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### Opportunities to be involved



**Beware flood waters over Parklands tracks and trails –** Parklands Albury Wodonga: As the waters rise around Albury and Wodonga many of Parkland's well used tracks and trails have gone under. We want to make sure you don't too! Please take care on paths near waterways and use common sense around floodwaters. Don't follow the path as it goes under water - you never know what state the track is in below the surface. It will definitely be slippery, it may have objects on it and it may even no longer be there! We look forward to getting everyone 'back on track' soon!



**Biodiversity Spring 2016:** Biodiversity Spring '16 is a celebration of biodiversity across the Goulburn-Broken catchment and North-East Victoria. For the ninety one days of Spring events will be held including farm tours, plantings, spotlight walks, nature photography, wildflower walks and more. Come and join the fun. The full calendar of events can be found at <https://biodiversityspring.wordpress.com/events/october/> It is updated weekly.



**Wangaratta Flood Study: Community Update – Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Oct,** from 10:00 am to 12:00 at Wangaratta Performing Art Centre: New data is now available on the Wangaratta portal and locals are invited to attend a community update. Community members planning on attending the upcoming flood study information session are encouraged to view the data prior to attending. To access the portal, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/wangfloodmappingportal>. North East CMA Project Officer, Ms Rebecca Damm, said the new data collected will replace out-dated data last collected from 1996-98. For more info: go to [www.necma.vic.gov.au](http://www.necma.vic.gov.au) or contact North East CMA Project officer, Rebecca Damm on 1300 216 513.



**Food Swap, West Wodonga – Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Oct,** 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. 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. Whilst you visit, take a look at our magnificent community gardens, have a coffee and smell the aromas wafting from our kitchen as we make over 150 daily meals ready for donation to many organisations in our community! Contact Amanda between 9am and 2pm, Monday -Friday on 60592590



**Sandy Creek Bridge Walk – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct,** from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Meet at Huon Reserve carpark, Murray Valley Highway, Huon: This event is being brought to you by Friends of The Rail Trail, as part of the Wodonga Senior Celebrations 2016. Guided by the Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory group, participants will walk from Huon Reserve along the shores of Lake Hume to the viewing platform of the iconic Sandy Creek Rail Bridge. Enjoy the magnificent views from this spectacular vantage point before returning to Huon Reserve for morning tea. Be prepared for possible wind chill off the lake, wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Help spread the word! Please bring along family and friends for this

memorable walk. All are welcome! Huon Reserve to the Bridge Viewing Platform is a distance of 6 km return. RSVP: By 4pm Monday 3rd October 2016, contact: Joy Bayes 02 6020 6600. Email: [joy-bayes@bigpond.com](mailto:joy-bayes@bigpond.com)



**Go Wild in the Garden – starts Thurs 6th Oct;** Free Workshop and Afternoon Tea with local sculptor Joanne Diver. Go Wild in the Garden will start with a 'walk& talk' session to introduce and have a go at pollinator spotting, counting and identification practices with additional emphasis on scientific approaches to sampling and collecting specimens. Participants will then work with sculptor Joanne Diver to create a Pollinator Inn that can be taken home and installed in your own garden. Throughout the workshop, Joanne will use recycled materials and structures that will encourage native bees and other insect pollinators to go wild in your garden.

Thursday 6 Oct 1-3pm Albury Botanic Gardens and Sustainable Activity Centre (SAC)

Thursday 13 Oct 1-3pm Birralee Park neighbourhood House

Thursday 20 Oct 1-3pm Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre (WEEC)

Saturday 29 Oct 1-3 pm Yackandandah Community Garden

Saturday 5 Nov 1-3 pm Corowa Community Garden

Further details at [Murray Arts](http://MurrayArts.org.au). Bookings are essential – contact [info@murrayarts.org.au](mailto:info@murrayarts.org.au)



**Social Night, Friends of Willow Park - Fri 7th Oct**, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, at German, Austrian, 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](mailto:paulsando12@yahoo.com.au) a few days before the night.



**Reptiles of the Granitic Hills & Woodlands - Fri 7th Oct**, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Senior Citizens' Hall, 84 Conness Street, Chiltern: Free public lecture with Dr Damian Michael, Senior Manager / Herpetologist, with light refreshments to follow. This event is the first in a series of weekend events Celebrating Chiltern. It is supported by the Chiltern Landcare Group, Chiltern Tourism and Development and the North East Catchment Management Authority, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



**Woodland Reptiles, Birds, Fungi, Wildflowers & Nightlife - Sat 8th Oct**, from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, at various venues in Chiltern: join Chiltern in celebrating Our Living Landscape. Three events listed below (plus additional in Martin Park Chiltern throughout the day):

[1] Reptiles up-close in the Granitic Hills & Woodlands with Dr Damian Michael, from 9am – 12pm. Location: map available on Friday night or at Chiltern Visitor Info Centre.

[2] Birds, Flowers, Fungi & Insects: Woodland Essentials with Friends of Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park, from 2pm – 5pm, at Honeyeater Picnic area, Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park.

[3] Looking for Woodland Nightlife with local ecology experts from DELWP, from 7.30pm – 9pm. Location: map available on Friday night or at Chiltern Visitor Info Centre.

These events are supported by the Chiltern Landcare Group, Chiltern Tourism and Development and the North East Catchment Management Authority, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



**Native Plant ID Workshop - Sat 8th Oct** from 12:00 am at Redlands Hill Reserve, Tom Roberts Rd, Redlands Hill, NSW. Join Corowa District Landcare as we walk through Redlands Hill Reserve, identifying native plants with Martin Driver.



**Spring Celebration in the Nursery - Saturday 8th October** from 12 noon to 3 pm at the Wodonga Transfer Station, 29 Kane Rd, Wodonga: all about Local Native Plants - tour of nursery, displays, demonstration of potting up and FREE BBQ lunch. For more information, phone Daniel on 0418 579 331 or email [ongnursery@gmail.com](mailto:ongnursery@gmail.com) Great Bush Foods now available: Chocolate, Pale Vanilla and Bulbine Lilies. SPRING SPECIALS: Wattles and River Red Gums only \$1.



**Waterwatch and Community Gardening – Sunday 9th Oct:** 9am at Willow Park, Pearce St. 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. Join in with Community Gardening at 10.30am, if you like, followed by morning tea at 11.30am.



**Community Gardening, Friends of Willow Park - Sun 9th Oct,** from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at Willow Park, Wodonga: Join us for a variety of gardening activities in Willow Park, including planting, mulching, weeding (and chatting). Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park. BYO Water, sunscreen and hat. Morning tea after gardening.



**Field Naturalists outing to Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park - Sun 9th Oct,** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Chiltern Mt-Pilot National Park. This event is being organised by: Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc. Meet at Acacia Car Park, Wodonga depart at 9am. BYO refreshments for the day. Leader Gail ph 6032 9874.



**Springhurst Community Lizard Hunt! - Sun 9th Oct,** from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at McKenzie Property, 199 Naylor Rd, Springhurst. Each year we organise surveys to try to find the amazing and elusive Striped Legless Lizard. Not much is known about this threatened species, which is fast disappearing from grasslands and woodlands across northern Victoria. With your help, we can learn more about where they might be living and have a better chance of protecting them. Get your family together and your eagle eyes on to see what critters we can find under rocks and logs in the beautiful Springhurst Hills! Hear from farmers, Fay and Chris, and local scientists about how we can all look after grasslands and woodlands for Striped Legless Lizards and all native animals and plants. A delicious morning tea and lunch provided. This is a family friendly free event. What to bring/wear: As this is a reptile search closed shoes and long pants must be worn. Please bring any field guides you may have, and a camera and binoculars if you like. RSVP by Monday 3rd October to Mary Anderson, 0459 179 519 / [marya@fn.org.au](mailto:marya@fn.org.au). This event is being organised by Trust For Nature.



**Woomargama Connections “Slate to Plate” Bushwalk and Gourmet BBQ - Sun 9th Oct,** from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, at Blue Metal Rest Area, Hume Highway, Woomargama NSW: 10km walk (moderate rating) through private land, conservation and restoration sites to experience connectivity conservation in action and learn about connectivity for wildlife from local guides. The walk will end with a delicious local food BBQ lunch provided by Slopes2Summit BushConnect in the “Gordon's Paddock” picnic area on Woomargama Station. After lunch we will ferry people back to their cars. This event is being organised by: Holbrook Landcare Network, Slopes to Summit Partnership.



**Gum Swamp Reserve Walla Walla Photography Tour - Sun 9th Oct,** from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at Gum Swamp Reserve, Walla Walla, Lookout Road entrance: Join the Gum Swamp Reserve Management Committee for a walk and talk, showcasing the photogenic features of Gum Swamp. Wear your gumboots or waders! Photographs taken on this day could be submitted in our Photography Competition. Over \$1,000 of prize money is up for grabs. Enquiries: Cameron Odewahn 0409 735 955.



**WATCH meeting - Tue 11th Oct,** from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, at To be advised : WATCH (Wodonga & Albury Toward Climate Health) is a non-partisan climate advocacy group that meets every second month in central Albury. If you want to do something about climate change, you can. We offer plenty of opportunities to take positive action. Find out more by attending one of our friendly meetings. See also: [watch.id.au](http://watch.id.au). Please RSVP to Lizette on 02 60 59 4185, to be advised of venue.



**Drone Field Day -Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct**, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Joe Corrigan's property 'Fairview', 27 Cannings Rd, Burrumbuttock NSW: West Hume Landcare invites you to join Ben Watts from BRALCA, an independent expert in drone technology, for a 1/2 day workshop. You will learn all about drones and their uses in Agriculture (cropping, stock, water and pest monitoring) and Natural Resource Management (weed monitoring, assessing vegetation and biodiversity monitoring). BBQ lunch provided. RSVP to Kathie Le Busque for catering purposes: [Kathie@petaurus.net.au](mailto:Kathie@petaurus.net.au) or 0408 443 261. This event is supported by Murray Local Land Services through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and Catchment Action NSW.



**Wednesday Seniors Walk – Killara: Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct**, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at Kiewa River, Killara: A modified Wednesday Walk 'n Talk for Seniors Month. Join Parklands Albury Wodonga rangers in an easy walk looking at the restoration works being undertaken on the Kiewa River at Killara. As the population grows in this unique area Parklands are supporting the community to revegetate corridors for native wildlife and create pleasant walking trails for residents to enjoy nature. Come along and see what has been achieved so far and find out about the native species of this area. All are welcome. Meet at Kiewa Riverside, picnic area at Killara, Murray Valley Highway. Free event, Enquiries: Ant Packer 0427 926 282.



**Mungabareena Walk celebrating Seniors month- Eastern Hill: Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct**; meet 9.00am at Café Borella car park, Borella Rd, Albury: Hosted by the Border Bushwalking Club, this morning's walk will start and end at Cafe Borella. Walk over Eastern Hill, along the ridge and down to the river before heading back. Some may like to call in to the cafe after the walk. Enquiries: Bernadette Cromarty on 0419 241 687, cost: \$5 for non-club members.



**Seed Savers Albury Wodonga - Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Oct**, from 6:30pm, at National Environment Centre, 97 Ettamogah Rd, Thurgoona NSW. Drop in session to collect seed for summer. A chance to grab some seeds and have a chat about how your spring garden is progressing. Informal session. Also: National Organic Week (2-11) & Fair Food Week (16-23) this month.



**Wodonga Junction Square Farmers Market - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** from 8:00 am -12:30 pm, Wodonga Junction Square (old railway station): Bread, grass-fed beef, lamb, all your favourite nuts, home baking, butter, mushrooms, fruit, vegetables, eggs, small goods, goat, tomatoes, olive oil, fish .....The only Victorian Farmers Market Association accredited market in the region which means ALL the stallholders must grow or produce their product within 100km of Wodonga. So very fresh and very local.



**Border Bushwalking Club- Livingston Park Circuit – (near Mangoplah): Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct**, from 7:00 am: This walk should be great with wildflowers a plenty. Livingston Park is near Mangoplah and a 25km circuit covers the park. There are lots of ups and downs on 4wd drive tracks in this walk. Grade 3 bushwalk, leader: Bernadette Cromarty, phone: 0419241687. Book in by Wed Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. This event is being organised by Border Bushwalking Club Inc.



**Wonga Wetlands Family BBQ & Night Walk - Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct**, from 6.30pm - 9.00pm at Wonga Wetlands, Riverina Highway, West Albury. Price: Free. If you've never been to Wonga Wetlands, here's your chance. Wonga is Wiradjuri for Black Comorant and the wetlands are a bird lover's paradise with over 150 species of birds recorded there. This family event kicks off at 6.30pm and promises an evening packed with great activities including: Talks on the history of Wonga Wetlands, a family BBQ - BYO meat and salads, BBQ facilities provided, and guided tours (or bring your map and discover Wonga for yourself). Be sure to remember your camera to capture the brilliant sunset over Wonga Wetlands and to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. You'll be taken on a guided tour where you will discover Wonga's many nocturnal residents. This event is in support of National Water Week.



**Yack Community Garden Food Swap – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 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!



**Water Week Fishathon - Sun 16th Oct**, from 9.00am - 1.00pm at Horseshoe Lagoon, West

Albury. Grab the kids, the tackle box and your favourite chair and join in the annual Fishathon at Horseshoe Lagoon. The idea is to catch as many carp as you can for the chance to win heaps of great prizes. The Fishathon gets underway at 9.00am, with the final weigh-in at 12.30pm and the presentation of prizes at 1.00pm. Pick up a form as you enter the main gate at the Lagoon which is off the Riverina Highway. A BBQ and drinks will be available for purchase or bring along a picnic. Don't forget you'll need a NSW Fishing Licence **if you're over 18 years of age**. Worms will also be available for purchase on the day. This free event is in support of National Water Week.



**Tallangatta Tall Trestle Treadle - Sun 16th Oct** from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at Tallangatta : Tall-

angatta 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. Bookings essential - Rob Caddell: 0417 294 234, or Kerry Love: 02 6071 2334, or Email: [tallangattatt@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tallangattatt@yahoo.com.au)



**Aussie Backyard Bird Count - 17-23 Oct:** To get involved all you need is 20 minutes, your

favourite outdoor space, and some keen eyesight. Simply record the birds you see on our [Aussie Bird Count](#) app or through the [Submit a Count](#) tab at the top of your screen. You'll instantly see live statistics on the number of people taking part and the number of birds and species counted in your neighbourhood and the whole of Australia. Not only will you get to know your feathered neighbours, but you'll be contributing to a vital pool of information from across the nation that will help us see how Australian birds are faring. You can complete as many counts as you like over the week – so get your friends and family together, head into the great outdoors and start counting!



**Food Swap, West Wodonga – Tue 18th Oct**, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at Birallee Park Neigh-

bourhood House, inside at 39 Emerald Ave, Wodonga. Our food/Plant swap happens every day from 9am-2pm inside Birallee Park Neighbourhood House. 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. Whilst you visit, take a look at our magnificent community gardens, have a coffee and smell the aromas wafting from our kitchen as we make over 150 daily meals ready for donation to many organisations in our community! Contact Amanda between 9am and 2pm, Monday - Friday on 60592590



**Field Naturalists outing to Galore Hill, Lockhart, NSW - Sat 22nd Oct**, from 9:00 am -

5:00 pm. Meet at 9am SS&A Car Park, Wilson Street, Albury. Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc are travelling to Galore Hill, at Lockhart. Galore Hill is situated just off the Sturt Highway between Narrandera and Wagga Wagga and only 13k from Lockhart. It is an impressive landmark that covers over 500 hectares of thriving bushland. BYO refreshments for the day. Leaders Glenda and Bernie ph 6020 8104.



**Walk Together 2016 - Sat 22nd Oct**, from 9:30 am - 12:30 am at Gateway Village, Lincoln

Causeway, Wodonga: Albury-Wodonga Ethnic Communities Council (AWECC), together with Parklands Albury Wodonga, Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group, Gateway Health, Albury City Council, and City of Wodonga, invite you to walk with us on Saturday 22nd October. Walk Together 2016 will be a huge celebration of diversity and a loud declaration that thousands of Australians believe we can become a nation known for our compassion, generosity and welcome. The short walk (under 5km) will start and finish at Gateway Village, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga. See more at

[www.welcometoaustralia.org.au/walk-together-2016](http://www.welcometoaustralia.org.au/walk-together-2016)



**Fifth Annual Nail Can Hill Wildflower Walk - Sunday 23rd Oct:** 9.30am, leaving from Range Rd, Albury. Albury City Council together with Murray Local Land Services, Department of Primary Industries– Lands, Office of Environment and Heritage, Parklands Albury Wodonga and the Friends of Nail Can Hill Group proudly invite you to join us at the Fourth Annual Nail Can Hill Wildflower Walk. This is a free event where you can enjoy a guided wildflower walk with a local wildflower specialist. Tea and coffee will be available for purchase. Due to the past popularity of this event bookings for the guided walks are essential. To book a spot on the wildflower walk, head to the [Calendar of Events page](#) at [www.ecoportals.net.au](http://www.ecoportals.net.au) or call Rebecca Redman or Amanda Bland at AlburyCity Council on 02 6023 8111.



**Orchid and Wildflower Walk – Sunday 23rd Oct:** 1.30pm, 311 Edmondson Lane, Wooragee The Wooragee Landcare group's last Orchid and Wildflower walk for the year, on steep rocky terrain. RSVP to Karen Bowley at [wlc.secretary@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:wlc.secretary@landcarevic.net.au) or 03 57287397



**Burrumbuttock Flower Show and Open Gardens - Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct,** 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, Burrumbuttock: Come for a Sunday drive in the country and view the exceptional entries of flowers, craft, cooking and photography at the Flower Show. Hall open from 9.30am for Brochures, Maps and a Cuppa. Flower Show open from 11.00am to 4.00pm at the Hall. Open Gardens, 9.30am – 4.00pm. Brochure and maps available at gardens. Wander through three splendid gardens on rural properties within 12kms of Burrumbuttock. The properties have been in family hands for 3 generations and have modern features plus retaining some of the original buildings. The gardens include a country garden on a grand scale divided into colour themed sections. A 1930's garden blended with a modern garden and a cottage garden surrounded with natives to protect the squirrel glider habitat on the property. A gardening guru will be present at one of these gardens at approximately 11.30am. Morning, Afternoon Teas and Lunches available for purchase at the Hall. Stallholders will be at the Hall selling homemade items jams, jerky, olive oil, jewellery, books and plants. Cost; \$15 for entry to gardens and Flower Show. Or \$5.00 per venue. Burrumbuttock is 32 kms north-west of Albury/Wodonga. Enquiries: (02) 6029 3319 email: [jendar56@bigpond.com.au](mailto:jendar56@bigpond.com.au)



**Wednesday Seniors Walk – Gateway Island: Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Oct,** from 9.30 am - 11:30 am at Gateway Island, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga: A modified Wednesday Walk 'n Talk for Seniors month: Gateway Island is central to the history of Albury Wodonga. It is notable as a hub for sustainability and the arts, and the surrounding parklands have been transformed in recent years to natural bushlands. Discover a new dirt walking track with Parklands rangers that take you along the western section of Gateway Island to where early settlers used to smuggle their stock across the Murray River to avoid customs fees. Walking through restored natural bushland we will also drop in to the Bhutanese Community Farm on our way. An easy walk on a sometimes uneven earthen surface. All are welcome. Please meet our guide outside La Maison Cafe in Gateway Village. Free event. Enquiries: Ant Packer 0427 926 282



**Open Gardens, Stanley and Beechworth - from 10:00 am on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, to 4.00pm on Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct,** at Stephen Routledge and Jenny Indian, 28 Pioneer Rd, Stanley, near Beechworth; and Jamie Kronberg and Peter Kenyon, Weir Lane, Baarmutha, near Beechworth: Two regional gardens are open as part of Open Gardens Victoria over Cup weekend. The Stanley established garden has developed over 2 decades and is based around three principles of shade, produce (home and commercial) and habitat. A cool climate, woodland garden, it contains many rare and interesting species in addition to over 40 species of Oak adjacent to the organic chestnut orchard. Teas and produce will be available each day. The Beechworth Barmutha garden was established by an earlier owner and has been beautifully refined by the current owners. It is now a showcase of many fine plants and offers delightful views both within and over the adjoining landscape.



**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 / Wurlinga. 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. Find out how [here](#).



**Women of the River Country - Fri 4th November - Sun 4th December 2016,** at LibraryMuseum, Corner of Kiewa and Swift Streets, Albury, Free: 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



**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](mailto: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.



**Floodplain Ecology Course - Barmah – 10th to 14th October:** Registrations now open! The Floodplain Ecology Course promotes awareness and greater understanding of these complex ecosystems in a drying climate, their ecological importance and values and the connection of floodplains with the health of their parent rivers. [http://www.gbcma.vic.gov.au/news\\_events/events-calendar/floodplain-ecology-course-barmah-october-10-to-14#sthash.n4KCpFk0.dpuf](http://www.gbcma.vic.gov.au/news_events/events-calendar/floodplain-ecology-course-barmah-october-10-to-14#sthash.n4KCpFk0.dpuf)



**David Papps on Managing and Understanding Environmental Water - Monday 24th October:** 4– 5pm, Main Lecture Theatre 6101, La Trobe University, 133 McKoy Street, Wodonga. David Papps, Commonwealth Environmental Water holder. Enquiries: Rosie Busuttill p: (02) 60 249 690 or e: [r.busuttill@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:r.busuttill@latrobe.edu.au)



**Wetland Plant ID Course by Rakali Ecological Consulting at Cohuna-Koondrook in Oct/Dec/Mar** <http://rakali.com.au/education-and-training-2/wetland-plant-identification-courses-2015/> This course is aimed at anyone interested in wetland plant identification and ecology. The course will run over 3 days and each day will focus on a different wetland habitat (water's edge, deep marsh and mudflat) and be timed so as to follow the wetting and drying of the stunning Reedy Lagoon at Gunbower Island or nearby wetland. Participants can elect to do 1, 2 or all 3 days.



**Wise Waterways Workshop – 24th to 28th October, 2016:** Beechworth. Registrations are now open. Wise Water Ways Workshops offer new and current waterways practitioners the op-

portunity 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 **Key Note Speaker for 2016** is David Papps. For full details and registrations, go to <http://www.wisewaterways.org.au/index.html>



**Learning from indigenous knowledge of ecology - Thursday 27th October:** This is the final Swifft Videoconference for 2016. Please visit the SWIFFT website at: [http://www.swifft.net.au/cb\\_pages/video\\_conferencing.php](http://www.swifft.net.au/cb_pages/video_conferencing.php)



**Facing the heat: exploring conversations on climate change – Saturday 29th Oct:**

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm at the Sustainable Activity Centre. Featuring Carol Ryde. For details go to the [SAC events page](#).



**Governance Training for Not-for-Profits – 1st & 2nd December:** A one-and-a-half day Governance Foundations for the Not for Profit Director training course on 1 and 2 December in Wangaratta. This course provides a snapshot of the full AICD course for a fraction of the cost is beneficial for those serving on community boards and Committees of Management: including sporting clubs, recreation reserves, school councils and community associations. Queries and expressions of interest to [AVCLP](#)



**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



**CMA Flood Response and Flood Recovery Fact Sheets:** The North East CMA is a key support Agency to the Victorian State Emergency Service during a flood. A key support agency is an agency that has specific skills and resources to support response for a particular type of emergency. For the CMA these skills and knowledge relate to riverine flooding. North East CMA have just released two fact sheets regarding the 2016 Flood Response and Flood Recovery in the North East Catchment. [Read More...](#)



**Plants:** If you are looking for native plants suitable to plant locally, Our Native Garden is a community run nursery growing native plants from locally sourced seed. The nursery is located at the Wodonga Waste Transfer Station at 29 Kane Rd Wodonga. Mon-Thur 9am - 1pm Fri 9am TO 11am Sun 10.30am - 1.30pm

## Funding Opportunities



**Victorian Litter Innovation Fund - Round 2:** The Victorian Litter Innovation Fund (the Fund) provides support for the Victorian community, including government, business, not-for-profit organisations, social enterprises and schools, to fund innovative approaches that prevent and reduce the impact of litter and illegal dumping. The \$700,000 fund is a component of the Victorian Litter Plan. Organisations are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$20,000 for innovative solutions to litter and illegal dumping that are delivered through a partnership approach. Projects must have at least three or more of seven elements of the Victorian Litter Action Alliance (VLAA) best practice model for litter prevention. Round 2 includes a two stage competitive, merit-based application process: Stage 1 is an Expression of Interest (EOI) process – where EOIs **must be submitted by 3.00 pm on Monday 3 October 2016**. Stage 2 will involve shortlisted projects from the EOI process being invited to submit a full application by **3.00 pm on Monday 5 December 2016\***. Go to <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/LitterInnovation>





**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](#).



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/>

## Opportunities to have your say



**Gum Swamp Photography Competition Now Open from Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Sept to Tues 25<sup>th</sup> October, 11.59pm.** This event is being organised by: Gum Swamp Reserve (Walla Walla) Management Committee, supported by Murray Local Land Services: Grab your camera and get snapping, with over \$1,000 of prize money up for grabs! The competition aims to highlight the biodiversity and public recreational value of Gum Swamp. Categories: Primary School | High School | Open. Themes: Wildlife | Vegetation | Landscape | Public recreation. To download the competition details and entry form, go to: [www.wallawalla.nsw.au](http://www.wallawalla.nsw.au) Enquiries: Kathie Le Busque 0408 443 261. We are also hosting a Photography tour on 9<sup>th</sup> October - you can experience a guided walk through Gum Swamp by the Management Committee.



**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, involve-

ment in the Triple J 25 Under 25 list, working for ABC TV or raising awareness for mental health services. [See more here.](#)



**ClimateWatch App – become a Citizen Scientist:** ClimateWatch is a national program developed by Earthwatch Australia, Bureau of Meteorology and the University of Melbourne to better understand how climate change is affecting our wildlife. The first continental phenology project in the Southern Hemisphere, ClimateWatch enables every Australian to become a citizen scientist, by collecting and recording data that will help shape the country's scientific response to climate change. Go to <http://www.climatewatch.org.au/>



**Australian Bird Feeding & Watering Study:** Our backyard gardens provide habitat, food and water for many birds living in Albury and Wodonga, and the small towns and farms throughout the region. Thanks to Deakin and Griffith Universities, if you have a bird bath or bird feeder in your backyard, you have all the ingredients to contribute to an important study comparing birdlife in urban and rural areas. The Australian Bird Feeding & Watering Study aims to examine the feeding and watering of garden birds throughout Australia, including which species use bird feeders and baths and how our behaviours and garden habits may impact or influence the birds that visit. Read more and sign up as a 'citizen scientist' at <https://csdb.org.au>



**Pest Animal and Weed Management Survey & Submissions:** Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES). Survey closes 10 October 2016. [www.agriculture.gov.au/PAWsurvey](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/PAWsurvey)  
Public consultation has commenced on the revised Australian Pest Animal Strategy 2017 to 2027 and the Australian Weeds Strategy 2017 to 2027. Submissions close 14 October 2016. <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/pest-animals-and-weeds/>



**Survey of Australian Farmers Regarding the Use of Big Data in Ag:** Big Data in Agriculture - what is it? What is the potential and what are the pitfalls? Your chance to have your say. 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.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6m9ENEZVD2evLQV](http://uneprofessions.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6m9ENEZVD2evLQV)



**Rural Women's Award:** Nominations are now open for the RIRDC Rural Women's Award is Australia's pre-eminent Award for rural women. 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. **Nominations close end of Oct 2016.** [Find out more here](#)



**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](mailto:improving.fishing@ecodev.vic.gov.au) or post them on Fisheries Victoria's [Facebook](#) page



**Public submissions on the supply and sale of plastic bags in Victoria:** The Victorian Parliament's Environment and Planning Committee is conducting an inquiry into the Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016. The Committee is seeking community views on the detail of the Bill, which seeks to restrict the supply and sale of plastic bags and plastic and polystyrene packaging, and would prohibit the supply and sale of plastic microbeads. Submissions can be made until 21 October 2016. The Bill is available from the Victorian Parliament's Bills [webpage](#). More details on the inquiry are available from the Committee's [website](#).