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Opportunities to be involved



Welcome to the Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Festival ! An amazing array of events and activities for all. Festival information including listing of all events see: alburycity.nsw.gov.au/slf2016



Eco Treasure Hunt – Geocaching & Green Places: This event runs for the whole of November and is a fun way to get out and about with the whole family, to discover beautiful bushland, urban farming, 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' in at 5 secret locations. The first 3 participants to discover all 5 caches will even win a prize! You can participate in this self-guided event at any time. Full details at www.necma.vic.gov.au/ecotreasurehunt.



FREE plants – from Wed 26th Oct, from 10:00 am to Sat 19th Nov, at 1:00 pm - at Our Native Garden nursery Wodonga Waste Transfer Station, 29 Kane Rd Wodonga: yes, they have to go – would you or do you know of a group or anyone who would like some of our River Red Gums and Sticky Hop Bush? These are hardy plants that need to get out of their pots and go in the ground. Just come to the nursery before mid-November and pick them up!!



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.



Science on the Road - Wed 2nd Nov, 9:00 am to Thurs 3rd Nov, 4:00 pm at Charles Sturt University, Albury Campus, Elizabeth-Mitchell Drive, Thurgoona: Science on the Road brings the Australian Museum to Charles Sturt University Albury-Wodonga campus and lets your students discover the wonders of science through exciting workshops and explosive science presentations. We take science in the Riverina to a whole new level! The event includes our Science on the Road Expo, which allows students to meet scientists of their local area and beyond, and find out how science is applied to the world around them. Activities include: CSI World, Indigenous Science and Bushtucker, Spin Science, Nursing Needs You!, Waterbug Watch, Worm Detectives, Volcanoes and Natural Disasters Show, Starlab Planetarium. \$10 per student, RSVP – T: 02 9320 6389, E: see@austmus.gov.au for more information.



Join the AlburyCity Sustainability Advisory Committee: Wed 2nd Nov from 9:00 am: AlburyCity is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from members of the Albury community who have an interest or passion for environmental education and awareness to join the Sustainability Advisory Committee. A copy of the Committee's Terms of Reference and information to be include in an

EOI can be found on AlburyCity's website. EOI's are to be submitted to AlburyCity by close of business Friday 11 November 2016 and are to be address to the Group Leader, natural Environment. Please send to info@alburycity.nsw.gov.au.



Film night – Minimalism – A Documentary About the Important Things: Wed 2nd

Nov from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm at The Sustainable Activity Centre (The SAC), Gateway Island (next to La Maison Cafe), Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga: Join us for a free screening of this #1 Indie Documentary 2016. How might your life be better with less? "Minimalism: A Documentary About the Important Things" examines the many flavours of minimalism by taking the audience inside the lives of minimalists from all walks of life—families, entrepreneurs, architects, artists, journalists, scientists, and even a former Wall Street broker—all of whom are striving to live a meaningful life with less. TICKETS ESSENTIAL – visit the Eventbrite page to reserve you seat <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/movie-discussion-minimalism-tickets-28309594760>.



Exhibition: Women of the River Country - Fri 4th November - Sun 4th December

2016, at LibraryMuseum, Corner of Kiewa and Swift Streets, Albury, price: Free: The Murray Darling Basin stretches across four states in Australia, and is home to the country's three longest rivers; the Murray, the Darling and the Murrumbidgee. Every river has a story and these ever changing landscapes are, and have been, a lifeline to so many. Women of the River Country highlights stories of remarkable river women who have played vital roles in the shaping of our mighty river country from the mid 1800's to the present day, and include early pioneers, an internationally acclaimed sporting icon and a world class musician. All have been connected with our magnificent riverscape. Local stories include tennis legend Margaret Court from Albury and Murray Grey breeder Helen Sutherland from Wodonga.



Public Forum – People-Powered Democracy: The Return of the Citizen - from Fri 4th

Nov 10:00 am - Sat 5th Nov 5:00 pm, at the Commons 1076 Mate Street, Nth Albury: Join this two day conversation about cutting edge practices in citizen engagement and deepening democracy. They include citizen 'juries' and assemblies, participatory budgeting, neighbourhood networking/councils, flat-pack democracy, eco-democracy and other interesting experiments. Places limited. Hosted by The Goodlife Community Co-op. Participants can attend either day. The content is different, but a re-cap of day one is provided on the morning of day two. This event is free but bookings are essential. RSVP goodlifecoop@yahoo.com.au M: 0478178736



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Community discussion about sustainability, Thurgoona - Fri 4th Nov from 5:30 pm -

6:30 pm at Library, Charles Sturt University, Elizabeth Mitchell Drive, Thurgoona: Community discussion about sustainability to inform practice and for research- participation puts in draw for generous gift cards. Anyone over 18, regardless of commitment or interest in environmental or sustainability issues (want to hear a broad range of views and ideas) is welcome to attend. To register: email acramp-ton@csu.edu.au or call 69334032.



Wodonga Junction Square Farmers Market - Sat 5th Nov from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm at

Wodonga Junction Square (old railway station)



Wodonga Gateway Farmers Market - Sat 5th Nov from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Gateway Island, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga



Repair Café - Saturday 5th Nov, from 10.00 to 1.00 at Sustainable Activity Centre (The SAC) (Former Tourist Information Centre, next to La Maison Cafe) Gateway Island, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga: Do you have a broken household item you'd like fixed but need a hand to do so? Then this is your opportunity. Our Repair Café is a **free** meeting place to bring along broken household items such as furniture, clothing, battery-operated appliances, books and bikes and learn how to fix them with the help of experienced, volunteer repairers. You can also bring along small, blunt garden tools like secateurs and we'll show you how to sharpen them. Maximum three items per person per session. No need to register, just come along with your broken item and we'll do our best.



Celebration of Private Land Conservation - Sun 6th Nov from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Caladenia Park, Centaur Road, Albury (RSVP for meeting location): Join the owners of 'Caladenia Park' and other speakers on Private Land Conservation and its important role in preserving the threatened species and communities. Learn about the Wild Orchid Recovery Program, Rewilding and a walk to enjoy the fauna and flora of our district. Hosted by Holbrook Landcare Network Slopes2Summit Partnership and the Nature Conservation Trust. Gold coin donation + lunch available for purchase, RSVP by 28-10-2016 to register and for directions, to: E: kyliedurant@holbrooklandcare.org.au M: 0418 198 522.



Kentucky State Forest - Sun 6th Nov from 9:30 am at Kentucky State Forest: Bird watching outing to Kentucky State Forest, on the Howlong-Balldale road. Meet at the Balldale end entrance, 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. Or contact: ovensmurray@birdlife.org.au.



Wangaratta Community Nature Day - Sun 6th Nov from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm at Apex Park Wangaratta: this is a free event, everybody is welcome. Activities will include a Carp Muster, lots of kids activities and games, demonstrations, walks, information sessions and displays, music and a free BBQ.



Rutherglen Landcare Open Day - Sun 6th Nov from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at Rutherglen Racecourse Reserve: Much work at the Rutherglen Racecourse Reserve has been undertaken by the Rutherglen Landcare Group, weed removal, rabbit control and new planting. Come and see the abundant wildflower currently on display with a guided walk, we will be checking nest boxes and a free BBQ as well.



Albury Recycling Centre Tour - Wed 9th Nov from 10:30 am - 11:30 am at Waste Management Centre, Mudge Street (off Centaur Road), Lavington: As part of National Recycle Week, AlburyCity invites you to tour its new Albury Recycling Centre and learn how rubbish is reused and recycled. There are also free tours from Mon 7th Nov to Fri 11th Nov for school groups, by appointment. RSVP or to book a school tour to: Karen Brawn, T: 0427 728 230, E: Karen.brawn@mraconsulting.com.au



Film night – The Future of Energy: Wed 9th Nov from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm at The Sustainable Activity Centre (The SAC), Gateway Island (next to La Maison Cafe), Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga: Join us for this wonderfully inspiring free screening. The Future of Energy is a revolutionary film that captures the movement across the U.S. to transition to 100% renewable energy and to bring positive solutions to the ecological crisis. Tickets Essential – Please visit the Eventbrite website to reserve your seat <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/movie-discussion-the-future-of-energy-tickets-28711626247>



QEII Twilight Market – We're Going Green: Thu 10th Nov from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at QEII Square, Dean Street, Albury: This month's QEII Twilight Market is going green! As well as our usual market stalls, we'll have a host of exciting inclusions to help you to reduce, reuse and save money – in-

cluding the chance to help establish the QEII Community Food Garden. Free. Further information: www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/markets T: 02 6023 8761. This is an Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Festival event. For more Festival information including listing of all events see: alburycity.nsw.gov.au/slf2016



QEII Community Food Garden - Thu 10th Nov from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at QEII Square, Dean

Street, Albury: What better way to picnic in the park than eating straight from the garden? Bring your gardening gloves to the QEII Twilight Market and join us to make a community food garden in QEII Square. Made purely from recycled materials, this garden will be planted with fruits, vegetables and herbs for the whole community to enjoy. Free. Enquiries to: 02 6023 8761.



The Recycled String Band - Thursday 10 Nov from 5.00pm to 8.00pm at QEII Square, Dean

Street, Albury: Fast becoming festival favourites with their unique recycled instruments, vocal harmonies and relaxed on stage humour, The Recycled String Band is set to entertain and leave a smile on your face! The unusual sounding instruments constructed from all sorts of discarded materials including hub caps, cigar boxes, toys, tea tins, kitchen utensils and industrial scraps contribute to the bands sole musical style which travels broadly across blues realm into junkyard roots, and old time county. Led by singer Luke R Davies and other band members Chris Mangan, Jack Jensen, Bruce Gregory and Bryan Rolie Dwyer - they combine a timely environmental message with irrepressible and irreverent good humour. Free.



Excursion to Werribee Treatment Works - Fri 11th- Sun 13th Nov: Albury-Wodonga Field

Naturalists' Club Inc will travel to Werribee for the weekend Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November to visit the Werribee Treatment Works and other points of interest nearby on this weekend. Further information on Ecoportal



Social Night, Friends of Willow Park - Fri 11th Nov, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, at German, Aus-

trian, 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. 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.



Oxley Frog Information night - Fri 11th Nov from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Oxley Recreation Re-

serve, Oxley-Meadow Creek Rd, Oxley: After all the rain the frogs are very noisy & numerous and what better time and setting is there than the Oxley Recreation Reserve to hold an information night. Dr Damien Michael will present facts and interesting information about our local frogs before going for a spotlight walk looking for frogs. This FREE family night including dinner is presented by Milawa Markwood Oxley Landcare Group through the support of Landcare grants funding. Bring a chair, mosquito repellent, torch, gumboots and your friends. All welcome. Please register your attendance to assist with catering; 0448983109. This event is being organised by: Milawa Markwood Oxley Landcare group.



Albury Farmers Market - Sat 12th Nov from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Hovell Tree Park, Hume

Street, Albury: Providing fresh local produce direct from the producers so you can buy seasonally, locally and help support producers of our region. Free event. Further information: M: 0475 300 052, W: www.alburywodongafarmersmarket.com.



Patch to Patch - Sat 12th Nov from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Old Beechworth Train Station, 1 Rail-

way Avenue, Beechworth: A day of backyard gardening inspiration. Some of Beechworth's most inspiring backyard veggie gardens & fruit orchards open to the public. Ride from patch to patch, gather a clutch of knowledge, galvanise your green thumb & be inspired to grow your own food. <http://www.beechworthfoodcoop.org.au/patchtopatch/>



Home Made Kids: Mindful Making Workshop - Sat 12th Nov from 9:00 am - 10:30 am at the Sustainable Activity Centre, Gateway Island, 1/44 Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga: 90 minutes of mindful making. A delightful workshop for kids to learn how to DIY at home sustainably. The session will include four activities – making organic playdough and paint, creating a recycled bird sculpture, sewing a drawstring bag and making a nature wind chime / mobile. Limited tickets, \$16 per child, must book by 10th November via Eventbrite:<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/home-made-kids-mindfull-making-tickets-27480563104> Enquiries: M 0406 943 436, E: info@sustainableactivitycentre.com.au



Spring Wild Pollinator Count begins - Sun 13th Nov from 6:00 am - 8:00 pm at a flowering plant near you: The Wild Pollinator Count is a national event, run twice a year, that aims to raise awareness about pollinator insects and collect information about them. We bet you know what a honey bee looks like, but have you noticed other bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and even flies on the flowers near you? We invite you to count wild pollinator insects 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 2016 count will run from the 13th to the 20th 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 at Jindera - Sun 13th Nov from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at 173 Hawthorn Road, Jindera: See an extensive and beautiful garden designed along sustainability lines. Participate in a workshop on gardening and enjoy a delicious high tea. You can also watch artists at work and purchase plants on the day. \$10.00 entry, \$5.00 high tea. All funds raised go towards the work of the Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group. Enquiries: Helen – 0407 701 251.



Friends of Willow Park AGM and 10th Anniversary Celebration - Sun 13th Nov from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm at Willow Park BBQ Area, Pearce St Carpark, Wodonga: Friends of Willow Park will hold its annual general meeting and election of office bearers: 9.30 – AGM, Report on this year's work by president and treasurer, Election of office bearers at 10.30 am. Meet for a walk through the park to celebrate all that has been achieved this year and previous years. Opening of the mural by David Dunn. At 11.45 am - Formal presentations and thanks. 12.10 pm - BBQ lunch. Members please bring a salad or a sweet. BYO drinks and chair. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating together! For further information, nomination form and RSVP by 6 November, please contact: Jenni Huber on 0410 074 900 or email secretary@friendsofwillowpark.org.au.



Free Children's Clothing Swap meet - Sun 13th Nov from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm at The Sustainable Activity Centre 1/44 Lincoln Causeway Wodonga: Have your kids grown out of some nice clothes, and only worn them a couple of times? Rather than heading to the shops – let's swap 'em for new-to-us items that fit our ever growing offspring. Bookings essential. Full details and bookings [here](#).



School Garden Tour - Tue 15th Nov from 10:00 am - 11:15 am at Wodonga Middle Years College, Felltimber Campus, Emerald Drive, Wodonga (meet at Emerald Drive entrance): Wodonga Middle Years College, Felltimber Campus, is creating a sustainable garden for their school grounds and invite the public join them on a tour of their grounds. Plants and produce for sale and light refreshments of produce from the garden served. This is a free event, but please RSVP by 14 Nov to Helena Foster : hfooster@wmyc.vic.edu.au or telephone Wodonga Middle Years College Felltimber office: 02 6057 9000 (select option 2).



Declutter simplify life without costing the Earth-The 10R's™ - Tue 15th Nov from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Birallee Park Neighbourhood House, 39-43 Emerald Ave, West Wodonga: In this fun, interactive workshop Tanya Lewis, Eco Organiser®, will show you how to declutter and simplify your

life, save time, money and energy and reduce, reuse and recycle for a simpler life without costing the earth. You will leave with a better understanding of what clutter is and how to responsibly dispose of unwanted stuff. \$25.00 Early Bird Special-Be quick only 5 tickets available. \$30.00 – booking fees apply. Bookings: tanya@ecoorganiser.com.au or call Tanya on 0448 877 902. <http://declutterwodonga.eventbrite.com.au/>



Professor Ross Garnaut – The Paris Climate Summit and the Emerging Role of Battery Storage Technology - Tue 15th Nov from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Albury Entertainment

Centre, Swift Street, Albury: Professor Ross Garnaut presents a 'Post Paris' debrief on what is required for the global transition to a low carbon economy and the economic opportunity this presents for both Australia and our local region. ZEN Energy founder, Richard Turner will also take the audience through the latest Home and Commercial Solar and particularly Energy Storage Technologies (Batteries) and highlight how home and business owners can significantly reduce their electricity costs by installing these systems. This is a session not to be missed and seats will fill fast so book now to avoid disappointment. RSVP by 11 November via: <http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/leisure-and-culture/seasonal-events/sustainable-living-festival-2016/renewable-energy-community-conversation>.



Climate Visions – Designing for Uncertain Futures for the Albury Wodonga Region - Wed 16th Nov from 5:15 pm - 9:00 pm at LibraryMuseum, Kiewa Street, Albury: The community

wall display Climate Visions showcases landscape design projects developed by final year students from RMIT University's Bachelor of Design (Landscape Architecture) / Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning. These projects address the impacts of climate change and how to adapt. The students' design proposals offer future visions that foster engaging and living productively with natural forces in urban and regional areas. 5.15pm – tea & coffee on arrival for a 5.30pm start. This is a free event but please RSVP: 02 60238333 or learningoutreach@alburycity.nsw.gov.au.



Public Forum – People-Powered Economy: Community and Social Enterprise: Fri 18th Nov from 10:00 am - Sat Nov 19 at 5.00pm at The Commons, 1076 Mate Street, North

Albury: Have you or your organisation been wondering how decent jobs and a sustainable local economy might be created? Many think that community-based social enterprises are a key element. Join practitioners, interested organisations and community members for this 2-day conversation about what is happening and what might be possible in the region. Places limited. Participants can attend either day. The content is different, but a re-cap of day one is provided on the morning of day two. This is a free event hosted by The Goodlife Community Co-op, but bookings are required: 0478178736 or goodlifecoop@yahoo.com.au.



Green Gate Organic Farm Open Day - Sat 19th Nov, from 10 to 3 at 97 Ettamogah

Road, Thurgoona: a great day out, learn about our ethical and organic farming practices to produce healthy food for the community. Meet our teachers, see how we rear our animals. Bookings essential: call Maria on 60436700 or email maria.bertoncini1@tafensw.edu.au.



Yack Community Garden Food Swap – Sat 19th Nov: 9.30-11.30am, Yackandandah

Community Garden. Our regular monthly food swap – open to everyone of all ages. Everything edible welcome. People bring chooks, ducks, seeds, veg, eggs, fruit, magazines, books, tools, equipment, honey – you name it! If it's to do with gardening, self-sufficiency, DIY, permaculture and growing things generally, it can go on the produce table. Love to see you there.... This is usually run in conjunction with a workshop which starts at 10.30 a.m. Gold coin donation welcome!



Wodonga Junction Square Farmers Market - Sat 19th Nov from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm at

Wodonga Junction Square (old railway station).



Wodonga Gateway Farmers Market - Sat 19th Nov from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Gateway Island, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga.



Spring School Bus Tour Albury Wodonga - Tue 22nd Nov from 9:15 am - 3:00 pm at five bus stops across Albury and Wodonga: Calling teachers, parents, student leaders and community members... Come along on our tour to view the wonderful work our schools and community organisations are doing in promoting healthy eating. Gather ideas, create relationships and learn 'how to' from our five bus stops in developing your own garden, healthy canteen and more at some of our excellent Border's school and community organisations. Gateway Health and Murrumbidgee Local Health District have come together to support our Border region to engage with, promote and support our schools and community groups in focusing on healthy eating. We recognise together that our schools and community groups play a significant role in impacting the health and well-being of our community. Meet and park at Gateway Island, Lincoln Causeway at the car park located to the right of HotHouse Theatre at 9.15am. The bus tour will conclude back at the Causeway at 3pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on [EventBrite](#).



Bruce Pascoe: Dark Emu and Aboriginal Agriculture - Wed 23rd Nov, from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Albury LibraryMuseum, Kiewa Street, Albury: Bruce Pascoe is a Bunurong, Tasmanian and Yuin man. His book Dark Emu, which won the 2016 NSW Premier's Book of the Year Award, argues that Aboriginal Australia had extensive agricultural activities. Join Bruce for a unique chance to learn how traditional Aboriginal agricultural practices and knowledge of indigenous plants can open the gates to exciting new agricultural industries in Australia and help us move towards more sustainable agricultural practices. This is a free event hosted by AlburyCity, but bookings are required: 02 6023 8333 or learningoutreach@alburycity.nsw.gov.au.



Albury Farmers Market - Sat 26th Nov from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Hovell Tree Park, Hume Street,



Excursion to Stanley and surrounds - Sat 26th Nov from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at Stanley. Meeting at Acacia Car Park Wodonga: Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc will travel to Stanley. BYO refreshments for the day. Leader Neil phone 0428 235 964.



Go Wild in the Garden – Towong Shire: Sat 26th Nov from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Corryong College Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, 113 Towong Rd, Corryong: Discover what's going on at a grass roots level in our gardens by taking part in our exciting 'hands on' workshops designed for the whole family to enjoy together! Explore the importance of insects and their vital link to food security, identify wild pollinators and encourage them in your own garden. Participate In the Wild Pollinator Count – you might be surprised by what you see! Make your very own Pollinator Inn to encourage native bees and other pollinators to go wild in your garden. Work with acclaimed sculptor Joanne Diver using recycled materials. Workshop bookings are essential as places are limited. For booking and other information visit murrayarts.org.au.



Maher's Hill Bush Walk - Sun 27th Nov from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Maher's Hill. Meeting location given at time of booking: Join Marg and Bernadette from the Border Bushwalking Club for a morning on Maher's Hill. Maher's Hill is a hidden gem that is very close to Wodonga. The walk is steep in short spurts but the rewards are plentiful with great views. Bring some morning tea and plenty to drink. Sunscreen and good walking shoes are also a must. There is no cost for this event but please RSVP to Bernadette by 23 Nov on 0419 241 687.



Elmwood Sustainable Building Tour - Sun 27th Nov from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Elmwood Living, Corner Elmwood Circuit and Beech Street (rear of the Elmwood Medical Centre), Wodonga: Learn how Elmwood achieves their 8.5 star energy rating home by adopting the following features:

Double glazing, R6 insulation in ceiling, R2.5 in walls, solar boosted gas hot water, solar electricity, waffle pod concrete slab, high ceilings, construction waste recycled, passive solar orientation, natural lighting, water saving tapware and toilet cisterns, soundproofing, and more. For more information about Elmwood go to: www.elmwoodliving.com.au. Enquiries: Brendon Collins, Lightwood Property and Construction, M: 0417 237 680, E: bjcollins@lightwoodgroup.com.au.



Energy Opportunity Workshops – Life after the Solar Bonus Scheme: Tue 29th Nov

from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Albury City Council, Robert Brown Room, Ground Floor, 553 Kiewa Street, Albury: The NSW Solar Bonus Scheme is coming to a close at the end of the 2016 year. In order to make the transition to un-subsidised feed-in tariffs as smooth as possible for scheme customers, the NSW Government are hosting a series of Energy Opportunity Workshops. Find out about different types of meters, storage and monitoring options. Join an independent energy expert who will explain how the changes to the feed-in tariff will affect you, what you need to do in the lead up to the closure and the important steps you need to take to get the best out of your renewable energy system after the closure. The aim is to provide customers with a list of easy action steps to follow, relevant to your home or business location. Presented by NSW Government – Office of Environment & Heritage. Cost: This is a free event, however bookings are essential. RSVP: www.energyopportunityworkshops.eventbrite.com.au



Edge Pledge – Thurgoona Squirrel Glider fund:

Edge Pledge is a new and exciting 'not-for-profit' fundraising platform devoted entirely to the conservation of native wildlife at risk of extinction. It is the brainchild of Albury resident and social entrepreneur Mr Sam Marwood, and it launched nationally on Monday 15th August. Albury Conservation Company is extremely proud to be one of only eleven environmental organisations across Australia to be involved in the launch of Edge Pledge. ACC is raising awareness and funds for Squirrel Gliders in Thurgoona / Wirlinga. **How can you help?**

BECOME an Extinction Fighter for the Squirrel Glider by choosing three challenges via the Edge Pledge 'Challenge Generator', and completing the one that receives the most votes after 21 days.

DONATE to an Extinction Fighter already raising funds for the Squirrel Glider. If you want to see Rob lecture in a Squirrel Glider onesie, Damian get a Mohawk, or Nigel eat insects and wattle sap for 48 hours, Ebony get a tattoo, or Sam spend a night in a canoe on a lake here's your chance folks! 100% of the funds raised by Albury Conservation Company through Edge Pledge will go towards conservation of Squirrel Gliders in Thurgoona / Wirlinga. More [here](#).



Australian Pollinator Week – 20th to 27th November:

Did you know pollinators drive biodiversity? 75% of flowering plants rely on insect pollinators to reproduce? The world is suffering major pollinator declines? Join us in celebrating the importance of insect pollinators. To find out how, go to <http://beesbusiness.com.au/pollweekmain.html> facebook.com/groups/beeawareofournativebees to share your ideas and pictures Supported by Western Sydney University, http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/rcegws/rcegws/biodiversity_and_river_health/bee_aware Link to [Flyer](#)



Women of the River Country - Fri 4th November - Sun 4th December 2016,

at Library-Museum, Corner of Kiewa and Swift Streets, Albury, price: Free: The Murray Darling Basin stretches across four states in Australia, and is home to the country's three longest rivers; the Murray, the Darling and the Murrumbidgee. Every river has a story and these ever changing landscapes are, and have been, a lifeline to so many. Women of the River Country highlights stories of remarkable river women who have played vital roles in the shaping of our mighty river country from the mid 1800's to the present day, and include early pioneers, an internationally acclaimed sporting icon and a world class musician. All have been connected with our magnificent riverscape. Local stories include tennis legend Margaret Court from Albury and Murray Grey breeder Helen Sutherland from Wodonga.

Learning Opportunities



Wicking Bed Workshops at Birallee Park: Wednesdays throughout November

Birallee Park Neighbourhood House, 39 Emerald Avenue, Wodonga. Come and learn about the many different ways to build a small portable self-watering garden bed. Beds can be built out of recycled material and this workshop will show you how. Discover a new world of gardening in this one hour workshop. A limited amount of wicking beds are available for purchase on the day. \$10.00 per person, RSVP essential: 02 6059 2590, Birhouse@bigpond.net.au.



Sewing Workshops - Fri 4th & Fri 18th Nov from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm at Sustainable Activity

Centre (The SAC) Gateway Island, 1/44 Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga: Learn to sew and contribute to a cause that is dedicated to giving back to girls in third world conditions. All ages can contribute. Learn skills while making an impact on young, isolated girls in countries less fortunate. Free. Hosted by The Sustainable Activity Centre & Albury Wodonga Home Educators. More info: www.daysforgirls.org This is an Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Festival event. For more information including listing of all Festival events see: alburycity.nsw.gov.au/slf2016



Pollinator Insects in your Garden - Did you realise there are many native pollinator insects

working hard in your garden? Come along to join Karen Retra from the Wild Pollinator Count project to learn more about these native bees, butterflies, flies, beetles and more, and how you can encourage them to keep up their great work in your garden. You might be amazed by what you can see if you take the time to look. Morning tea provided.

Mon 7th Nov from 10:00 am - 11:30 am, **Tues 8th Nov** from 2.00pm - 03:30 pm at Felltimber Community Centre, Corner Melrose Dr & Felltimber Creek Rd, Wodonga: Gold Coin Donation, RSVP to 02 6043 4550.

Tue 15th Nov from 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm or 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm at Baranduda Community Centre, 3 Sage Court, Baranduda: Free event with light refreshments supplied after session. RSVP by 5 November to: Baranduda Community Centre, 02 6020 8643, cbaranduda@wodonga.vic.gov.au.



Home Made Kids: Mindful Making Workshops - Sat 12th Nov and Sat 26th Nov from

9:00 am - 10:30 am at the Sustainable Activity Centre, Gateway Island, 1/44 Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga: 90 minutes of mindful making. A delightful workshop for kids to learn how to DIY at home sustainably. The session will include four activities – making organic playdough and paint, creating a recycled bird sculpture, sewing a drawstring bag and making a nature wind chime / mobile. Limited tickets, \$16 per child, must book by 10th November via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/home-made-kids-mindfull-making-tickets-27480563104> Enquiries: M 0406 943 436, E: in-fo@sustainableactivitycentre.com.au



Home Made Artisan Bread Course - Fri 18th Nov from 9.30 am - 1:00 pm at Birallee Park

Neighbourhood House, 39 Emerald Ave, Wodonga (Behind the Church): Discover the many uses of making your own artisan bread in this one day workshop. There will be many different styles of bread made ranging from Rolls, cob loaf, and focaccia. All materials are included. YOU just need to bring along a 4 litre container in which to take your starter dough home, and a calico bag to put your creative goodies into. Tutor: Amanda, cost : \$60 per person. RSVP 10th November. Please RSVP to save your spot! \$20 Deposit required.



Impacts of Climate Change on Rural Landscapes - Mon 28th Nov: 10am - 4pm, Gar-

den Room, Narmbool Function Centre, Horsehill North Rd, Elaine Vic 3334. The Natural Resources Conservation League of Victoria invites you to attend a forum on the impacts of climate change in rural landscapes. This forum will spell out the science of climate change and how its impacts are shaping our rural landscapes and communities. You will hear from leading researchers and practitioners who will high-

light the climate trends for rural Victoria and the impacts on our agricultural industries and biodiversity. Responses to climate change will be featured including case studies of adaptation by rural councils and the application of indigenous knowledge of climate change to adaptation planning. There will be plenty of opportunities for discussion and engagement. RSVP with dietary requirements by **14th Nov** to ah@nrcl.org.au



Our Community Webinar program – NEW! The feedback on our recent webinars on grant application writing, planned giving, and meetings and minutes has been terrific. Now, by popular demand, and to help more people around Australia – particularly those in regional and remote areas – we're offering a new program of webinars on a range of topics. We're keeping the cost low at just \$88 – and as a bonus, that price includes a book relevant to the topic of each webinar. Alternatively, if you're on a tighter budget, you can register for the webinar only (no book) at just \$55. All webinars start at noon AEST. Register here <http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/training/calendar.form> for:

Strategic planning 7 December

How to win grants 23 February 2017

Crowdfunding webinar 23 March 2017

Questions your board 27 April 2017 needs to ask about finances

Being an effective chair 25 May 2017

Reviewing your board 15 June 2017



The 2017 Community Landcare and Agricultural Leadership Program EOI's now open: The Community Landcare and Agriculture Leadership program covers community leadership, conflict resolution, governance, community capacity and resilience and trends in the NRM sector. This program is an excellent opportunity to increase your networks and increase your ability to lead in your community and become more confident in your everyday life. This is a great opportunity to meet people working in Agriculture, Landcare and other Natural Resource Management areas. For more information go to www.necma.vic.gov.au website.



Alpine Ecology Course (Bogong High Plains) - 5-10 February, 2017: Applications are now open. The course provides an opportunity to learn about the plants, animals, landforms and soils that make up alpine ecosystems, and their significance for landuse and current conservation issues. The Alpine Ecology Course is conducted in early February at Falls Creek Resort and the Bogong High Plains, usually every second year. The next course is on 5th to 10th of February 2017. For more information and to download the application form email: alpine.ecology@latrobe.edu.au.



Forests Forever Easter Ecology Camp - 4 day Easter Ecology Camp 14th - 17th April 2017: spend Easter in the heart of East Gippsland's forests: East Gippsland has some of the most ancient and beautiful forests in the world. They protect the soil, store carbon and produce clean water in abundance. They also provide critical habitat for endangered species. Every Easter, we hold a camp where people can join in a variety of day trips. Some of the places we visit are mountain tops, old growth forests, rainforests, alpine wetlands, and we learn about our these areas (and the politics of their management) from expert biologists and forest campaigners. Email: forestsforever@eastgippsland.net.au (link sends e-mail) for more information, or book by sending cheques to EEG, Locked Bag 3, ORBOST 3888. \$75 for adults (\$50 concession & teens), \$35 a day (\$25 concession & teens), under 13s free.



Australian Rural Leadership Program 2017: Applications are open for the next round of the [Australian Rural Leadership Program](#). Course 24 runs from August 2017 until October 2018. It consists of up to 50 days face-to-face, delivered in multiple sessions over 15 months. Five of these sessions take place in locations across Australia, and one takes place overseas. More [here](#).

Resources & Inspiration



Wheel Cactus threat – Know your cacti!! Wheel Cactus (*Opuntia robusta*) spreads very easily and is extremely difficult to kill. It invades pastures, roadsides and bushland, becoming so dense that land becomes almost completely inaccessible. There is no biological control agent that will successfully control Wheel Cactus. The Tarrangower Cactus Control Group is currently mapping Wheel Cactus infestations in Victoria and is asking community members to email a photograph and location details (to the nearest locality) of any Wheel Cactus plants to mschlachter@outlook.com.au Further information is available on their website <http://www.cactuswarriors.org/>



National Asbestos Awareness Month - NOVEMBER 1–30: Australia has one of the highest rates of asbestos-related diseases in the world. This campaign aims to educate Australians about the dangers of asbestos in and around homes. <http://asbestosawareness.com.au/>



National Recycling Week NOVEMBER 7–13: Now in its 21st year, this annual campaign continues to educate and stimulate behaviour change by promoting kerbside, industrial and community recycling, and helping people to manage resources responsibly. <http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/about/>



YouTube video - 2016 National Landcare Conference & Awards: The speakers power-point presentations have been uploaded: <http://nationallandcareconference.org.au/speakers/>



Creative Catchment Kids wins National Junior Landcare Award: Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre (WEEC) is pleased to announce that at the National Landcare Conference Awards dinner at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 22nd September, WEEC's Creative Catchment Kids (CCK) Program was awarded the 2016 Yates Junior Landcare Team Award.



New Landcare Gateway: After extensive consultation with the Landcare community, Landcare Vic has launched the new Landcare Gateway <https://www.landcarevic.org.au>. Your help is needed to make sure relevant and accurate content can be shared with the whole Landcare community. Everyone is invited to immediately begin by looking for your group or network and to start updating your content, especially your contact information so that people can find your group! **How do we login?** Visit '[Login](#)' and use 'forgotten password' to reset your login for the new Gateway. Importantly, you must use the same email used in the old Gateway. Or if you didn't have an account in the old Gateway please contact your RLC to create a new login (RLC Contact list: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/home/contact/>)



Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program talent database: If you're a local consultant who offers skills-based leadership and/or workplace training, we'd like to talk to you and potentially add you to our talent database. Please [contact Kim](#) for a confidential discussion and to get the necessary forms for this: Kim Scanlon, Executive Officer and new program development, 0417 348 547 admin@avclp.org.au.



Fruit Fly season is here! Effective bait is available and this and lots of other useful info about fruit fly can be found on the Fight the Fruit Fly Albury Wodonga website. Go to <http://fightthefruitfly.org/>



Victorian landcare magazine: New Online platform: The online version of the magazine has been updated and it is available at the new Landcare Gateway see <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/magazine-issues/spring-2016> . Out now, Issue 67 of the Victorian Landcare and

Catchment Management magazine celebrates the 30th anniversary of Landcare and looks towards the future.



National Landcare Awards winners: Congratulations to all the inspirational National Landcare Award and finalists and Winners, including Naomi Edwards from FTLA member Intrepid Landcare and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre who FTLA committee member Sue Campbell was thrilled to recognise as one of her landscape architecture clients from 1990s. For more information go to: <http://www.nationallandcareconference.org.au/2016-national-landcare-award-winners>



Feral photo winners highlight a national problem: *The winning photos and video footage in the 2016 Feral Photos competition highlight why pest animals are an ongoing threat to Australia's pristine environment and multi-billion dollar agriculture sector. This year, the winning image of a 'fox attacking a native egret' was taken by Mary-Anne Addington, while visiting the Hunter Wetlands Centre in NSW. To see the finalists go to www.pestsmart.org.au/feral-photo-winners-highlight-national-problem*



Wilddogscan app: WildDogScan is a website and free smartphone app for land managers, livestock producers, pest controllers and community members to record sightings of wild dogs, their impacts and control activities for their local area. With funding from the National Wild Dog Action Plan, a new five-minute video tutorial has been produced to show users how to use the WildDogScan website and smartphone app effectively. <http://www.pestsmart.org.au/discover-free-wilddogscan-app>



The Weeds News: To read the current Weed's News Digest regarding current weed research go to: <http://weedsnetwork.com/rs/::WeedsNews%20newspage>



Environmental Film Festival Australia 2016: EFFA feature films from the world's most talented and socially conscious filmmakers, delivering information, inspiration and – above all – a sense of hope for the future. This years program will be shown in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra. To see full program guide go to EFFA [Website](#)

Funding Opportunities



National Youth Week 2017 grants: National Youth Week is an annual, week-long celebration of young people aged 12 to 25 years, allowing them to express their creativity and have their say about issues important to them. The Victorian Government is encouraging community organisations, local councils and schools to apply for the one-off grants to help them celebrate young people's involvement in their community. Organisations can apply for grants of up to \$2000 to support their National Youth Week activities. The grants can be used for young people to hold events and undertake projects, such as art shows, music concerts, cultural days, sporting events or forums, which showcase their achievements and their involvement in their communities. Established in 2000, National Youth Week is jointly funded by the Victorian and Australian Governments. In 2017, National Youth Week will run from **31 March to 9 April**. Grant applications are open until **Friday, 11 November 2016**. Visit www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au to apply, or for more details.



Eucalypt Australia Small Grants Program open: Applications will be accepted between 9am on 14 October 2016 until 5pm on 25 November 2016 Eastern Standard Time: for more information go to <http://www.eucalyptaaustralia.org.au/small-grant-program>



National Science Week Grants is an annual open funding round that supports the delivery of science engagement activities during National Science Week. The next National Science Week will be held from 12 – 20 August 2017. Round opens on 19 October 2016 and closes at 4.00pm AEDT on 9 November 2016. <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/national-science-week-grants>



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/>



The R E Ross Trust Grants – Vic: The grants work around 4 impact areas. For Landcare groups the most relevant area is impact area D; the protection and preservation of Australian Flora and Fauna. Organisations must first submit an expression of interest for consideration by the Trustees and may then be invited to submit a full application. Applications are considered all year round. For more information go to: <http://www.rosstrust.org.au/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>



Norman Wettenhall Small Environmental Grant Scheme: The Small Environmental Grant Scheme provides support for groups or individuals undertaking biodiversity conservation projects in Australia. Projects can be about one or more of the following: monitoring, recording and sharing data, delivering community education, providing community capacity building (training), research and science, or landscape restoration and education (Victoria only). Have a look at: [can you apply](#)



2017 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People: Grant applications are now open for the 2017 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. If you're 18-35, this is your chance to apply for a grant of up to \$22,000 to fund your project on an innovative or emerging scientific issue that will benefit Australia's primary industries. The Science Awards encourage young scientists, researchers and innovators with original projects that will contribute to the ongoing success and sustainability of Australia's agricultural, fisheries and forestry industries. The Science Awards have already helped more than 210 young Australians make their ideas a reality and showcase their talent to the world. Winners of the industry category Science Awards are then invited to apply for the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Award, which provides additional funding for an extended research project. Find out more [here](#).

Opportunities to have your say



Get involved! Strengthening parks Victoria - your vision for parks: In December this year Parks Victoria will reach its 20th anniversary and as part of the celebration Parks Victoria are undertaking the Strengthening Parks Victoria Project. Share your experiences, expectations and aspirations for parks with us and the broader community, vote and comment on the ideas of others, and post your favourite inspirational images or videos of parks at http://lets-talk.parks.vic.gov.au/strengtheningparks?tool=story_telling_tool



Community renewable energy projects: Open for Comment - The Victorian Government has released the Community Renewable Energy Projects Discussion Paper for public feedback on how to address three key issues: the definition of community renewable energy projects, the payment-in-lieu-of-rates (PiLoR) methodology for community scale projects, planning arrangements for community scale wind farms. Complete the survey or make a submission by 5pm Monday 28 November 2016 at <http://haveyoursay.delwp.vic.gov.au/community-energy>



ABC Heywire is looking for young regional Australians, aged between 16 and 22, to tell their story about living in regional Australia. It can be in the form of writing, video, audio or photography. Winning Heywire is an unparalleled chance to see their story broadcast across the ABC. All winners from around Australia are also given the chance to take part in the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra. Involvement in Heywire is an avenue to youth leadership, environmental advocacy, involvement in the Triple J 25 Under 25 list, working for ABC TV or raising awareness for mental health services. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-19/heywire-competition-2016-entries-open/7638948#.V41jeAhscho.twitter>



The 2016 Regional Wellbeing Survey is now open – please consider taking part again: Do the survey online at www.regionalwellbeing.org.au or Call 1800 981 499 if you'd like us to post you a paper survey, or for help with the survey. The Regional Wellbeing Survey's mission is to support research that improves the wellbeing and quality of life of people living in rural and regional Australia. Please consider taking part in the survey, and forward this email to others who might be interested in the survey. All survey participants aged 18 or over can enter the draw to win one of **20 prizes worth a total of \$9,000**. You can choose to do a short or long version of the survey. The survey is voluntary, confidential and anonymous, and **closes on 30th November 2016, at midnight**. Thank you for taking the time to participate and sharing your valuable insights.



Regional Recreational (Fishing) Roundtables 2016: Fisheries Victoria is committed to consulting widely with anglers as part of the State Government's **Target One Million** plan for recreational fishing, which aims to get more people fishing, more often. Come along and have your say, or if you cannot make it then email your ideas to improving.fishing@ecodev.vic.gov.au or post them on Fisheries Victoria's [Facebook](#) page



Survey of Australian Farmers Regarding the Use of Big Data in Ag: Gina Wood, a PhD researcher at the School of Law in the University of New England, is running a survey "Big Data in Primary Production - What Do Farmers Know and Not Know, Do and Not Do, Concerning Farm Data in Australia?" to find out what farmers think about Big Data and related technologies - is it a powerful tool to help farmers or more empty promises and hyped-up words? A means to improve productivity or a step towards dependency on suppliers? A way to make better decisions on farm or a loss of control? Ms Wood encourages all farmers to fill out her anonymous online 15-minute questionnaire whether you are familiar with "Big Data" or know nothing about it. Your answers are vital in helping to determine how Big Data and its associated technologies can be best put to use for the benefit of primary producers in Australia. http://uneprofessions.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6m9ENEZVD2evLQV

WULN: Our Vision

WULN is a network of Wodonga based community organizations including Landcare, Friends and stewardship groups with an environmental focus.

Our Vision is of a biodiverse, connected and sustainable landscape, supported by an integrated, whole-of-community approach.