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Opportunities to be involved



Recycling meets Art Installation, meets Environment and Landcare in Wodonga!

The Wodonga Urban Landcare Network is working with the City of Wodonga on a project with artist Susie Losch to create a floating island made entirely of recycled materials and water plants. This project will interest smallholders and farmers with dams wanting to provide habitat for wildlife and safe haven from foxes, schools interested in creative recycling and sustainability, and anyone curious to see how recycled objects can be used to create something useful! Floating islands have potential as food gardens, habitat, landscaping features – what else?? If you would like participate, to be 'kept in the loop' or attend creative education programs as part of this exciting project, please contact Anne Stelling, WULN facilitator on 0428565195 or anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Biodiversity Camp Out, Winton Wetlands - Thursday 11th October:

Biodiversity Camp out this year is at Winton Wetlands. Moth trapping, Anabats, Wetland ecology, Cultural Heritage, Bird Walks and a BBQ dinner and breakie provided. Info and RSVP to Wendy Sherlock mobile: 0429 925 442 email amdanwen1@bigpond.com



On ya bike! – National Ride2 Work Day: Wednesday 15 October:

from 6.30am to 9.30am. The Cube courtyard, Hovell Street, Wodonga. Wodonga joins the commuter revolution for the 2014 National Ride2Work Day. It's fun, it's free, it's good for you, it's good for the environment! Enjoy a free cooked breakfast, supported by Red Back Mobile BBQ. Have a free massage and receive information on common cycling injuries and physiotherapy advice, supported by Back on Track Physiotherapist. Make use of the free bike locker with minor servicing and safety checks, supported again by Border Community Cycle Works. And for those who can't ride, any mode of active transport is encouraged! Register online at ride2work.com.au. Every registration is a vote for better cycling facilities, and encourages new people to give it a try. Further information Liona Edwards, Recreation officer, Wodonga City, Phone: (02) 6022 9284, 0438 359 174 | Email: ledwards@wodonga.vic.gov.au



Valuing Wodonga's Historic Assets – Thursday 16th October: Friends of Willow Park Information Night with local historian Jean Witla, OAM. 7.30pm, Belvoir Special School, Gayview Dr, Wodonga. Light Supper Provided.



Permanent Top Dressed Trial Field Day – Thursday 16th October:

3-8pm, Rutherglen DEPI. 124 Chiltern Valley Rd A field day and forum to celebrate the Permanent Top-Dressed (PTD) experiment, which was established at DEPI Rutherglen in 1914. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from scientists and field experts on what has been learnt over the past 100 years, and contribute to discussions on how this information can inform future directions. The PTD experiment was established to identify the long term impact of phosphorus fertiliser application on pasture and animal production. Key presenters will include Professor Tim Reeves and Professor Mike McLaughlin. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to see beautifully penned trial records and historic laboratory equipment in the heritage listed building at DEPI Rutherglen, the Sherry House. Afternoon tea, BBQ dinner and drinks are included, therefore **registration is essential**. For more information or to register, please contact Eloise Seymour, DEPI

Rutherglen Centre Leader, on (02) 6030 4509 or 0467 807 399 or email eloise.seymour@depi.vic.gov.au by Tuesday, October 2.



Tallangatta Tall Trestle Treadle - Sunday 19 October: Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group Incorporated will take you on a marvellous day of easy riding, exploring the upper reaches of the High Country Rail Trail. A unique fully supported ride with bus transfers between each ride, morning and afternoon tea included and we'll break at the quaint Koetong Pub for lunch – **all included for \$80**. Bookings essential: Rob Caddell: 0417 294 234, Kerry Love: 02 6071 2334 Email: tallangat-tatt@yahoo.com.au



North East Rural Living Fair - Sunday 19th October: 10am-4pm, Bethanga. A fun, family-friendly day all about rural living & land management! 20 mins from Albury & Baranduda. Free entry. Free animal nursery & shearing demos for the kids! Workshops & Presentations include:

11:00 - Fire Ready Planning, Country Fire Authority

11:45 - Tips for keeping happy chooks, National Environment Centre

12:30 - Soil testing workshop, NE Catchment Management Authority

1:15 - Native revegetation, Ecological Enhancement Services

2:00 - Worm farms & composting, National Environment Centre

2:45 - Livestock animal health - Dept of Env. & Primary Industries

PLUS local produce stalls, Landcare, native plants & more! [Click here](#) for more information



Carp, Kelp and Christmas Island; where to next for fertilisers? - Thursday 23rd October: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, "Spring Valley", Holbrook NSW. You are invited to attend the "Alternatives to Superphosphate" Field Day where we will be discussing the results of a 5 year farmer-led demonstration as part of Holbrook Landcare Network & MLA funded project. Guest Speakers include Dr Jeff Hirth (Project Agronomist) and Dr Lewis Kahn who has reviewed a number of alternative fertiliser trials across NSW on behalf of MLA. Please RSVP to the Holbrook Landcare Network on 02 6036 3181 for afternoon tea catering.



Green Spaces Photography Exhibition Opening - Thursday 23 October: Gateway Island Information Centre, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga. Parklands Albury Wodonga has invited local photography enthusiasts exhibit photographs that showcase and celebrate the natural beauty of our local green places and open spaces. Exhibition Hours 10am to 4pm Friday 24 October to Sunday 9 November. See Parklands Albury Wodonga's website: <http://www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au/news/events/>



What's Croaking? Frog Information Evening – Saturday 25th October: 7.30-9pm, 712 Springdale Road, Bethanga: Ever wondered what frogs you can hear calling from your dam or wetland? Find out what's about at Bethanga Landcare's Frog Information Evening. Local frog expert and Charles Sturt University researcher, Alexandra Knight, will take you for a walk and talk around a local dam. This is a great spot for frogs – with around six different species living there, including the unusual and beautiful Australian Smooth Toadlet!! Meet the frogs and learn more about their habitat. We will be listening to the dusk chorus, so bring a torch and good footwear (gumboots if it's wet). Contact [Alex Knight 02 6026 4242](tel:0260264242)



Fund-Raising Dinner with Antony (Tony) Rinaudo, the "Tree Whisperer" – Saturday 25th October: 6.30pm at Club Savoy, Myrtleford. Supporting the work of Friends of Lacluta in Timor-Leste. Tony has spent 30 or so years working in Africa in the sub Saharan area. He is now also working in SE Asia including Timor Leste (East Timor). His project has been the regeneration of trees and plant life in general. In doing this he has gained the confidence of the local farmers and worked alongside them to regenerate large tracts of dry land. This now means a big increase in the agricultural productivity of the land. See Tony's work at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9Dppt14QGY> \$35 per person. Bookings - Club Savoy, (03) 5751 1296 (Before 18th October)



Benalla Sustainable Housing Forum - 'Building a Better Benalla' - Saturday 25th October: 9 am to 3.30 pm, BPACC. Sustainable New Homes, Smart Renovations & Energy Saving Upgrades. Sustainable building is not expensive! Find out why and learn more about the long term benefits and savings that come from sustainable building. Regional builders and other experts in atten-

dance. Product and service displays. Guests include Tracey Toohey, Building Designer and Thermal Performance Assessor, Ken Sibley, Building Designer, NRG Systems, Lachlan Gales from Ovens and King Builders. Please RSVP to 03 5760 2684 for catering purposes.



Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Week – from Sunday 26th October: AlburyCity is partnering with the City of Wodonga, Hume Bank and the Regional Centre of Expertise - Murray Darling to host a Sustainable Living Week in Albury Wodonga from Sunday 26 October to Saturday 1 November 2014. The Sustainable Living Week will encompass the economy, the community and the environment and the interconnection between individuals, householders, students and business operators. The format will include a week of programmed activities coordinated and operated by partnered and external organisations that align with the Sustainable Living Week objectives. Programmed activities will take place across Albury-Wodonga and culminate with a main feature event a 'Green Market' on Saturday 1st November with Costa Georgiadis attending.



Green Market – Saturday 1st November: 8am-1pm, Hovell Tree Park. AlburyCity, City of Wodonga, Hume Bank and the Regional Centre for Expertise – Murray Darling, have teamed up to present the Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Week. If you're a business, community group or government agency and want to engage and raise awareness of sustainable products and practices in the home and our environment and are interested in participating in the Green Market – we want to hear from you! The Green Market aims to offer the latest sustainable home solutions, fresh produce direct from our local farmers, a line-up of environmental groups, fair trade goods and ethical financial advice. Border residents will get the opportunity to meet the best of the best on show at this premier sustainability event – featuring the host of ABC's Gardening Australia – Costa Georgiadis! To apply as a stall holder and for more information, please visit www.humbank.com.au/sustainable-living-week/green-market-2014-stall-holder-application or Contact AlburyCity's Events Officer Renate Griese (rgriese@alburycity.nsw.gov.au or 02 60238111)



Friends of Willow Park Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 12th November: Commencing at 5.30 pm at 18 Central Place, Wodonga, with a WILLOW PARK WALK; An opportunity for a stroll in the park to see the work that has been done and that is still in progress. This will be followed by a BBQ dinner (Bring a salad or a sweet to share), and the AGM meeting. For further information, proxy or nomination form and RSVP: Jenni Huber on 6056 7116, 0410 074 900 email secretary@friendsofwillowpark.org.au



Screening of the film DamNation - Thursday 20th November, 5.30pm. Theatre 6101, La Trobe University, Wodonga. Murray–Darling Basin Seminar Series from the Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre, Supported by the River Basin Management Society (RBMS) "This powerful film odyssey across America explores the sea change in our national attitude from pride in big dams as engineering wonders to the growing awareness that our own future is bound to the life and health of our rivers." Over refreshments, a discussion will be led by Jamie Kaye, exploring the relevance of the film to our Murray - Darling Basin. The trailer for the film can be viewed [here](#). Kathie Le Busque, MDFRC k.lebusque@latrobe.edu.au (02) 6024 9675

Learning Opportunities



Agvet Chemical User's Course - Two Saturdays, 18th & 25th October: 9.00am - 5.00pm at Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre. Subsidised places for Landcare members. Full cost: \$320.00 Cost for Landcare members - ONLY \$20.00. Places are limited. Bookings Essential. Contact Belinda Pearce, Local Landcare Facilitator, Kiewa Catchment & Upper Ovens Valley Landcare Groups 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au



The challenge of ecological restoration: streams and their catchments - Monday October 27th: 3.30 for 4pm start Theatre 6101, La Trobe University, Wodonga. Murray–Darling Basin Seminar Series from the Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre, supported by the Wise Water Ways Workshop, with Professor Sam Lake AO, Monash University. Professor Lake is one of Australia's leading freshwater ecologists and has been honoured with international and national awards for his research and other contributions to aquatic science. In "retirement", Sam continues the struggle of furthering the eco-

logical restoration of streams. The challenges associated with this will be discussed in the seminar. Kathie Le Busque, MDFRC k.lebusque@latrobe.edu.au (02) 6024 9675



Wise Water Ways Workshop – Mon 27th – Fri 31st October: A Workshop in Stream Management Principles and Practices. Wise Water Ways Workshops offer new and current waterways practitioners the opportunity to gather, discuss and learn from a wide range of Australian and overseas waterways experts, researchers and managers. Many of the workshop speakers present new research findings and developments, and offer their first hand experience in stream management. The program features speakers who are leaders in their field. On completion of the Workshop participants will receive a subject credit towards either Charles Sturt University's Graduate Certificate in River Restoration or Master of Water Resource Management.

The 2014 Wise Water Ways workshop is being held in Beechworth. Registrations close 13 October. Full details on the program are available on the [Wise Water Ways website](#).



Farm 300 Program – introductory workshop Wednesday 29th October: Program for Sheep and Cattle Producers, presented by Dr Kristy Howard. The program is an initiative of MLA funded by the Australian Government and is free to eligible producers. As a participant you will receive over \$1500 worth of professional coaching and information designed to improve your on farm productivity by at least 10% and reduce your greenhouse gas emissions by 30% for just the investment of your time to attend the workshops and participate in the one-to-one coaching. Farm300 will answer those questions some of you have posed using the results from the latest research such as How much methane do my stock emit? How can the Carbon Farming Initiative benefit me? How can I understand and manage climate variability? What can I do on my farm to lower my emissions? Only **15 places available**. [Click here for the registration form](#). Registration closes Friday 17th October.



Public lecture – Balancing gas demand and supply: implications for coal seam gas in inland Australia - Wednesday 12th November: 6-7pm. How will Australia manage potential shortages of natural gas? Australian gas markets are undergoing a substantial transformation. The development of an LNG export industry has resulted in a step-change in gas demand. This has created concern among large domestic industrial users of natural gas who have advocated for the reservation of gas for domestic consumption. Developing new, dispersed supplies of natural gas is the alternative and most logical way to reduce pricing pressures for industrial users. Increasing supply at a time when new LNG loads (beyond those under construction) are unlikely to materialise would alleviate potential shortages of natural gas. Presenter Tim Nelson is the [Head of Economics, Policy and Sustainability at AGL Energy](#) Contact Sophie Buckle cwpm@latrobe.edu.au; 02 6024 9804 or book online at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events>



Water and values – 7th Annual Water Forum - Thursday 13th November: 8.30am - 4pm, La Trobe University, University Drive, Wodonga. La Trobe University, North East Water and The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre present the 7th Annual Water Forum. The 2014 Water Forum will focus on values and water. As with previous events the Forum will use high-calibre keynote speakers to give shape to the theme of the Forum and also provide an opportunity to divide into separate industry strands of interest covering Environmental water; Urban water; Agricultural water. The Forum is open to practitioners, policy makers, researchers and resource managers and welcomes involvement by early career professionals. See <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/cwpm/water-forum>



Seed collecting course - Two Fridays, 14th and 21st of November. Its Spring and all of the local native plants are madly producing flowers and seeds. Now is the time to learn how to collect them before they disappear for another year! Cost \$200. Contact Kevin Albert, Landscape & CLM Coordinator, Wodonga Institute of TAFE, 02 60556758 or 0417065429, www.wodongatafe.edu.au



Food Security and the Murray Darling Basin Conference, Albury - November 19-21: Recognised as the 'food bowl of Australia', the Murray Darling Basin (MDB) is where the bulk of Australia's food is produced. While the MDB is critical to Australia's future food security, its farmers, communities and environments are under considerable stress. The broad aim of this conference is to promote dialogue, debate and collaboration on the complex food security challenges facing the MDB, but also to provide policy-relevant insights which can contribute to the development of more sustainable, resilient and socially just food systems for the Murray Darling Basin.

The conference will be relevant to a wide range of people including: federal and state government agencies and politicians; farming organisations; natural resource management organisations; irrigation organisations; academics/researchers; local government representatives; agribusiness; community food coalitions; food activists; and food relief organisations. Details are provided on the conference website: <http://www.foodsecuritymdb.wordpress.com>



National soil science conference: 23 – 27 November: Soil Science Australia invites you to join us at the National Soil Science Conference which will be held at the MCG in November 2014.

The theme of the 2014 conference is *Securing Australia's soils - for profitable industries and healthy landscapes*. The conference program will cover the breadth of soils, landforms and climate across the region, and the corresponding breadth of land use; from agriculture to forestry, conservation, recreation and urban use. For more information go to: <http://www.soilscience2014.com/>



Chemical Free Weed Management Workshop - Friday 28th November: 9am-6pm, CERES

Community Environment Park, Brunswick East. The Weed's Network (TWN) is hosting a day long workshop on chemical free weed management. Learn about proven approaches to weed management without chemical input. Gain insight into current public perception of the herbicide pollution issue. Also, participate in a roundtable discussion to share your opinions and ideas with other participants. Meals are provided. This includes a lunch which will be prepared from weeds harvested from the CERES garden. The event will be followed by the official launch of the Herbicide Reduction Strategy for Australia, and TWN's Working with Weeds guide. Further information go to: <http://www.eventbee.com/v/chemfree2014>

Resources & Inspiration



Hook up to a Theme. October is:

Buy Nothing New Month - the global movement for collective, conscientious consumption. It isn't Buy Nothing New Ever. And it isn't about going without. It's about taking one month off from consumption to think, do I really need it? Can I get it second-hand, borrow it or rent it? Can I borrow from a friend? Can I swap with my neighbor? It's about thinking where our stuff comes from (finite resources) and where it goes when we're done (often landfill), and the fantastic alternatives.

Walktober - Physical Activity Australia has dubbed October "Walktober". October is that time of year when you feel a spring in your step: the weather is warming up and it's a great time to get outside – and into Wodonga's beautiful parks and reserves!

National Ride 2 Work Day - 15th: <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/programs/996/>

Bird Week - 18th to 24th: <http://birdlife.org.au/get-involved/whats-on/bird-week>

Aussie Backyard Bird Count - 20th to 26th: <http://aussiebirdcount.org.au/> Ever wondered about the birds in your neighbourhood? Join thousands of people for BirdLife Australia's first nationwide bird survey. All you need is 20 minutes, your favourite green patch, and keen eyesight (or binoculars!) Record the birds you see on the Aussie Bird Count app (or website) and you'll instantly see live information on how many people are taking part near you and the number of birds and species counted right across your neighbourhood and the whole of Australia.

National Water Week - 20th to 26th: <http://www.awa.asn.au/nationalwaterweek/>



SEED contact details have changed: Due to the re-structure of the Waste Management

Groups across the State, 'NevRwaste' is now known as the 'North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group' (NEWRRG). NEWRRG together with the North East CMA remain dedicated to supporting schools in North East Victoria in their Environmental Sustainability Education. SEED Project Officer / Schools Project Manager is still Linda Anania (works Tues & Thurs)

E-mail: seed@newrrg.vic.gov.au Ph: 0357229232 Fax: 0357229655 Mobile: 0413584705

Web - SEED: <http://www.seed.vic.gov.au> Web - NevRwaste: <http://nevrwaste.vic.gov.au>



FarmSafe Australia – Farm Safety Induction App downloadable now <http://www.farmsafe.org.au/news/new-free-farm-safety-induction-app>



Small Rural Property Guide now available: North East Victoria has an ever expanding population of small rural landowners. A consistent message is emerging that there is a lack of coordinated land management information that is easily accessible. This prompted the Regional Landcare Facilitator's to produce this guide which includes information on common land management issues, where to get further information and a very useful local contacts guide. Topics covered in the brochure include: Weeds, Pest Animals, Native Plants and Animals, Useful links to apps and websites, Farm Safety Information, Information about Fire and key local contacts. [Download the brochure here](#) or contact Kelly Behrens for a hard copy on: 6043 7627 or kelly.behrens@landcarevic.net.au



Transition site: <http://www.crystalpalacetransition.org.uk/> well worth a visit!

Funding Opportunities



20 Million Trees Programme: The Australian Government's 20 Million Trees Programme Grant Round One, which is part of the National Landcare Programme, is now open. Applications are being sought for grant funding between \$20,000 and \$100,000. Projects need to be from between 1 and 3 years, and all projects must commence in 2014-15. A wide range of groups, organisations and individuals in the community are encouraged to apply. This may include community groups, schools, landholders and other land managers. Projects can be on both public and private land in urban, peri-urban and regional areas. Projects that enhance local biodiversity by improving the extent, condition and connectivity of native vegetation. Projects must involve the establishment of trees that will grow to more than 2 metres in height (when mature), as well as other species including understorey, which will result in a locally appropriate and biodiverse vegetation structure to deliver environmental conservation benefits. Eligible project activities include planting seedlings and direct seeding, and some supporting activities. Go to <http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/20-million-trees/competitive-grants> Applications close: 2pm Thursday 30 October 2014



North East Incentives Program - Expressions of Interest NOW OPEN: The North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA) is offering a new approach to encourage more locally-led solutions to protection of rivers, woodlands and wetlands across the catchment. NECMA is inviting people to submit an expression of interest for funding that will cover projects running across the entire catchment area, stretching from Omeo to Corryong and through to Bundalong. Expressions of interest are open until 30 October 2014 for three programs:

- A project focussed on protection of woodlands and wetlands, particularly ecological communities of Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands, Grey Box woodlands and derived native grasslands; and seasonally herbaceous wetlands;
 - A Regional Riparian incentives project that aims to assist land managers to undertake on ground works and improve their capacity to manage riparian areas;
- The Resilient Rivers project that will focus on riparian protection and restoration works in the Nariel Creek/ Corryong Creek area of the catchment. More information can be found [here](#)



25th Anniversary Landcare Grants 2014-15: The 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants 2014-15 are part of the national stream of the National Landcare Programme and are one way of marking the 25th anniversary of Landcare as a national movement. A total of up to \$5 million (GST exclusive) is available in 2014-15 through the 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants 2014-15. Grants of between \$5000 and \$20 000 (GST exclusive) will assist community groups and individuals to undertake projects to conserve and protect their local environment and / or to manage the natural resource base, contributing to outcomes in the national interest. For further information go to: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/25th-anniversary-landcare-grants>

Opportunities to have your say



Spread the Word - Landcare Projects seeking Crowdfunding: You can support 3 local Murray Landcare groups to get crowdfunding and run local projects for a better environment. Please contact Edwina Hayes on 0427 267753 for more info, or please pledge and share, inviting your friends, colleagues and family to likewise pledge and share! Here are the projects:

Rice Growers Australia - Tracking Bunyip Birds <http://www.pozible.com/project/186259>

Corowa District Landcare Group - Single Paddock Tree Needs a Wife <http://www.pozible.com/project/186270>

Holbrook Landcare Network - Finding Nanno <http://www.pozible.com/project/186339>

Share by promoting the story and hitting the social media buttons here: <http://www.pozible.com/collection/detail/109>



Wodonga City Environmental Sustainability Strategy: The City of Wodonga Council has voted to become a Sustainable City! What might this mean for us? See the draft Strategy from next week and have your say. The Council is seeking public feedback for 28 days from Monday 20th October. See <http://www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/about-us/media-centre/latest-news/>



Landcare hero honour roll & 25 years celebrations: The 25 years website is now live at www.landcarelife.com.au/25years. Landcarers are encouraged to nominate landcare heroes to the honour roll and to help celebrate [A Day in the Life of Landcare](#). Landcare Australia is hoping that this ambitious crowd sourcing photo project will culminate in a special edition book illustrating what Australia's largest volunteer movement looks like 25 years on! And share the [A Day in the Life of Landcare video](#) with your groups and all of your networks.

Virtual Volunteer Needed!

We are urgently in need of a volunteer to help sort and format the information for our monthly Bulletin. You will need to have a computer with Internet and email access and be able to use Microsoft Word. A clear formatting protocol and template is already made, using Microsoft Word. All information can be forwarded to you via email for you to sort and format, and there is room for you to search and suggest items yourself if you like.

This takes about 4 to 6 hours each month. Your help would be so greatly appreciated, and you will certainly know what's on locally!

If you are interested or would like to try this for a 'trial' period, please contact me and we can discuss what is involved.

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