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Opportunities to be involved



Feral Olive Working Bee - Sunday 6 October: 2pm – 5:30pm, Rutherglen Research Institute car park, 124 Chiltern Valley Road, Rutherglen. Indigo Shire Council, Chiltern and Rutherglen Landcare groups are tackling the issue of feral olives along high value conservation roadsides. Under the Communities for Nature program, local Landcare groups have been successful in receiving funds to remove feral olives along roadsides and to rehabilitate these areas with native trees and shrubs. If you would like to learn about the impacts of feral olives along your roadsides please join us on Sunday 6 October; drinks and food will be kindly provided by your landcare groups.



Photo Competition – Wooragee Landcare Group: This year's theme for Wooragee Landcare's 2013 Photo Competition is 'Your favorite Local Native Tree'. We want you to provide us with a photograph of your tree with a short description as to why you enjoy this tree. You can enter more than one tree. As part of the photo display we are having A Landscapes of Wooragee and Woolshed exhibition. Competition Opens 8th October. Photos can be emailed to Alandi Durling: alandi.durling@landcarevic.net.au or posted to PO Box 368, Beechworth Vic.



'Food for Thought' gathering – Saturday 12 October: From 11am in QEII square, Albury. A meet 'n greet with the public to share thoughts and knowledge with regard to fair, safe and sustainable food production practices. The event will be open to people wanting to advertise 'What they stand for' with regard to food. Permaculturists, seed savers, organic gardeners and others are welcome to come along and share what they know in order to shine a little light on current issues such as GMOs (genetically modified organisms) and organic sustainability. There will be a petition to sign with regard to the labelling of GMOs. Participants can bring along a table and chair plus information flyers or other forms of advertising. There will be no food stalls. Anyone interested in participating please email apage3@bigpond.com



Nail Can Wildflower Walk – Saturday 12 October: 9.30-12.30am Nail Can Hill, Range Road, Albury A free event hosted by Murray Catchment Management Authority where you can enjoy a guided wildflower walk with local experts. A free morning tea will be provided from 9:30am. Walks will depart at 10:00am. Please wear enclosed footwear and clothing suited to the weather on the day. Wet weather gear may be required. For catering purposes please RSVP by 8th October to Tara Pitman on (02) 6051 2250 or tara.pitman@cma.nsw.gov.au.



Les Stone Park Community Planting morning – Sunday 13th October – all welcome! 10am-12pm. Join the Friends of Les Stone Park to help enrich the surrounds of the lagoon. We will be doing a bit of hands-on weed pulling and planting wetland species to diversify the habitat. Please wear appropriate clothes, gardening gloves and boots. For further information please call Ken on 0260 245554.



Friends of Willow Park - Community Gardening in the Park and Waterwatch, Sunday 13th October, 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.



Ride2Work Day - Wednesday 16 October: Ride2Work Day is a great opportunity for people that don't currently ride to give it a go or for occasional riders to start riding regularly again. In Wodonga it is also a great opportunity to ride through some of our beautiful parks and reserves and appreciate the work of our Landcare volunteers! The weather is warming, you get a free breakfast and a free massage available at The Cube courtyard organised by the City of Wodonga. No need for lycra (unless you really must!) you just need a bike, a helmet and mates to ride with. No need to ride all the way from home you can organise starting points closer to town where you drop your car off and ride from there. You will need to register by going to <https://ride2work.com.au/> Businesses or groups wishing to join should contact Peter Muldoon of Gateway Community Health: pmuldoon@gatewaycommunityhealth.org.au



SeedSavers Summer Planting Preparation – Wednesday 16 October: 6.30 - 8pm. National Environment Centre, 97 Ettamogah Road Thurgoona. Join us as we discuss the steps for planning and preparing your garden for summer. We'll also talk about favourite varieties, growing tips and summer pests and diseases, including avoiding the dreaded fruit fly. Members can access the bulk seed bank. Bring any cuttings or seedlings you'd like to exchange on a trade table. Please bring a plate to share for supper if you can. For more information email seedsaversalburywodonga@gmail.com.



Native Bee Information Night with Karen Retra – Monday 17 October: 7.30pm at Belvoir School, Bowman Court Wodonga. Friends of Willow Park conducts an Information Night on a variety of topics on the third Thursday of every second month at 7:30 pm at Belvoir School. Topics from last year include; platypus and using multi-media. All are welcome.



Water Treatment Plant Tour - Thursday 24 October: 7am- 9am Huon Hill Water Treatment Plant, 4358 Murray Valley Highway, Wodonga. This is one of the many events and activities planned locally for National water week, under the theme of 'Liveable Communities'. See <http://www.nerwa.vic.gov.au/community/water-week-2013.asp>



Sustainable Living Expo Wangaratta – Saturday 26 October: 9am-1pm Want to learn how sustainable living practices can save you money and help the environment? Then come along to the 2013 Sustainable Living Expo at the GOTAFE Rural Industries Campus, Tone Road Wangaratta. The Rural City of Wangaratta and GOTAFE are pleased to host this popular expo to enable the community to find out more on sustainable living solutions that save money and help the environment. For further information or if you are interested in joining as a stall holder, please contact the Rural City of Wangaratta's Environment Unit on (03) 57220888.



Sustainability Education Network final Quarterly Gathering for 2013 - Thursday 31st October- all welcome! 4 - 5.30pm, Wooragee School, Beechworth Rd, Wooragee. Join local educators to find out what's happening around the traps (local projects and funding opportunities), share afternoon tea and come for a guided tour of Wooragee School's acclaimed Landcare and kitchen garden projects including the Bush tucker garden, Kitchen gardens and orchard plantings, Frog Bog and creek area. RSVP to WULN facilitator Anne Stelling 0428 565 195 anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au

Opportunities to have your say



The Wagirra Trail: The Wagirra Trail is a two-metre wide shared pathway linking Horseshoe Lagoon with the South Albury Trail at the Union Bridge. Further development of the trail is a key action of AlburyCity's [Murray River Experience Master Plan](#) that will eventually connect Wonga Wetlands with lake Hume. Robyn Heckenberg is currently consulting the local community regarding the Wagirra Trail, and is keen to speak to as many people as possible regarding your views of the Murray River, history, culture, plant and animal life etc. This is so Albury Council can work out what kind of Art works can be commissioned along the Trail. Your input is enthusiastically invited. Please email robyn.heckenberg@monash.edu or phone 0407016875



North East Regional Waterway Management Strategy: Open for public comment. NECMA are 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. Comments close 15th November 2013. See <http://yoursaynecma.com.au/regional-waterway-strategy?module=news#tool>



2014 Rural Women's Award : Nominations for the 2014 Rural Women's Award are now open and close on 31 October 2013. This is Australia's pre-eminent Award for rural women. It provides a \$10 000 bursary to state winners to assist them to implement their vision for rural and regional Australia. All state winners (and runner-ups) have the opportunity to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors and complete the Company Directors Course as well as participate in a media/presentation workshop. An additional \$10 000 bursary will be awarded to the national winner (and runner-up) to assist in meeting national commitments such as speaking engagements. For more information and/or to download an application form, please go to www.rirdc.gov.au/rural-women's-award

Resources



Local weather data and useful links to weed id/chemical information can be found on the new TAFCO Rural Supplies website www.tafco.com.au



New NECMA Willow Management Policy: The North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA) reviewed its approach to willow management in response to community concern and debate relating to the impact of willows and willow management practices that occurred after the 2010-11 floods in the region. This publication outlines the key principles, strategies and commitments that NECMA now uses to manage willows in the North East catchment. Go to <http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/ResourceLibrary/StrategiesPlans/>



New Regional Landcare Facilitator Team: The focus of the Regional Landcare Facilitator role is to support and promote sustainable agriculture and to provide support to community groups. The RLF project aims to increase skills and knowledge through greater access to information, training and other capacity building activities. Amber Croft and Kelly Behrens share the Facilitator role. Contacts are Kelly 02 6043 7627, Amber 02 6043 7639 - *note if you call the office number locally and we are not in the office you will be re directed to a mobile number for the cost of a local call.*



Vic Landcare Awards Ceremony clips: The Victorian Landcare Gateway's link to the 2013 Victorian Landcare Awards winners page now includes a link to the video/vox pop that was taken at the awards ceremony at Government House. To view the video go to this link <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/2013-victorian-landcare-awards>



Plastic into Oil Clip: A Japanese inventor has created a desktop machine that converts plastic waste into oil and fuel. <http://www.youtube.com/embed/qGGabrorRS8?rel=0>



Dangerous degrees Booklet from The Climate Institute explains why it is so important to reverse the rise in emissions within the decade to minimise risks to prosperity, security, and health. http://climateinstitute.org.au/verve/resources/TCI_DangerousDegrees.pdf



Our Native Garden Nursery: Our Native Garden is a not-for-profit volunteer-run organisation dedicated to developing balanced ecosystems to help create and maintain a healthy environment for animals, plants and people. ONG supplies indigenous plants suitable for Wodonga region EVC's. The nursery is situated at the rear of 56 Kiewa Valley HWY, Tawonga and is open Sundays 10am – 3.30pm March to November inclusive. Other days and times by appointment, call Jill on 0418 579 331



Community Engagement Toolkit: a great resource available for download from <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/effective-engagement>

Learning Opportunities



Presentation: Zero Carbon Buildings Report - Thursday 24 October: 7.30pm, Uniting Church, Cnr Carrier & Church Streets, Benalla. This important report has been developed by Beyond Zero Emissions and Melbourne University's Melbourne Energy Institute. Lead author and project director Trent Hawkins will present the report at a general meeting of the Benalla Sustainable Futures Group. "Australia's buildings could halve their energy use within a decade, to make a major contribution to reducing the nation's carbon emissions – and save money on energy bills in the long run as well." RSVP to BSFG Secretary Peter Maddock 03 5762 7038



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Funding Opportunities



Norman Wettenhall Foundation Small Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support projects that enhance or maintain the vitality and diversity of Australia's natural environment. Includes community capacity building and education. Applications online. Round opens 6th Sept, Closes Oct 25th. See <http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/>



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.