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Opportunities to be involved



Nursery Moving Working Bee – Sunday 1st June: with good rains lately and imminent flowing water thanks to the efforts of our new plumber, Our Native Garden are moving plants from Tawonga nursery to Bunyip Hollow this Sunday. So everyone with your kind offers of utes, trailers and even a horse float, please can you come to Tawonga from 10am to pick up a load of plants or pots etc to take to Wodonga? Can we thank you with lovely lunch, petrol and good company? If you can't make Sunday but are still keen to take a load, please call Brian Hickman 0419 372 739 or Jill Dawson on 0418 579 331 www.ournativegarden.com.au



Hume Murray Community Gardening Collective Meeting - Wednesday 4th June: 11am - 1pm, Birallee Park Neighbourhood House in Wodonga. All with an interest in Community Gardens welcome! BYO lunch. Further information phone Anna Mackinlay on (02) 6022 8888 or amackinlay@gatewaycommunityhealth.org.au



First meeting of the Friends of Nail Can Hill – Tuesday 10th June: 6.30pm, Mitta Mitta Canoe Club, Noreuil Park, Albury. The first Friends of Nail Can Hill meeting is being held on Tuesday June 10th from 6:30pm at the Mitta Mitta Canoe Club at Noreuil Park, Albury. Come and join like-minded local people who are enthusiastic about getting community action happening to protect and manage our beautiful Nail Can Hill Reserve. The meeting will include:

- A presentation from a guest speaker on the topic of forming a successful 'friends of' group
- The chance to nominate for positions to help drive the Friends of Nail Can Hill group
- Opportunities to contribute to a works plan for priority activities to be undertaken in the reserve

Refreshments will be provided before and after the meeting. To RSVP, and to notify of special dietary requirements, please contact Stuart Robertson via ph: 0413 817 840 or email: stuart@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Friends of Willow Park Social Night – Friday 13th June: 6.15pm, German Austrian Australian Club, 5 McFarland Road Wodonga. All welcome. 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 a few days before the night.



Community Gardening in the Park and Waterwatch, Sunday 15th June: 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.



ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic Information Session, Benalla - Tuesday 17th June: 12.30pm – 3pm, Benalla Performing Arts Centre. Do you or your organisation engage schools in environmental tours/activities? Do Schools seek your environmental expertise to aid in their curriculum? This workshop will aid you in your future role with schools. The 225 schools across the Hume region now have access to curriculum resources and a facilitator to aid them through the 4 environmental modules of water, waste, energy and biodiversity as part of their journey through the ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic Framework. See how the activities you do with schools can be part of this recognised structure that is a valued

component of the school curriculum. We are looking to coordinate the efforts of Councils and other environmental agencies who have historically worked closely with schools in reducing their environment footprint. We encourage Council staff and active environmental agencies to attend this session to gain a greater understanding of the program and streamline our energies with schools, improve networking with neighbouring Councils and other agencies working within the environmental field, and meet the Hume Region AuSSI Vic Facilitators and members of Sustainability Victoria.

RSVP: Thursday 12th June to Kirsten Hogan on: 0439 334 557 or kirstenh@gvwater.vic.gov.au



'Tapped' Movie Documentary – Thursday 19th June: 7.30pm, Court House, Railway Avenue, Yackandandah. Yackandandah Sustainability is screening this excellent documentary to raise local awareness of the broader impact of bottled water. \$5:00 per household. Further info contact Matthew Charles-Jones 0400 654 711 <http://www.tappedthemovie.com/>



Yackandandah Community Food Swap – Saturday 21st June: 9.30-11am, Yackandandah Community Garden, Railway Avenue, Yackandandah. [Yack Sustainability](#) has established a monthly Yackandandah Community Food Swap, held on a regular third Saturday of the month at the new community garden next to the swimming pool. From 9.30am to about 11am on the Saturday morning you will find tables piled high with produce in and community members sharing a cuppa and conversation, and maybe even some gardening. Everyone is welcome.



Friends of the Rail Trail Bike Ride - Jarvis Creek – Sunday 22nd June: Registration at 8.30am for 9am start at Tallangatta Information Centre (The Triangles). Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group invite you to join their annual Friends of the Rail Trail Jarvis Creek Ride. Medium 49km circuit, 9km on the sealed rail trail to Old Tallangatta followed by a climb up into Jarvis Creek Plateau Regional Park & spectacular downhill run on 4WD tracks. Lifts to the top available from Information Centre but will not leave until after 10 am. Book in when registering (limited spots available) Morning tea available on plateau for gold coin donation. The damper and morning tea at the top are worth the effort. Mountain bike best but robust hybrid OK as well. Contact: Rob Caddell: 02 6071 2374 or Kerry Love: 02 6071 2334 (AH)



Friends of the Rail Trail Ride or walk from Tallangatta to Old Tallangatta – Sunday 22nd June: Registration 10am at Tallangatta Information Centre. This is an easy ride on the sealed section of the rail trail. 18km return. Enjoy morning tea Old Tallangatta (gold coin donation). Bring a snack/lunch on your back. On return enjoy a local counter meal/take away or BYO BBQ lunch or a picnic in Tallangatta. Contact: Rob Caddell: 02 6071 2374 or Kerry Love: 02 6071 2334 (AH)



Wodonga to Barnawartha Exploratory Walk – Sunday 22nd June: with the Border Bushwalking Club. Be prepared for some spectacular views as we wander along the ridges of the hills that run between Wodonga and Barnawartha. From various spots along the way we will have views to Tabletop, Corowa, Mt Pilot, Mt Bogong and possibly Mt Kosciuszko. At this time of the year there will be snow on the High Plains making the views even more impressive. I have listed this walk as exploratory because I haven't done it before and therefore don't know the terrain. There are no tracks but most of the walk will be through open farmland. According to the map there will be some steep climbs and descents. If all goes well we could have coffee and cake in Barnawartha or if we time it right a counter tea at the pub. Book by Wednesday 18th June with Leader Paul Schirmer. Phone: 0412 404 770 leave a message and I will ring you back.



Wodonga Transform-a-thon – Hillside Weed Blitz and Planting – Sunday 29th June: 9.30-12.30 at David Bayne Park and Kent McKoy Reserve. Friends of the Ridges Reserves are hosting this year's Transform-a-thon, supported by Fifteen Trees, WULN and Parklands Albury-Wodonga, and sponsored by Safe-T-Hand and GJ Gardner Homes. This is an 'a-thon' event for local Guides, Scouts and Duke of Edinburgh program students. Community members are welcome to assist. Further Information please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428565195 or anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



National Tree Day – 25th and 27th July: National Tree Day is coming up! Do you want to be involved? WULN can help you plan a planting event or link up with groups running a Tree Day planting. Please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428 565 195 or

anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au

National Tree Day aims to inspire, educate and recruit Australians to actively care for our unique land and create future generations of committed environmental custodians. Planet Ark's National Tree Day and

Schools Tree Day provide all Australians with an opportunity to do something positive for the environment and reconnect with nature. Planet Ark works with councils, schools and community groups to help hundreds of thousands of Australians plant over 1 million native trees, shrubs and grasses at more than 4000 Tree Day events. In 2014, National Tree Day will be on Sunday 27th July & Schools Tree Day Friday 25th July. Further information can be found on the Planet Ark website: <http://treeday.planetark.org/about/>



National Landcare Conference - Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th September will be held at the Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne. The three day Conference will include one day of field trips to a number of Landcare projects in Victoria and two days of compelling speakers and workshops. Themed **Celebrating our history – growing our future**, the Conference will showcase the work achieved Australia-wide since the inception of Landcare. The National Landcare Awards gala dinner will take place on September 18th at the World Heritage listed, Royal Exhibition Building and will bring together 69 nation-wide individuals and groups who won awards in the nine national categories at last year's Landcare Awards. Further details will be available in the near future. To stay up to date with registration and program details, please visit www.landcareonline.com.au

Learning Opportunities



Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop, Murrumbidgee – Sunday 1st June: 1-4pm, 274 Bowmans Road, Murrumbidgee. Burgoigee Creek Landcare Group is hosting a Pruning Workshop with Neil Padbury from Yackandandah. Learn how to prune your fruit trees to get the most from your orchard, no matter how big or small. Cost is \$10 per family. Bring your own gloves, pruning gear and raincoat. Please also bring a plate of biscuits or similar to share with the tea and coffee. This event has been supported by funding from the Rural City of Wangaratta. Contact Royce Sample on 03 5752 1571



Funding Workshop, Wangaratta – Wednesday 11th June: 9.30am-3pm. Workshop Will include funding application writing, meeting funding criteria, developing project proposals, creating an accurate budget, how to pursue other sources of funding, how to attract stakeholders, business development and contracts and negotiation skills with corporates. To be delivered by Kerry Anderson from Words by Kerry Anderson. A limited number of places are available - bookings will be done on a first-come-first-served basis. Bookings: contact Karen Brisbane (Landcare Corporate Partnerships Facilitator) via email karenb@qbcma.vic.gov.au or phone 5820 1134. Karen will confirm your booking and provide details about the venue etc.

Resources & Inspiration



Legal Information for Community Organisations: A comprehensive, free, online resource is available for Victorian community groups with current legal information covering all aspects of running a community organization. Go to http://www.pilch.org.au/legal_info/



Depi Water Rebate Program Extended To Until 30 June 2015: All Victorian households can access home and garden rebates under the Living Victoria Water Rebate Program, even if they are self-supplied and not connected to a reticulated water supply. Current rebates are available for products purchased and installed between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2015, including Rainwater tanks, Tank to toilet and/or laundry connections, Washing machine rebates for 5-star water (WELS) and at least a 4-star energy rated models. For more information go to: <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/water/saving-water/water-rebate-program>



New 3rd Edition Of In Safe Hands Toolkit & Workshop Series (Free): Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Conservation Skills Centre are pleased to inform you that the REVISED and

UPDATED In Safe Hands Toolkit (3rd Edition) is now available. Go to www.insafehands.org.au where you can DOWNLOAD the **In Safe Hands Toolkit** - FREE. If you have previously downloaded In Safe Hands Toolkit then you are recommended to download the 3rd Edition with NEW inclusions.

Organic Weed Research and Resources: To access the latest weeding news, seen from a sustainability perspective, click on the link to read the newsletter. Includes interesting research on Glyphosate from the US and Europe: [The Weed's News](#)

Junior Landcare: Stories, News, Resources, funding alerts, [sign up to the Junior Landcarer e-newsletter](#).

Funding Opportunities



The Bjarne K Dahl Trust Small Grants Program: Applications for round two will open in July 2014. The Trust will provide support to individuals, organisations and the community for the undertaking of eucalypt education, promotion, cultivation, establishment and conservation activities. Grants will be capped at \$15,000 and will generally be made for up to a 12-month period. Projects need to be aligned to the objects of the Trust which are: The establishment, cultivation, promotion and conservation of eucalypts. Education of the public in the establishment, cultivation and conservation of eucalypts. Website: <http://dahltrust.org.au/grants/> Application: <http://dahltrust.org.au/grants/apply/>



Landcare Week Grow Grants: will award 25 recipients grants of up to \$1,000 each. These grants aim to help groups increase the number of volunteers participating in Landcare, with a focus on supporting group events that are held in Landcare week 2014. Please note events must be held during the month of September 2014. Applications close June 13. For details see: <http://www.landcareonline.com.au/25years>



Planting the Future Junior Landcare Grants: will award 25 recipients grants of up to \$1,000 each. These grants aim to foster and encourage the next generation of Landcarers and will be awarded to groups who to implement Junior Landcare projects that demonstrate Landcare's commitment to protecting, restoring and sustainably managing Australia's natural environment and its productivity. Applications close **June 13**. For details see: <http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au/plantingfuture>



Yates Creative Gardening Grants: In celebration of the 25 years that Landcare Australia has been working with the Landcare community, Yates is proud to award 25 grants of up to \$1,000 each to schools and youth groups who can demonstrate innovative ways of creating a garden within their school or community. The program will fund garden ideas that assist an environmental issue that an entrant's school or group is tackling – whether through upcycling, recycling and water saving initiatives, preserving plant specimens, connecting with local Landcare groups or environmental workshops. Applications open to all schools and youth groups across Australia. Applications close on **4th July 2014**. For more information go to: <http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au/grants-2/yates-creative-gardening-grants>



Assistance to protect and enhance Seasonally Herbaceous Wetlands: Incentives are available for landholders located in the Northeast catchment. Activities funded include fencing of wetlands, planting of native understory plants and weed and pest animal control works. Contact North East CMA, Simon Feillafe on 02 6043 7600 or simon.feillafe@necma.vic.gov.au OR Trust for Nature, Karen Tymms on 0417 327 514 or karent@tfn.org.au



Assistance to protect and enhance Threatened Grassy Woodlands: Incentives are available for landholders located in the Northeast catchment. Activities funded include fencing of remnant woodlands, grasslands, planting of native trees and understory plants and weed and pest animal control works. Contact North East CMA, Simon Feillafe on 02 6043 7600 or simon.feillafe@necma.vic.gov.au OR Trust for Nature, Karen Tymms on 0417 327 514 or karent@tfn.org.au



Assistance to protect and enhance Remnant Native Bushland: Financial incentives are currently available for private landholders to protect and enhance their bushland. Incentives can include fencing bushland, native tree and understory planting, weed and pest control, depending on the requirements of your site. Contact Trust for Nature, Will Ford, 0418 300 959 or will@tfn.org.au



Assistance to establish revegetation: Financial incentives are currently available for private landholders to rehabilitate their properties with strategic revegetation works. Contact Trust for Nature, Will Ford, 0418 300 959 or willf@tfn.org.au



The R E Ross Trust Grants: The grants aim for impact in 4 areas; Improved outcomes for the most disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalised Victorians; Improved outcomes for children and young people at risk (0–18 years), Improved access to and achievement of equity and excellence in public education; 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. <http://www.rosstrust.org.au/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>



Perfect Patch of Green Program: Turf Australia has partnered with Junior Landcare to run the Perfect Patch of Green program, which will invite schools and youth groups to describe how natural turf would enhance their environment and how their school grounds or recreational areas would benefit from a real grass makeover. By doing so, they will be in with the chance of being one of the 15 lucky schools that will be visited by a professional turf grower, who will lay real turf in their school grounds as natural grass coverage for students to enjoy. Schools, Teachers and students will be encouraged to describe how real turf will make a positive difference to their school community and outline their commitment to maintaining the new turf area. Applications open on May 1st and close on July 31st. Winners will be announced in September. [Application forms and criteria are available here.](#)

Opportunities to have your say



Nominations now open: Premier's Sustainability Awards - close @ 5pm on Monday 2 June 2014. Categories include **Community, Education, Environmental Protection, Infrastructure and Buildings, Innovative Products or Services, Large Business, Small and Medium Enterprises and Tourism.** In addition to these awards, the Premier will personally select two overall winners: the Premier's Regional Recognition Award and the Premier's Recognition Award. For further information on award categories, entry and judging process, [email here](#). To enter, simply download an [Entry Kit](#) and you're on your way!



Federal Budget: The National Landcare Program, which replaces Caring for Our Country, will lose \$483 million of its funding, but will still receive \$1 billion over five years. The remaining funding needs now to cover a greater number of programs including cane toad eradication in Western Australia's Kimberley, \$9 million of fishing programs and a strategy to protect the Great Barrier Reef, the \$40 million Reef 2050 plan, further reducing the money available to for Landcare groups to do on-ground works. The Green Army was funded at \$525 million over four years, however Project Sponsors need to have an existing already funded project in order to be able to utilise the Green Army participants as there is a \$10,000 allowance for "Project Specific Materials" which goes to the Service Provider, and each project needs to be substantial in order to absorb 20 weeks of labour.

Our Federal representative the member for Indi Cathy McGowan is seeking community feedback regarding the budget via her office on (03) 5721 7077 or this online survey:

http://www.cathymcgowan.com.au/2014_15_federal_budget_feedback

An interesting public conversation around this is also current on [The Conversation website](#).



Not-For-Profit Law's 2014 Victorian 2014 Compliance Survey: Each year Not-for-profit Law gathers feedback from community organisations about their experiences with Victorian laws and government regulators. This important information helps us work with the Victorian Government to ensure not-for-profits in Victoria can access and understand that laws that apply to them, and highlights what is working well and where groups are having problems with laws. To complete this short survey go to Not-for-profit Law's 2014 Victorian compliance survey



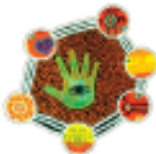
Call for Climate Action in Indi – Local Landcarer Rowan O'Hagan is seeking feedback and discussion around her idea: "The political will to address climate change and develop cleaner energy is sadly lacking, even though we know the impacts on Indi's water and alpine resources and the occurrence of extreme weather events will be the result. Wouldn't it be great to have a climate action and clean energy plan for Indi so that future generations can prosper and enjoy the environment as we

do? I am interested to hear any ideas on how can progress a climate and energy action plan together in Indi." Go to <http://www.voiceforindi.com/conversations>



Meet with our future Senator for Victoria: Senator Elect for Victoria, Janet Rice is on a 'Journey to Canberra' to join the new Senate on 1 July, and is interested in attending formal or informal community events en route. The 'Journey to Canberra' will travel through North East Victoria in time for Janet to join the new Senate on 1 July. Janet is interested in talking to you and your organisation about the work you do on sustainability, addressing climate change and social justice. Janet is keen to talk about issues such as transport, climate change, employment opportunities and refugee issues for example, or just generally being at an event which allows her to meet people, talk a bit about The Greens and being your Senator, and critically giving her an opportunity to meet local people and hear from them. Janet will arrive in Wodonga on Friday 27 June. She is having a community day on Saturday 28th June, where there will be opportunities for her to be getting out and about and meeting people. To arrange a meeting contact Mark Riley for the Journey to Canberra with Greens Senator-elect Janet Rice on 0432 030 211 or markriley@netspace.net.au

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Volunteer with us!

Whether you are a member of a Friends or Landcare group or not, there are many ways to help run the Network itself.

If you have **Computer skills** there are always jobs like designing flyers for activities and helping to produce the monthly Bulletin;

Organizing skills there are always projects on the go, small or large, which need people to help keep them going;

Catering skills you could help to feed volunteers at planting events and other activities;

Practical or teaching skills you could help run planting activities with schools and community groups;

Publicity skills you could help us to spread the word about Urban Landcare;

People skills you could take on a networking role with our member groups to help everyone keep in contact.

If you

- are looking for a way to contribute but can't do physical work,
- want to keep you mind in shape and your skills in use,
- want to learn new skills,
- or simply see a way in which you can help...

We have a place for you!