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Opportunities to be involved



WorkSafe event at Huon Hill - Thursday 29th October, 9.30 to 3.30 at Huon Hill, Wodonga.

This is a WorkSafe event hosted by Regional Safety, Health and Environment Group for local businesses. The event has a key note speaker, Victorian WorkSafe presentation and four break-out sessions (contractor management; legal responsibilities; manual handling and mental health). Free event. To book, go to http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/albury-wodonga-national-safety-week-event-free-tickets-18931381271?utm_term=eventurl_text



Cultural Burning Summit 'Campfire and Yarn' – Friday 30th October: with traditional owners at Kyffins Reserve : [Corowa District Landcare Group](#)



Carp Muster, Wangaratta – 24th October to 8th November: This is a great opportunity to get some fishing done while helping to eradicate Carp from our local waterways. Again organised by the Wangaratta Sustainability Network. All details of the event are available on the Wangaratta Wangaratta Sustainability Network website: www.wangarattasustainability.org



This Changes Everything – Movie Screening Mon 2nd November: Here is another movie organised by Diana Nicholson who was responsible for the Frackman screenings. Check the link below to find out more about the movie which is about confronting the climate crisis. The screening will be at 'Regent Cinemas' in Albury on Monday the 2nd of November at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by following the link: www.tugg.com/events/58490 Please share with people who you think would be interested in coming along.



Sustainability in Spring - Spring is here! Come and celebrate with our new series of Wodonga Library Thursday lunch-time presentations on sustainability in your garden. Experienced local gardeners will share their top tips on companion planting (8 October), fruit fly (22 October), growing seedlings (5 November), seed saving (19 November) and edible weeds (3 December). For more information and to book tickets (\$15 per session), visit <http://www.wodongalibrary.com.au>.



Clever Country Gardens dinner series – Friday 6th November, 6.00 to 9.00pm, at the Flour Mill, 17 Kirkland Street, Euroa. Creating a Wildflower Garden in your own backyard - you've all seen those classic photos of wildflower meadows stretching as far as you can see. If you'd like to have a piece of that in your garden or want to know the tips and tricks of growing wildflowers, the Euroa Arboretum presents Chris Findlay from Flora Victoria in the final Clever Country Gardens dinner series event for this year. For more information contact Ron Litjens 0419559368 or ron.litjens@euroaarboretum.com.au



Friends of Willow Park Social Night – Friday 6th November: 6.15 pm. Everyone is invited to the Friends of Willow Park Social Night held each month on the Friday before Community Gardening. It is held at the German, Austrian, Australian Club, 5 McFarland Road, Wodonga. A reasonably priced meal is available at the club. Meet some members of Friends of Willow Park. For bookings to attend please contact Pauline Anderson on 02 6056 6275 or email paulsando12@yahoo.com.au a few days before the night.



Hunchy Festival – 6th to 8th November: It is time to celebrate the efforts of so many in building the new mountain bike tracks at Hunchback Hill Bushlands over the past year, with thanks to financial support from Medibank Community Fund. Sign up for the Albury Wodonga Mountain Bike Club's three day Hunchy Fest Club Championships. Day membership available for those who are not yet

members. There will be something for all ages and levels of fitness and ability and a BBQ operating all day for spectators. <https://www.registernow.com.au/mtba/ERegister.aspx?E=2792>



Sustainable Living Market – Saturday 7th November, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm: The feature event of Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Week 2015 and running in conjunction with the Albury Wodonga Farmers' Market. Including: fresh produce direct from our local farmers, cooking demonstrations showcasing local food, 'Speed date' a sustainable designer, make your own critters from scrap metal, workshops: composting, energy, cloth nappies, craft for kids and adults: make a bee hotel, local community and environment groups, the latest in sustainable home solutions, food growing advice and activities, and much more! Details at wod.city/slw2015



Preserving Produce – Saturday 7th November, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, at Tree of Life Community Garden, Queen St, Corowa. From making jam to drying, freezing and pickling. Gold Coin Donation appreciated. This event is being organised by: [Corowa District Landcare Group](#)



Great Victorian Koala Count - Saturday 7th November: You are invited to take part in the Great Victorian Koala Count. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is hosting the Great Victorian Koala Count and would love for you to get involved! We need you, our citizen scientists (aka Koala counters) to contribute to this worthwhile project, improving our knowledge of Koalas and where they are located in Victoria. Plan a walk with family or friends and tell us where you did and didn't see Koalas. To take part in the count, register online at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/koala-count and then download the Great Victorian Koala Count smartphone app to record your findings on the day. With your help we look forward to learning more about Victoria's Koalas. Go to this link to register <http://root.ala.org.au/bdrs-core/gvkc/home.htm>



Pedal-powered cinema screening and fundraiser: Climate Refugees – Saturday 7th November, 7.45pm at Thurgoona Community Centre, 10 Kosciusko Road, Thurgoona: Please join the twilight pedal powered cinema screening of the film Climate Refugees. Cost: \$10 donation to Mlebinge Mwashite Australia to support the refugee-run Kangaroo Junior School for refugee children in Kenya.



Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club – Sunday 8th November: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Mount Big Ben and Yackandandah. Our destination is Mount Big Ben, located in the State Forest in East Victoria with the closest towns being Yackandandah and Tangambalanga. We will travel on to Yackandandah to finish the day out. Departure is 9am from Acacia Car Park Wodonga. BYO refreshments for the day. Leader TBA. This event is being organised by: [Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc.](#)



BirdLife Ovens and Murray – Sunday 8th November, 9.30am. Full day outing to Kaluna Island, Wangaratta. Meet just after the King River bridge, a short walk from Kaluna Island. Turn left at the 1st roundabout in Wangaratta just past the main Ovens River bridge, then turn off on track on the right just after the King River bridge. For further details contact Val Kingerlee at ovensmurray.birdlife@hotmail.com. This event is being organised by: BirdLife Ovens and Murray.



Friends of Willow Park Gardening & Water Watch – Sunday 8th November: 9.30 –11.30 am. 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.



FOWP Annual General Meeting - Sunday 8th November, 10.30am to 1.30pm. Meet at the Willow Park BBQ area at 10.30am for a walk in the park to see the latest developments. Annual General Meeting at 11.30am, barbecue lunch at 12.00 noon. Meat and Vegetarian BBQ supplied, please bring a salad or sweet to share. This event is being organised by: [Friends Of Willow Park](#)



This Changes Everything -Promoted by Wangaratta Sustainability Network: Monday 9th November 6:30pm - 8:30pm, at Wangaratta Cinema Centre, 1st Floor, The Co Store Complex, Corner of Ovens St and Reid St, Wangaratta. Another movie organised by Diana Nicholson who was responsible for the Frackman screenings. Go to this link to pre-order your tickets:

www.tugg.com/events/58490



Renewable Energy Community Conversation - Thursday 12th November, 5:45 pm -

8:00 pm at The Cube: *Are we witnessing a revolution in energy supply and renewable sources by connecting community and business? Can local residents and businesses have a financial interest in a local energy generator or retailer?* Come along and find out the answers to these questions and more by attending the **RAW energy community conversation**. The event is free but please RSVP for catering purposes. **RSVP:** Tuesday, November 10 by contacting The Cube box office on (02) 6022 9311 or thecu-bewodonga.com.au/tickets To find out more please like our RAW ENERGY Facebook page, LinkedIn profile or email us at renewablealburywodonga@gmail.com. Renewable Albury-Wodonga or RAW ENERGY is a local community group interested in making better connections within our community and business sector to investigate interest in community renewable energy projects.



Are we ready for the next drought - Thursday 12th November: Find out at the [8th Annual Water Forum](#) on 12 November at La Trobe University Wodonga



"The Art of Free Travel" book event - Thursday 12th November, at 3.00pm at Dymocks,

Albury. Patrick, Meg and their family had built a happy, sustainable life in regional Victoria. But in late 2013, they found themselves craving an adventure: a road trip. But theirs was a road trip with a difference. With Zephyr (10), Woody (1) and Zero their Jack Russell, they set off on an epic 6,000km year-long cycling journey along Australia's east coast, from Daylesford to Cape York and back. Find out more by watching the book trailer: youtube.com/watch?v=D8L4OjClgMY ... Or listen to their recent interview on Radio National: abc.net.au/radionational/programs/blueprintforliving/frugal-family-adventure/6868752 (And for those in Beechworth and surrounds, note that there's also an event at Collins Beechworth on November 8th!)



Repair Café – Friday 13th November 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Wodonga Senior Citizen's Centre:

Do you have a broken household item you'd like to fix but need a hand to do so? Then this is your big opportunity. Our Repair Café is a free meeting place to bring along broken household items such as furniture, clothing, battery-operated appliances and bikes and learn how to fix them with the help of experienced, volunteer repairers. It's a great way to save money, bypass landfill, extend the life of belongings and learn the art of repair. Toss it? No way. You can repair it at the Repair Café. No need to register, just come along with your broken item and we'll do our best.



Flourish Sustainability Festival – Saturday 14th November, 10.00am to 9.00pm at CSU Al-

bury Wodonga Campus, Elizabeth Mitchell Drive, Thurgoona. Flourish is a free festival that is open to the general community. It celebrates and shares the work and experiences of local primary and high school students who have participated in the Learning Communities program.



Wild Pollinator Count begins – Sunday 15th November, 6:00 am - 8:00 pm at a flowering

plant near you. We invite you to count wild pollinators in your local environment and help us build a database on wild pollinator activity. You can join in by watching any flowering plant for just ten minutes sometime in our count week. You don't need to be an insect expert. You don't need fancy gear. You may be surprised by what you see! The spring 2015 count will run from the 15th to the 22nd of November. Find out how to count pollinators, identify the insects you see and submit your observations and more by visiting our website: wildpollinatorcount.com.



Open Garden – Sunday 15th November, 9.00 to 4.00pm, at Coorong, 173 Hawthorn Rd, Jin-

dera. A large country garden featuring dry stone walls, a running creek, recycled garden art, drought tolerant plantings, a large orchard and vegetable garden. Morning tea with gourmet sandwiches and patisseries made by local chefs and a BBQ lunch featuring Grassroots Beef. All money raised to support the Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group.



Hume Murray Community Gardening Collective Visit – Wednesday 18th November: **Parklands Bhutanese Community Market Garden:** 11:00 am to 1:00pm, BYO lunch, at

Gateway Island, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga. Healthy Together Wodonga is working to strengthen community gardens in our region by supporting a network where people who are interested in community gardens can get together. The HMC GC will meet monthly for the remainder of 2015, each time at a different community garden. The group network and share their ideas and knowledge - all with a view to supporting a vibrant community garden culture in our region. We welcome new members to our group - please contact Brydie Foran at Gateway Health if you would like to know more or would like to be added to our mailing list. Email: Brydie.foran@gatewayhealth.org.au, Phone: (02) 6055 3056.



Holbrook Landcare presents Sean Dooley (The Birdman) – Wednesday 18th November, 7:00pm – Thursday 19th November, 8:00am, at Holbrook RS Club. Sean Dooley is currently editor of Australian Birdlife magazine and regularly features on ABC radio in all bird related matters. He was the national bird watching champion, holding the record for seeing the most birds in one year. Sean will be in Holbrook to discuss the declining woodland birds in this region, conservation and current bird topics including the night parrot. Cost: Free for Holbrook Landcare members and \$10 for non members. RSVP to confirm you place at the evening presentation on 18 Nov from 7pm or the twitch on 19 Nov from 6am to 8am. This event is being organised by: [Holbrook Landcare Network – Women in Ag \(WIA\)](#)



Earth Quest: Outer Space to Inner Earth - 21 November 2015 - 14 February 2016, at Albury Library Museum & Lavington Library Earth Quest is an interactive exhibition that will take visitors on an incredible voyage from the outer limits of the Milky Way galaxy, through our solar system and into the very centre of planet Earth. Earth Quest's interactive exhibits explore themes of astronomy, geology, geography, environmental science and biology. Why do we have seasons? How did mountains form? How have animals adapted to life in different climates? How do scientists know what's at the centre of the Earth when we can't dig deeper than 12 kilometres below ground? Suitable for those aged 8 years and older. *Developed by Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre Canberra*



Yackandandah Community Food Swap – Saturday 21st November: 9.30 to 11.30am, at the community garden on Railway Avenue. The food swap is held on the third Saturday of the month. Items for swap include all fruit and veg, nuts, plants, eggs and egg cartons, clean empty jam jars, seeds and seedlings, home made preserves and jam. Swap items have included alpaca wool, pine needles, ducks and even a rooster or two. All money collected is used to develop our community garden, buy seeds and equipment etc. Each month we also host a workshop from 10am-ish covering a range of topics of interest to gardeners. Check out <http://yackandandahcg.blogspot.com.au/> for more info about the community garden.



Yackandandah Community Garden - Saturday 21st November, 10.00am to 11.00am, at the Community Garden. Come and learn from landscape designer, Jenny Indian, on how to think laterally about our changing weather patterns and how to best look at garden design with this in mind. A number of traditional design ideas are now beginning to change as we are subject to hotter and longer summers. Come and learn how best to think about siting certain aspects of gardens such as the veggie patch, chook run and the like before we get completely caught short! Jenny is a great presenter of ideas and has created a wonderful working garden in Stanley that touches on many of these issues. This event is being organised by: [Yackandandah Community Centre](#)



Wild Pollinator Count: final day – Sunday 22nd November



Yackandandah Community Visioning Workshop – Tuesday 24th November, from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM. The Friends of Yackandandah are running a community workshop to discuss some of the issues around the Yackandandah Creek. A guided tour of the Yack Creek will take place leaving from the Sports Park followed by a BBQ where you will have a chance to meet community members and discuss some of the issues around the creek including weeds and erosion around the site. RSVP is preferred to Jenny at Indigo Shire on 0418 890 557 or you can just turn up on the night!

Learning Opportunities



Growing Fabulous Backyard Fruit workshop - Sunday 8th November, 10.00am to 4.00pm, at the National Environment Centre (TAFE), 97 Ettamogah Road, Thurgoona. Seed Savers Albury-Wodonga is proud to host a special workshop with 'Pete the Permie' during Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Week in November. The workshop will cover: root stock choice, grafting, pruning options, and natural pest management. Cost: \$95 (covers workshop, morning and afternoon tea plus workshop notes NB Participants to BYO lunch.) Places are limited to 25 participants. Secure your place by completing the [online registration form](#) and making your payment. This event is being organised by: [Seed Savers Albury-Wodonga](#)



Professional Development Course on Managing Mosquitoes in and around Wetlands – Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November: Whether you are a manager, entomologist, ecologist, technician or a custodian of a wetland, attendance at this workshop will as-

sist you in determining if local mosquitoes pose a nuisance or public health threat and developing an effective plan for managing wetlands so they are no longer a prime habitat for nuisance mosquitoes. Includes: an introduction to important pest mosquitoes, an understanding of mosquito biology and ecology, the risks of mosquito borne diseases, ecologically sustainable pest mosquito control strategies, rehabilitation of wetlands to avoid excessive mosquito production and educating the community on mosquitoes and their role in the environment. [View full program here](#) Cost: \$770 (two days, incl. GST) or \$660 for Concession (two days incl. GST) Bookings close: Tuesday 27th October, 2015. For more information email education@sopa.nsw.gov.au or call 02 9714 7888.



Managing spontaneous emergency volunteers - Tuesday 10th November: Be part of an elite volunteer workforce. Volunteering Victoria are developing a program to train, support, deploy and debrief a volunteer workforce of skilled volunteer managers to manage spontaneous emergency volunteers during disaster relief and recovery. By participating in the MSEV Program, participants build their understanding of:

- the Emergency Management structure and arrangements in Victoria
- what it is like to manage and support spontaneous volunteers in an emergency context
- the disruptive impact of an emergency
- the changed emotional state of people in affected communities

the political and media environment and its impact on relief and recovery efforts. Read the full [program overview](#) here.

A session will be held in Wodonga on November 10, 2015 from 9am - 4pm. Register at <https://www.ivvy.com/event/1PW3YZ/> For queries call Alison Duff, Manager Spontaneous Emergency Volunteers (MSEV) Project Coordinator, 03 5221 1377, or email a.duff@volunteeringvictoria.org.au.



Energy Management Basics – Wednesday 11th November: 9.00am to 4.30pm at AlburyCity Council Chambers, 553 Kiewa Street, Albury. The NSW Government is holding an 'Energy Management Basics' training session in Albury. This practical and interactive training course is designed to assist businesses in understanding their energy use, collect and manage data, and reduce costs through greater efficiency. The course has been heavily subsidised and costs \$100. An early bird discount is available if booking before October 11. To find out more and to register: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/business/energy-management-training.htm> This event is being organised by: [NSW Office of Environment and Heritage](#)



Introduction to bees and beekeeping – Sunday 15th November, 10.00am to 3.00pm at Wooragee Hall, 101 Beechworth -Wodonga Rd, Wooragee. **Please note this event is booked out.** A hands on workshop looking more closely at how a colony functions and how the beekeeper can interact with that colony. Supported by the Regional Landcare Facilitator Programme through funding from the Australian Government.



Agvet Chemical Users Course at Mt Beauty – Subsidised places on offer: – Save \$300! Saturday 7th & Saturday 14th November, 9.00am to 5.00pm. This Nationally Accredited two-day course is a must for Land managers and Landcare volunteers who use chemicals. Learn how to minimise risks associated with chemical use and ensure chemicals are used as per manufacturer's specifications. Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre – 1 Tennis Court Ave. Mt Beauty. You will need to bring your lunch on both days. Full cost: \$350.00. Cost to Landcare members \$50.00. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – LIMITED PLACES. To book your place, contact Belinda – belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au 0407 227 814



Healthy land, healthy horses – Sunday 29th November at Myrtleford: A one day workshop, presented by Stuart Myers of Equiculture, internationally-renowned speaker on the subject of horse property management. Learn how to use the natural & domesticated behaviour of horses, combined with good land management practices, to create a healthy and sustainable environment for your horses and your property.

[For more information or to register click here.](#)

Resources & Inspiration



Redcross RediPlan – Protect What Matters. Emergencies can strike at any time. [RediPlan](#) is a free disaster preparedness guide to help you and your family to create a personalised emergency plan in four simple steps, to protect what matters most.



[BeeConnected smart phone app](#) - CropLife Australia, in conjunction with the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council have launched BeeConnected. A smart phone app developed in aid of ensuring the health of Australia's honey bee colonies. Designed for collaboration between farmers and beekeepers, the app offers a range of features to facilitate best-practice pollinator protection - best of all...it's free!



Get behind Junior Landcare with this great From Farm to Fork Landcare Australia campaign. Host a feast, market or event. Educate and engage kids in farming and environmental issues and generate interest and funding for Junior Landcare across Australia. Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fromfarmtofork15



Fifteen Trees/GJ Gardiner Homes plantings 2015: WULN plants trees each year supplied by local businesses for carbon offset plantings. The arrangements are all made via the organization Fifteen Trees, who assist businesses to calculate how many trees need to be planted to offset their emissions. Here is the report from the Fifteen Trees website about our plantings with GJ Gardiner homes. <http://www.15trees.com.au/2015/gjgardnerwodonga-2/> For more information contact Colleen Filippa on 0400 040 659 or see www.15trees.com.au



Victorian soil mosaic - Put your soil on the map: DEDJTR are asking landholders across Victoria to help produce a soil mosaic. Collection of soil samples has now commenced and will continue over the coming months. DEDJTR are after your soil, therefore they are inviting farmers, Landcare Groups, school children and community members to contribute to the mosaic. To be part of this project see the Flyer for more information or contact Suzanne Briggs at DEDJTR Rutherglen: P: 0260 30 4510 M: 04000 884 813, E: Suzanne.briggs@ecodev.vic.gov.au.



Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands Handbook - NOW RELEASED: Copies of the newly released Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands handbook are now available from the North East CMA office in Wodonga. This is a great resource that help landholders recognise seasonally herbaceous wetlands, assess condition, learn about associated plants and animals and understand some of the ecological processes and management actions required for protection from threats and enhancement from current state. The production of the handbook is supported by Goulburn Broken CMA and North East CMA with funding from the Australian Government's [National Landcare Programme](#)



Friends of Willow Park Newsletter – Thursday 26th November: Friends of Willow Park releases a Newsletter on the third Thursday of every second month. It contains news of current projects and events and special articles of interest. Contact president@friendsofwillowpark.org.au to receive our newsletters (preferably by email)



Update from the Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre: some recent important changes have occurred at MDFRC as we move towards the first stages of a growth strategy for the MDFRC. The University of Canberra is collaborating with us and as part of this, Ben Gawne has accepted a 3 year appointment as a Professorial Fellow with UC, leading the EWKR and LTIM projects on behalf of the Centre. This will give him time to provide the scientific leadership that these projects require, both in their establishment phase and in the synthesis of the knowledge later in the project. As part of these changes, La Trobe University have become the Centre Agent for MDFRC and will provide the administrative base for the Centre, improving our efficiency and effectiveness.



Biodiversity Spring – Goulburn-Broken Catchment & NE Victoria: Biodiversity Spring 2015 is a celebration of all the things that make up our natural environment – the flora and fauna to the fungi and the habitats they live in. Biodiversity Spring is celebrated each year throughout the Goulburn–Broken Catchment and north-east Victoria.

For the ninety-one days of Spring, from September through to November, a range of organisations and community groups will showcase the biodiversity in our areas and show you just how amazing, interesting and unusual nature can be. The program this year is packed with spotlight walks, bird watching, ecology courses, basket weaving and many other activities. The events are **FREE** (unless noted) and everyone is

invited to come along and participate. So Spring into Spring. You know you want to. **Complete event calendar and more information:** <https://biodiversityspring.wordpress.com/>



Issue 64 of the Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management magazine, which is a feature on urban Landcare, is out now! To read or download this issue of the magazine visit <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/resources/magazine/vlcm/current-issue>



Kakadu Challenge 2016 - Help protect threatened species while trekking the Top

End: Australia's biodiversity is currently declining—more than 1,700 species and ecological communities are known to be threatened and are at risk of extinction. That's where the Landcare Australia Kakadu Challenge 2016 comes in. By taking part in this eight day challenge in July 2016, you can raise funds for projects which will help save endangered and threatened Aussie species. We like to think of it as Aussies supporting Aussie species! To find out more about the highlights that you will enjoy while trekking the Top End, the difference you can make through taking part in this challenge, and how much fun you can have doing it, [click here](#).



Wodonga's Walking Maps: Healthy Together Wodonga with Wodonga Council are working with [Victoria Walks](#) - Victoria's walking health promotion charity to promote walking in general in Wodonga. As part of this work, we are focussing on [Walking Maps](#) - a mobile website Victoria Walks operate that allows community to create, discover and share walks where they live, work or play. The mobile website encourages community to explore the neighbourhoods that we live in, promote tourist destinations, explore historical treasures, provide activities for families and friends to enjoy together and provide a workplace tool for walking. Anyone can add their favourite walk with features. Check it out!



Re-use shop - located at the Wodonga waste Transfer Station 29 Kane Rd Wodonga: OPEN Mon to Sat 10am to 3pm Sundays 10am to 2pm.



News of the Regent Honeyeater Project: If you would like to keep up to date with the latest news of this inspirational project in our back yard please contact Glen.Johnson@delwp.vic.gov.au to subscribe to the newsletter.

Funding Opportunities



2016 Rural Women's Award applications - close Friday 30 October, 2015: The RIRDC Rural Women's Award identifies and supports emerging leaders across rural Australia. More than just an award that recognises rural women, it also offers mentoring, resources and support via its nationwide network of business and community leaders for selected state winners. The Award is open to all women involved in primary industries. State and Territory winners receive \$10,000 to implement their Award idea and will be offered skill development opportunities, including participation in the Company Directors Course run by the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD). A national winner and runner-up will be selected from the state winners with a further \$10,000 awarded to the winner and \$5,000 to the runner-up to support their professional development and contribution to primary industries.



Primezone Partner Schools: Applications are now open for schools to become one of 12 Primezone Partner Schools. Funded through PIEFA as part of the Department of Education's 'Agriculture in Education' program, successful schools will receive \$10,000 to support the Food and Fibre education programs. See the PIEFA website [here](#)



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](#)



Food Source Victoria - Planning Grants, Growth Grants & Scholarship Program - Food Source Victoria is the Dept of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources' new \$20 million initiative aimed at supporting Victorian agri-food businesses. For more information, go to [Apply now for a Food Source Victoria Grant](#)

Opportunities to have your say



RIRDC Rural Women's Award - Applications close Fri 30 October. Nominations are now open for the Rural Industries Research and Development (RIRDC) Rural Women's Award. The Award identifies and supports emerging women leaders who have the desire, commitment and leadership potential to make a greater contribution to primary industries and rural communities. A \$10,000 bursary is the major prize for each state and territory winner.



Wangaratta Sustainability Network Climate Change Petition - The Climate Action Group has started a petition to the Australian House of Representatives urging stronger action on climate change. We are aiming for 1000 signatures or more. Please join in! We are looking for events and opportunities to collect signatures as well as asking all members to collect signatures to help us reach our target. The petition will be presented to Cathy McGowan AO MP on November 20th 2015 to present the petition to the Parliament. [Click here to get the petition.](#) The petition is also available for signing at 'Made in Clay' Cathy Oddie's studio at the carpark end of the Post Office Arcade, Wangaratta. Petitions with signatures can be posted to WSN, PO Box 772, Wangaratta 3676 or at Cathy's studio between 10 and 5 pm or left under the door outside hours. Petitions should be returned by November 18th. <http://www.wangarattasustainability.org/p/climate-change.html>

You are Invited to the

Annual General Meeting

of the

Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

Wednesday 18th November, 6-9pm

Belgrade Community Centre, 12 Belgrade Ave, Wodonga

At which Annual Reports will be submitted for the information of member groups and all Executive positions will be declared vacant.

A BBQ dinner will be provided, with time to share Landcare stories from the year that was.

Please RSVP to Secretary Jim Gardiner at gardinerjim@bigpond.com
by Friday 13th November.

We look forward to your company!