperatives Grants program provides funding to promote the establishment of new marketing cooperatives in the food and fibre industries. The purpose of the grants is to encourage the establishment of cooperative groups of farmers and value chain participants, using the collective capability of the groups to generate better access to markets and customers for the products of their food and fibre activities. The program will be open until 30 June 2015, or until program funding has been exhausted. See [website](#)



Whole Kids Small Seeds seeks to provide funds to organisations and groups that work at developing creative and innovative solutions to root-cause problems at the local community level. Our approach is to focus on projects that primarily support children aged 12 years and under. We select projects that aim to deliver positive impacts in one or more of the following areas:

- Improving children's nutrition and access to healthy food.
- Reducing environmental health risks to children.
- Encouraging greater access for children to education and learning opportunities.
- Building stronger local communities for families and children.
- Creating safe areas for children's play, recreation and enjoyment.
- Enhancing children's mental health and wellbeing.
- Protecting children's human rights and promoting social justice.
- Protecting our environment, wildlife and natural wilderness for current and future generations of children.

Whole Kids Small Seeds will provide a one-off grant up to \$5,000 for an individual project. Our preference, however, is to select projects that we can fully fund at lower grant amounts. In this way, we can help fund more projects in more communities. Round closes 30th June. For further information go to: <http://www.wholekids.com.au/small-seeds-about-us/>



NABO Grants—Community Grants available to strengthen local communities. Nabo Community Grants will provide \$50,000 worth of funding for projects or programs that help build safer and stronger communities. To enter, simply become a member, create a group profile for your community group or charity on nabo.com.au and complete the online Nabo Community Grants application form. We will shortlist up to five finalists and invite Nabo members to vote for their favourite community project or program. Applications for the Nabo Community Grants are open to community focused, not-for-profit organisations, registered charities and individuals endorsed as a deductible gift recipient. There will be five grants available, one grant worth up to \$10,000 for each state. For more information, go to nabo.com.au.

Opportunities to have your say

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



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



Wodonga RED carpet youth awards have opened for 2015 : These awards have been running for 6 years and they are a great opportunity to recognise the wonderful contributions that young people are making in our community. The young people need to be aged between 14 and 24 and either live, work, study or volunteer in Wodonga. The environment category is *for a young person who is committed to living a sustainable lifestyle, is an advocate for positive change and is passionate about the conservation of the natural environment or animal welfare*. This may be demonstrated through any of the following

- * Conserving the diversity of native plants, animals and natural ecosystems.
- * An active member of an environmental or animal group/ organisation.
- * Encourages responsible management of resources or waste.
- * Restoration or rehabilitation of ecosystems.
- * Increasing community understanding of environmental and animal welfare issues or innovations and influencing people's behaviour.

Nominations close Monday 1 June. Info on all the categories as well as an online application form can be found at www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/rca-2015. Contact Anthony Nicholson, Youth services officer, email: anicholson@wodonga.vic.gov.au



Food Access survey – Brydie Foran: I'm writing to ask if you can take a minute to fill out a survey via the link below. This survey aims to gain information about food access issues for people and groups living in our community and to assist us in developing recommendations to address these issues in future planning. It would be great if you could take a minute to fill it out! Please note that the survey will close on 31 May 2015. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NEHealthyFood>



2015 Victorian Landcare Awards- closing 21 June: Help celebrate the many achievements of the countless individuals, groups, networks and organisations who make significant contributions to the sustainable care of Victoria's natural resources. Nominations are open to people who are involved in protecting or improving their local environment, farm, coastline, bushland, wetland, waterway, school, region or catchment, there is a category in this year's awards to suit. For detailed guidelines, terms and conditions or to submit a nomination please visit the [Landcare Awards online entry portal](http://www.landcareonline.com.au/) or visit <http://www.landcareonline.com.au/>