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Opportunities to be involved



Wodonga West Community Garden working bee – Saturday 29th June, 9-11am.

Wodonga Council's Youth Leadership program volunteers are seeking community involvement to reinvigorate the community garden at Wodonga West Primary School. A small group of young volunteers have been working on the garden over the past few weeks and would appreciate community assistance in this final working bee, where the garden will be brought up to scratch and made ready for spring planting.



Les Stone Park Lagoon Walk and Talk - Sunday 30th June, 2pm:

Join aquatic ecologist Ali Mitchell to walk around the lagoon, identify weeds and discuss planting options to create habitat for native species. Meet at the lagoon at 2pm.



Baranduda Landcare Meeting Tues 2nd July, 7.30-9.30:

Baranduda Community Centre. Guest speaker Rob Fenton from the National Environment Centre at Thurgoona will speak on the topic "Food production systems in uncertainty" about developing robust food production systems, back yard and commercial scale in the face of the great uncertainties of climate change, peak oil and peak phosphorus. We will talk about farm scaping, agro-ecosystems, soil ecology and energy flows in food systems based on practical approaches we use on the NEC farm. This meeting will be also progress the planning and organisation for BLC's 14th Annual Planet Ark tree and shrub planting day.



ECOtour mosses, lichens, liverworts and tree ferns- Saturday July 13th 1.30-3.30 Mt

Beauty area . See and feel mini verdant textured 'forests' at their peak of beauty. Call Jill Dawson 0418 579 331



Friends of Willow Park - Community Gardening in the Park, Sunday 14th July, 9.30-

11.30 Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park for a variety of gardening activities in Willow Park, including planting, mulching, weeding (and chatting)... BYO Water, sunscreen and hat. Stay for morning tea after gardening.



FOWP Water Watch – Sunday 14th July, 9.30-10.30

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. Water Watch participants usually join Community Gardening at 10:30 am.



Volunteers Day at Our Native Garden Nursery – Thurs 18th July:

Have FUN (bring a joke) FOOD, ECOtour and take home plants. Centrelink approved activity, transport from Alb Wodonga available. Phone Jill Dawson 0418 579 331



These and many other events are listed on Ecoportal: <http://ecoportal.net.au/> and the Victorian Landcare Gateway <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/>



National Tree Day – Sunday 28th July - Wodonga Planting Sites:

~ Murray River at Gateway Island Parklands, Harris Road (off Lincoln Causeway), Gateway Island: Hume Building Society and Parklands Albury Wodonga

~ Middle Creek at Baranduda Boulevard, Baranduda: Baranduda Landcare Group and City of Wodonga

~ House Creek at Willow Park, Pearce Street: Friends of Willow Park and City of Wodonga



Kiewa Catchment BIG Tree Competition:

The search is on to find the BIGGEST Tree in Kiewa Catchment. Great prizes to be won. Entries close 31st July 2013. Entry Categories are *Biggest Native Tree (*living or dead*) *Favourite Native Tree (*tell us what is special about your tree*) *Best Landcare Revegetation Project (1983-2013)*Best School Entry (*Biggest & Favourite Tree*). Winners will be announced on Saturday 24th August, at the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of the formation of the Farm Tree Groups in the Kiewa Valley. For more information and to download an entry form go to the [Big Tree Competition section](#) or email belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au



Community Planting Day - Sunday 4 August:

Murray River at Bidstrup Road, West Wodonga (off Barnawartha Road), sponsored by Albury Wodonga Health and Parklands Albury Wodonga



National Wattle Day - Sunday 1 September - Community Planting sites:

~ Murray River at Bidstrup Road, West Wodonga (off Barnawartha Road), sponsored by Parklands Albury Wodonga

~ Felltimber Creek, sponsored by Friends of Felltimber Creek and WULN.



Friends of Felltimber Creek Spring Planting Day Sunday 1st September:

All welcome. Pop this date in your diary - further details to follow. Contact Garry Knight gar-ryknight3@bigpond.com



Friends of Les Stone Park Spring Planting Day Sunday 8th September 10am:

All welcome. Pop this date in your diary - further details to follow. Contact Ken Goyne 0260245554



KidsTeaching Kids Week 2013: September 9-13

Find out more and register your interest by e-mailing info@kidsteachingkids.com.au



Invasive Animals CRC Photography Competition 2013:

Enter the 2013 Feral Photos competition. All entries must be unpublished, original photos showing pest animals living in the wild, the damage caused by pest animals, or even photos that show you using some of the various methods that are available for pest monitoring and humane control. Once again there will be some great electronic prizes on offer for the winning entrants, so get snapping! Competition closes **30** September 2013. [Read More...](#)

Opportunities to have your say



Draft North East Landcare Support Options open for comment:

The North East CMA has prepared a Draft Support Options Paper which is now available for community comment. These describe how the North East CMA will support Landcare and other community natural resource management groups in the region from 2013-2018. [Click here to see more.](#)



NE Waterways Strategy Draft open for comment:

The North East CMA is in the early stages of renewing the old Regional River Health Strategy (2006) which will be known as the North East Regional Waterway Strategy (RWS). The RWS will be an eight year planning document outlining how priority waterways will be managed in the north east. [Read More...](#)

Resources



Wodonga Urban Landcare Network Website: The WULN Website houses pages for all of our member groups and is the place to read about group's activities, find links and resources and see photos etc. We welcome your comments, reports and photos. <http://wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au/>



Landmate Program (saved!) Thanks to the community response the Landmate program has been funded to continue the important work of assisting community NRM groups and landholders in need. Landmate crews are small groups of prisoners, under the supervision of an experienced Industry Officer, who undertake environmental related works on private and public land coordinated by Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) in the Beechworth and surrounding districts. The works are specifically to achieve an improvement in native vegetation (condition or extent). The aim of this program is also to provide Corrections Victoria and the prisoners involved in these crews, the opportunity to provide a positive contribution back into the local community. This program aims to provide these prisoners with opportunities to learn new skills and develop and/or maintain a work ethic that will assist their reintegration back into society on release. To request assistance, or for further information, please contact DSE's Landmate Co-ordinator for the North East in Wodonga, Native Vegetation Management Officer (02) 60437900.



Social Media Kit available: Landcare Australia has just launched a social media manual to help groups get the most out of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. [Read More...](#)



North East Soil Forum Presentations online: The North East CMA, in association with Murray CMA, the North East RLF project and funded by Caring for our Country, has been running an annual soil health forum for the past four years with a wide range of speakers and topics on soil health and sustainable farming. The last three forums have been recorded on video and podcast. The videos are all available on the CMA YouTube Channel <http://www.youtube.com/northeastcma> .



“Better Farming” Book available for free online download: Following the successful project 'Improving Sustainable Management Practices in North East Victoria', the North East Ecological Farmers group have finalised their 'Better Farming' book. The purpose of this publication is to develop a “Farmer Friendly” resource material and permanently document this knowledge using exemplary farmers as case studies with supporting detail. Secondly, to document current Best Management as we try to encourage farmers to move towards a more sustainable future and improve sustainable agricultural productivity in the North East. To download your copy of this free book, go to the [Better Farming Project section](#).



‘BowerBird’ Australian Nature website: Gather the images, videos and sounds of Australian nature in BowerBird. Whether you are a specialist, citizen scientist, grey nomad or aspiring student, BowerBird will let you share your discoveries. This site has a full taxonomy to help with identification of species, and enables photo upload, mapping and discussion. Users can set up a project (area or species) and a grouping so members can contribute to an organisation specific project. Sightings also contribute to the Atlas of Living Australia, so will add to national databases. <http://www.bowerbird.org.au>



Free program support for Kids Teaching Kids:

Provision of the Kids Teaching Kids methodology and access to all the KTK tools including the Kids Teaching Kids book & DVD, website, templates, promotional material etc. ~ Access to our education team Mon-Fri via phone, email and Skype to assist schools with their workshop development and event planning. Where possible, a Kids Teaching Kids Education staff member will visit your school to provide assistance. ~ Assistance, upon request, with finding a mentor to provide factual information for your environmental workshop presentation. ~ All participating schools will receive a framed certificate of participation. Ph: 03 9329 3736 Web: www.kidsteachingkids.com.au

Funding Opportunities



The Bjarne K Dahl Trust Small Grants Program: Applications open **22nd July** to not-for-profit groups for grants of up to \$15,000. The principal purpose of this program is the protection and enhancement of eucalypts as a significant aspect of the natural environment and the provision of information or education about eucalypts. Through small grants the Trust will provide support to individuals, organisations and the community for the undertaking of eucalypt education, promotion, cultivation, establishment and conservation activities. Projects need to be aligned to the objects of the Trust which are the establishment, cultivation, promotion and conservation of eucalypts, and education of the public in the establishment, cultivation and conservation of eucalypts. Closes **01-Sep-2013**



2013 Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant: Applications are now open to schools and not-for-profit groups for grants of up to \$1000. Since 2008 Coles has been providing School Garden Grants to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens. Activities supported include Bush Tucker gardens, Vegetable gardens, Composting and green waste recycling activities, Awareness raising of food miles through growing your own produce, Waterwise and Carbon gardening activities, Purchase of kids gardening equipment (gloves, shovels etc) up to the value of \$500. Round closes 02-Aug-2013. Apply at: www.juniorlandcare.com.au/



Resource Smart School Awards 2013: Sustainability Victoria's ResourceSmart Schools Awards recognise and reward the sustainability efforts of Victorian primary and secondary schools, and celebrate the work of teachers and students who are leading the way for future generations. The awards help boost your school's profile and encourage your community to become involved, network with other schools and develop student leadership schools. Winners and finalists will share in more than \$40,000 worth of cash and prizes and attend an exciting and prestigious awards ceremony in November. For more information contact the awards team at resourcesmart@primary-pr.com or 1300 061 565 or visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schoolsawards



Grants Available for Kids Teaching Kids Week:

Grants will be available for schools hosting an event to assist with event costs as well as for schools who present a workshop during Kids Teaching Kids Week 2013. Ph: 03 9329 3736 Web: www.kidsteachingkids.com.au

4 Good Reasons to join WULN!

We can help your group access *Ideas and Resources* to inspire the community, find new members and start new projects.

We can extend our governance structure to *Support Your Group* with public liability insurance, managing finances and administration, planning, project management, evaluation and reporting.

We can provide a *Central repository and linkage point* for finding local information, people to help, finding funding for projects, bulk purchasing opportunities, lobbying, taking concerted action, etc.

Together we can *Work on the Bigger Picture;* planning for environmental activities that link across the whole of Wodonga.

Our Network is comprised of and managed by Wodonga based volunteer community groups who pay an annual membership fee. Individuals are also welcome to join our mailing list and register with our Website, at no cost. See our contact details on page 1.

