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### Opportunities to be involved



**Creating Sustainable Ecosystems and Stewardship in Wodonga Schools:** The Wodonga Local Sustainability Education Network has secured funding for a two year project working with local schools to facilitate student participation in planning and implementing 'whole ecosystem' revegetation projects within school grounds and create stronger links between teachers and education providers and the broader Landcare community. The WLSEN is calling for interested educators and community members to join a reference group to inform and plan the project. Please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling 0428 565 195 [anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au)



**Community Gardening in the Park and Waterwatch, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** 9.30-11.30 with Friends of Willow Park - 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.



**Our Native Garden Nursery in Bunyip Hollow** - Our Native Garden is in the process of moving from Tawonga to Bunyip Hollow, located right next door to the new Wodonga train station, at Lot 1 Carrolls Lane. Google map details: <http://goo.gl/8e0icv>  
Bunyip Hollow is the integrated initiative of ONG members Cyan and Martin. It includes a large Billabong, loads of wildlife and huge River Red Gums that were here long before white people. Eventually they will have rare breed animals, a vineyard and a comprehensive bush tucker garden. ONG has been allocated a large area for propagation, a new nursery outlet open on weekends, and a large display garden, showcasing all the local indigenous plants that we are famous for. There will be a strong emphasis on education in how to propagate, grow and utilise our local flora. ONG plans to have open days for students (young and old) and workshops for the public to pass on the wisdom of Australian native plants.

Community members are most welcome to get involved with moving the Nursery from Tawonga, or more generally through ½ day volunteer workshops running Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from Autumn. Volunteers learn about production horticulture and nursery management, and share in the benefits of dyl plant growing. Please contact Jill Dawson on 0418579331 for further information. Keep up to date with the move via the ONG website at <http://ournativegarden.com.au/>



**2014 Archibull Prize** - Calling all schools! Imagine a program that combines agriculture, art and multimedia in a way that engages entire school communities in learning about sustainable food and fibre production. Art4Agriculture's "Archibull Prize" is just that –a program that asks students to research sustainable agriculture and showcase what they've learned by decorating a life-size fibreglass cow (an "Archibull"). Then, using multimedia platforms like blogging, PowerPoint and video they share their journey and what they've discovered about modern agricultural production with the wider community. Art4Agriculture creates real and lasting bonds by linking students with Young Farming Champions and Young Eco Champions to start a dialogue about future food and fibre production. A cross-curricular program, the "Archibull Prize" engages students across year groups, subject offerings and learning capabilities. Expressions of Interest are now open and can be downloaded from <http://www.art4agriculture.com.au/archibull/index.html>

# Learning Opportunities



**Native Grass ID Workshop – Tues 4<sup>th</sup> March:** 6pm with Sue Brunskill, NSW Environment Centre Riverina Tafe presenter at Baranduda Community Centre. Baranduda Landcare has four great opportunities coming up to learn more about native grasses, weeds and weed management. The first is on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, 6.00pm – 9.00pm at Baranduda Community Centre (BCC). This workshop will focus on native grass identification. The second workshop is on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** at the BCC, 6.00pm – 9.00pm and will look at weed identification and management. A GIS Mapping workshop will also be conducted on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**, 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Trudewind Road Neighbourhood House. The fourth event is a Field Day on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**, 9.00am – 4.00pm and will be an opportunity to apply what you have learnt to in the Field. On-line self-bookings are essential via BLCare's Events page: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda/events> Places Limited. For more information contact Glen Johnson, [baranduda@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:baranduda@landcarevic.net.au) 0418 501 936.



**Expressions of Interest for AgVET Chemical Users Training** – Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group have received funding through the Victorian Landcare Grants to offer eight Landcare members subsidised training in the AgVet Chemical User's Course. This course outlines the legislative requirements and safe working practices needed to use pesticides and herbicides. You will learn how to safely prepare, apply, transport, handle, and store chemicals. Normally this two-day course would cost \$350.00: - cost to Landcare members would be a much-reduced \$50.00. If you are interested in participating, please contact Belinda, 0407 227 814, [belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au) and let her know your preferred training days (weekday or weekend) and location (Baranduda, Kiewa, Dederang, Mt Beauty, Yack). Training dates and venue will be arranged to cater for the majority of participants.



**Supplementary Feeding Workshops** - Supplementary feeding is an important tool for maintaining and finishing livestock and managing grazing pressure on your pastures. Are you making the most of the feeds you have available? Come along to a workshop in your area to discuss: How to identify nutritional requirements of your livestock, Why to feed test and how to understand the results, How to compare the true cost of different feeds, How to minimise the cost of supplementary feeding, How to set and meet livestock production targets, Using GrazFeed and simple tools to make informed feeding decisions.

**Beechworth** - Old Priory, Priory Lane, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

**Tallangatta** – DEPI Office Towong St, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Towong** – Towong Turf Club, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

All workshops are 8.30am to 11.30 am, Breakfast provided. Please RSVP by 7<sup>th</sup> March to Dale Stringer (02) 6043 7647, 0428 467 260, [dale.stringer@necma.vic.gov.au](mailto:dale.stringer@necma.vic.gov.au)



**Indigo Community Energy Forum - Sunday 16 March:** 12.30- 04:30 PM, Yackandandah, Invest in your future. Just imagine if you lived in a town with locally owned, cheap and reliable renewable power because there are solar panels providing electricity for your community. The Indigo Community Energy Forum will discuss this idea and hear from speakers who are driving this process in communities across Australia. Speakers - Ms Nicky Ison, Community Power Agency and Mr Martin May, South Melbourne Market Live Community Power. Forum will be held at Yackandandah Senior Citizens Centre, 14 Wellsford Street. Please call Matthew Charles-Jones on 0400 654 711 for enquiries and RSVP for catering.



**Sourcing funds for your Farming Enterprise – Tues 18<sup>th</sup> March:** 10:30am – 4pm, Bullioch Hall, Tallangatta Valley. Grants writing workshop, featuring Patrick Moriarty from 'Our Community', plus representatives from AWI, North East CMA and Landcare Victoria. 'Grants Guru' Patrick Moriarty from 'Our Community' will show you how to be investor ready, understand what grant makers want, how to plan for and write winning grants and manage your grant once secured. You will learn about potential sources of funding to improve your farm / business enterprise, programs targeted for the sheep and wool industry, current funding under the NECMA Mentor Farm Program, how to tap into corporate sector social responsibility initiatives. Cost: \$35.00 includes lunch and materials. RSVP to Desiree Harker, 0434 474 130



**Leading Change Forum – Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March:** The Cube, Wodonga. You are invited to explore new ways to lead at AVCLP's *Leading Change – A forum for community and business people creating or implementing change*. The forum offers workshops and a charity dinner with cricket legend and co-founder of the McGrath Foundation, Glenn McGrath. This event offers a regionally based opportu-

nity to undertake professional development with high quality presenters. The afternoon workshop program runs in two streams - one for people involved in community groups and the other for those in business. Business owners and employers can send their teams to improve their communication skills, better understand our ever changing world and learn leadership lessons first hand from a leading family business. People on boards or committees will be interested in the session on high performing boards. Community groups can learn about opportunities for social enterprises and hear from the Voice for Indi team regarding the new shape of community leadership. Participants can choose workshops from both streams.

For full program details and to learn more about the presenters, please visit [the AVCLP website](#). To book your tickets, please phone The Cube in Wodonga on 02 60229311 **by 12 March**.



**Bush Restoration Workshop – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March:** 9.30-12am, Learn about basic bush restoration strategies at this free workshop being delivered by Parklands Albury-Wodonga. Learn different techniques to control environmental weeds at this hands-on workshop, followed by a free BBQ lunch. Wear long trousers and old clothes so you are able to safely try out the various tools of the trade. RSVP to [kelly.behrens@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:kelly.behrens@landcarevic.net.au) for catering purposes. Please indicate any special dietary requirements by 14th March.



**Social Media Training – Wed 26th March:** 05:30 PM to 08:30 PM - The Butter Factory, Myrtle St, Myrtleford. The Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program will be delivering 3 FREE social media workshops for community groups in North East Victoria. If you're a community group looking for tips and tricks on how to make your activities known to a wider audience, then these FREE workshops are an opportunity to learn more about how to grow your audience via social media. This workshop will provide a general introduction to social media; Focus on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter, tips and tricks, including online resources, a hands-on Twitter 'How To'. Limited places - RSVP essential to [Anne Shaw](#) 0417 221 010



**Secrets to Successful Groups Training – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April:** 9.45am-3.30pm, Old Courthouse, Yackandandah. Do you want to reinvigorate your landcare group? Attract new members? Need to brush up on the legal duties of your committee members and improve your group's decision making? If you answered yes to ANY of these this training is essential!! The Farm Tree and Landcare Association (FLTA) has been running Secrets to Successful Groups training for a number of years - which has been very well received. If you are a committee member of a landcare group - or aspire to become one this training will be a valuable investment of your time. Topics include: Effective Decision-Making, Legal Duties of Committee Members and Volunteer Recruitment. Please book with Kelly Behrens, Regional Landcare Facilitator, North East Catchment Management Authority by March 25<sup>th</sup> Phone: 02 6043 7627 [kelly.behrens@landcarevic.net.au](mailto:kelly.behrens@landcarevic.net.au)

## Opportunities to have your say



**Help shape the future of our parks!** Parks Victoria is conducting a study about what the community values or would like to change about public lands in Victoria including national parks and reserves, state forests, marine parks, and other public lands. The survey takes 10-15 mins. Go to <http://www.landscapemap2.org/pvictoria/>



**Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Awards 2014 -** The Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria (KABV) Awards program highlights and celebrates the efforts of Victorians, including community groups, local government, schools and individuals that are contributing to more sustainable and litter-free environments. The Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Awards are open to all regional communities. There is also a Gift Fund as part of the awards. The Gift Fund offers six new and innovative environmental projects the chance to receive \$1,000 to get a project underway.

The awards encourage entries from community groups, councils, schools and individuals. KABV Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities entries close on 5 May 2014. For more information on the awards including categories and online application form go to <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/services-and-advice/community/keep-australia-beautiful-victoriaKABV> or call Glenda on 8626 8750. Also go to <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/services-and-advice/community/keep-australia-beautiful-victoria/kabv-awards/tidy-towns-sustainable-communities-award>

# Resources & Inspiration



**Need more volunteers?** – Wodonga Urban Landcare Network is working with Gateway Community Health and the City of Wodonga on the 'Workplaces in Open Spaces' project, which will link volunteers from local workplaces with opportunities to help out in our local parks and reserves. If you have a working bee, planting day or other event planned for 2014, and could use some extra hands, please contact WULN with dates and details. Your event will be listed as an opportunity and potential volunteers invited to join you. Please contact WULN Facilitator Anne Stelling 0428 565 195  
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**Victoria's State of the Environment report** - State of the Environment 2013 report by Victorian Commissioner for Environment, Prof Kate Auty, can be downloaded as pdf or read as e version.  
<http://www.ces.vic.gov.au/victorias-environment/state-of-environment-victoria-2009-2013>



**The Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance** is a not-for-profit collaboration of organisations and individuals working together towards a food system in which people have the opportunity to choose, create and manage their food supply from paddock to plate. Their website has many interesting articles and links focused on local food production: <http://www.australianfoodsovereigntyalliance.org/>



**Sustainability Films** – looking for a good movie? Some great films are available free at the following sites (thanks to Ali Mitchell for sourcing):  
[http://www.filmforaction.org/watch\\_sustainability\\_videos/](http://www.filmforaction.org/watch_sustainability_videos/)

<http://www.modernhippiemag.com/2011/02/top-green-films-inspire-sustainability-2/>

<http://transitionculture.org/2012/12/05/the-top-ten-films-as-chosen-by-transition-initiatives/#.UMilQYUviE0.twitter>



**Regional Landcare Newsfeed** – the Regional Landcare Facilitator project has set up a newsfeed dedicated to local events and resources. See <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/rlf/news>



**Landcare equipment available for loan** - a range of items are available for loan from the NECMA office in Wodonga for use at Landcare group events, including Landcare trailer (incl. BBQ, esky, 4 tables, 4 chairs, A frames, display materials), 2 x marquees, 3x3m with Landcare logos, A-frame signs – 2 with 'Landcare' & arrow; 6 with 'Landcare Field Day' & arrow, Pull-up banners (with mixed photos and Landcare North East Victoria logo, PA system – battery-operated radio-microphone and speaker, 5L electric urns, First aid kits for events, Reflective vests. Contact Amber Croft, Kelly Behrens, Tom Croft or Cat Brown to arrange borrow any of these items on 0260437600



**Landcare farm gate signs** - Landcare farm gate signs are available for order, with the name of the group of which you are a member (size - 20cm x 60cm) The Regional Landcare Facilitator Project is able to cover the cost of a maximum of 5 signs per Landcare Group, for active members those groups. If your group would like us to order some signs, please provide us with the names and addresses of the members who will be receiving the signs. Additional signs are available for order at \$18.70 (inc. GST) per sign. Contact Amber Croft or Kelly Behrens on 0260437600



**NE Landcare logo embroidery** - If you are interested in having shirts or vests embroidered with the NE Landcare logo, the RLF facilitators have arranged digitising of the logo by SafePak in Lavington. Fixed cost of around \$15 per garment. Contact Zoe Vos at SafePak [zoe@safepak.com.au](mailto:zoe@safepak.com.au) to place your own order if you wish. This website shows the garments available: <http://www.bizcollection.com.au/>



**Native Shelter Belts Report** - The Basalt to Bay Landcare Network has developed *The Economic Benefits of Native Shelter Belts Report* which is now available to download from [www.basalttobay.org.au](http://www.basalttobay.org.au). Landowners can use this information to more effectively utilise the land-

scape to potentially increase productivity, while conserving and enhancing critical resources such as soil health, water quality, and protection from environmental stressors (wind, heat & cold impacts). The plan is to update the report again in August 2014 - adding and adjusting based on additional feedback received from the community.



**Primary Industries Partnerships in Schools (PIPS) Toolkit** - The Primary Industries Partnerships in Schools (PIPS) toolkit has been developed by PIEF to build links between agribusiness and school classrooms to open up a wide range of career opportunities in Australia's primary industries. PIEF plans to progressively expand the toolkit. If you are a teacher or in agribusiness and have experience of school partnerships that you would like to share with PIPS, please contact us. PIPS is supported by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and NAB. More information is available from <http://www.primaryindustrieseducation.com.au/pips/index.html>



**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden National Program** – It's affordable and flexible – schools use what they have. It's open to all Australian schools with a primary curriculum. Comprehensive training and resources equip teachers with everything they need. 2014 training is offered in all states and territories, metropolitan and regional. Register now to secure your place or contact [www.support@kitchengardenfoundation.org.au](mailto:www.support@kitchengardenfoundation.org.au)

## Funding Opportunities



**The M A Ingram Trust Grants** – Grants of up to \$5000 to fund the preservation and education, research and increase of knowledge with respect to the origin, history, habits, life and use, and the scientific benefits if any, of indigenous Australian (especially Victorian) mammals and birds, and the flora providing their food, cover, etc., and the relationship of one or more to the other. When funds are limited, the Trustees may have a preference for applications funding equipment essential for field-based research. Applications close 15<sup>th</sup> April. **Applications by Email.** For guidelines go to: [http://www.statetrustees.com.au/uploads/content/142-MA\\_Ingram\\_Trust\\_Guidelines\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.statetrustees.com.au/uploads/content/142-MA_Ingram_Trust_Guidelines_Application_Form.pdf)



**Living Victoria Fund** - Round 2 of the Living Victoria Fund offers funding for projects that deliver whole-of-water-cycle management solutions, such as on-ground projects to improve water use efficiency, rainwater harvesting for irrigation at a community facility or facilitating community behavior change to improve waterway health. Up to \$15 million has been made available in Round Two of the Living Victoria Fund. There is up to \$3 million set aside for community organisation projects and up to \$5 million for projects in the regions. An online application form must be completed and submitted by the **closing date, 17th March 2014, 2pm**. For further information, examples of suitable projects and application form go to [www.livingvictoria.vic.gov.au/submission-guidelines](http://www.livingvictoria.vic.gov.au/submission-guidelines)



**Resilient Community Program Grants** – are available through Regional Development Victoria (RDV). The program is designed to support communities to build their capability to prepare for, withstand and recover from all types of hazards. Regional and interface councils and community groups are eligible for grants of up to \$110,000 for community-led projects, in partnership with emergency management organisations, to prepare for all hazards, including bushfires and floods. The Resilient Community Program opens on Monday 17 February 2014 and closes on Monday 31 March 2014. For information, please read the Resilient Community Program guidelines on RDV's website: <http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/community-programs/resilient-community-program>



**The Northern Eco-Connections project** supports landholders to improve and protect native vegetation on private land, focusing on improving connections and linkages across the diverse landscapes of northern Victorian. The project is being delivered through a conservation tender process, with landholders submitting bids for work they wish to undertake to improve native vegetation on their properties. For more information go to: <http://www.northernecoconnections.vic.gov.au>