

# Wodonga Urban Landcare Network Inc.



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## Network Bulletin #59— September 2017

### Opportunities to be involved



**Weekday Food Swap, West Wodonga** – from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Birallee Park Neighbourhood House, inside at 39 Emerald Ave, Wodonga. 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.



**Doodle Comer Swamp Open Day - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept** from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at Doodle Comer Swamp Nature Reserve, enter via Listers Ln from Diffeys Rd (6km SW Henty): discover the newly installed visitor facilities: bird hides & interpretive signs, hear about the significance of the swamp, learn about wetlands in the local area, their importance for biodiversity & carbon storage. BBQ lunch & refreshments provided. Please RSVP by **28 August 2017** to Sarah Ning 0427 376 157 or [sa-rahning@murraydarlingwetlands.com.au](mailto:sarahning@murraydarlingwetlands.com.au). This event is being organised by Corowa District Landcare Group, Murray Darling Wetlands Working Group Ltd and Murray Local Land Services.



**Field Day Chiltern Mt Pilot NP - Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Meet at Chiltern PO, probably call 0429017229 for more info and more exact time and place. Our monthly field day working in the Park – All welcome! This will be followed by our AGM with an exciting guest speaker.... This event is being organised by [Friends of Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park](http://www.friends-of-chiltern-mt-pilot-national-park.com.au).



**Repair Café – featuring fly screen repair demo - Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Sustainable Activity Centre (The SAC) Do you have a broken household item you'd like fixed but need a hand to do so? Then this is your opportunity. As a once-off special we'll demonstrate how to replace torn/old fly screens. With fly and mossie season just 'round the corner, there's no better time to learn this skill. Please note this is a demonstration only i.e. don't bring in your broken screens. We'll teach techniques for both wooden and aluminium-framed fly screens. The demonstrations will be conducted every hour, on the hour i.e. at 10.00am, 11.00am and 12.00pm. We sincerely thank Kellys Wodonga, of 88 Elgin Boulevard, for kindly donating the aluminium fly wire and cord used in our demonstrations. Our Repair Café is a **free** meeting place to bring along broken household items such as furniture, clothing, battery-operated appliances, books and bikes and learn how to fix them with the help of experienced, volunteer repairers. You can also bring along small, blunt garden tools like secateurs and we'll show you how to sharpen them. Maximum three items per person per session. Please note we are unable to offer jewellery repairs during this session, but hope to reintroduce them in October. For photos and more information visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/repaircafeaw> Repair Cafe Albury-Wodonga is proudly supported by Halve Waste.



**Hovell Tree Park Albury Farmers Market – Sat 2nd Sept** from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Wood Fired Oven at Hovell Tree Park.



**Beechworth Farmer's Market – Sat 2nd Sept** at Christ Church, Church Street, Beechworth.



**Tiny Houses workshop - Tue 5th Sept** from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at The Sustainable Activity Centre (The SAC) Workshop on a Tiny House project about to be initiated to build a couple of Tiny Houses. We will also have a hands-on session using Sketchup. This event is being organised by Tiny Houses Albury Wodonga.



**Tag-along Walk 'n Talk: Historic Shelley Reserve - Wed 6th Sept** from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. Shelley Reserve is a gem amongst regional bush parks, rich with native flora and fauna and with a fascinating history. Just an hour from Wodonga, Shelley Reserve is well worth the trip up the Murray Valley Highway and we are pleased to be offering this special opportunity. Parklands Rangers will guide our walk.

Meet at Parklands Albury Wodonga, 138 Lemke Rd, to pool vehicles; 8.30am. We will tag-along to Koetong and walk from the historic Shelley Station on the High Country Rail Trail. OR meet us at Koetong pub at 9.30am.

What to Wear: Walking boots and clothes for the weather. Cold is always possible in this area.

What to Bring: BYO water bottle and pack your picnic lunch.

**Please book your free tickets** by Monday 4th Sept at: [Eventbrite booking page](#)



**Celebrating National Threatened Species Day at Wonga Wetlands: Thurs 7th Sept** from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Wonga Wetlands nature preserve, 2377 Riverina Hwy, Splitters Creek: Petaurus Education Group Inc. (PEG) is hosting a National Threatened Species Day Community Evening at Wonga Wetlands along with AlburyCity, Murray LLS and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. Join Luke Pearce (NSW DPI Fisheries) and Dr Damian Michael (ANU) as they share their experiences with our local threatened fish and frogs and lead a frog-spotting walk around the lagoon. All followed by a delicious supper. Cost: Free. Bring: Sturdy footwear, warm clothing and a torch. Please RSVP for catering to Stacey Bell [stacey.staunton-latimer1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stacey.staunton-latimer1@det.nsw.edu.au) or 0423 074 578



**Spotlighting Night Walk - Thurs 7th Sept** from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Gateway Island bush park: Join Parklands Rangers for a night adventure spotlighting for nocturnal native wildlife in the bush park. Parklands have been working with the community restoring the native plants to the area in recent years to support native species including the threatened Greater Glider. Meeting Place: The Sustainable Activity Centre, Gateway Village' Lincoln Causeway. Please wear warm clothes and closed shoes and bring a personal torch. Parklands will bring the spotlight. Places are limited. Please book through our [Eventbrite page](#).



**Border bushwalking club – Friday fitness and fun - Fri 8th Sept** from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm: this walk will be a circuit up and down some of the Nailcan Hill network. I'll be wearing my full pack but the choice is yours as long as you don't want speed. I'm proposing we walk from Haydon Park and go up Warrenlea track, from here we will head North and the go to Reedy Dam and the nearby look-out before heading down the Range Rd track. Our track up, after walking along Easy up will be Gap Rd (or Hernia Hill). From there we will head back via Florence track. Grade 3 walk; Leader: Bernadette, Phone: 0419241687. Book in by **Wed 6th Sept**. This event is being organised by Border Bushwalking Club



**Wangaratta Farmers Market – Saturday 9th Sept** from 8:00 to 12:00 PM at 'Apex Park' Parfitt Rd, Wangaratta



**The Gateway Village Farmers' Market, Wodonga – Sat 9th Sept** from 8am to 12 noon on the Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga.



## **Regent Honeyeater Project planting weekend – 9th to 10th Sept and 23rd to 24th**

**Sept:** The Regent Honeyeater Project team has plenty of planting sites available in and around Lurg to help improve ecosystems and benefit endangered wildlife. Accommodation can be supplied at the Scouts and Guides halls in Benalla in the form of mattresses, with an evening meal on Saturday and onsite lunch on Sunday. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Andie Guerin at [andie@regenthoneyeater.org.au](mailto:andie@regenthoneyeater.org.au)



**Killawarra Warby Range State Park - Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Killawarra, Warby Range State Park, Victoria: Please meet at Acacia Car Park, Wodonga for a 9am departure. BYO refreshments for the day. Leader is Phillip who can be contacted on 0260 215313. This event is being organised by Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc.



**Bike-Food-Trail – Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 9:30 am - 12:30 am. Cycle the tracks around Wodonga and discover some wonderful food resources. 4 Pit-stops will include sessions about local bike, food and trail resources to key you up with some local knowhow. Ending at the SAC (Sustainable Activity Centre at Gateway Village) for a fresh wholesome lunch on the Mighty Murray River catered by the Bhutanese Community Farm. **Tickets \$10:** [Book Here](#)



**Bike-Food-Trail – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Cycle the tracks around Wodonga and discover some wonderful food resources. 4 Pit-stops will include sessions about local bike, food and trail resources to key you up with some local knowhow. Ending at the SAC for a fresh wholesome lunch on the Mighty Murray River catered by the Bhutanese Community Farm. **Tickets \$10:** [Book Here](#)



**Bike-Food-Trail – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Cycle the tracks around Wodonga and discover some wonderful food resources. 4 Pit-stops will include sessions about local bike, food and trail resources to key you up with some local knowhow. Ending at the SAC for a fresh wholesome lunch on the Mighty Murray River catered by the Bhutanese Community Farm. **Tickets \$10:** [Book Here](#)



**Hovell Tree Park Albury Farmers Market – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Wood Fired Oven at Hovell Tree Park.



**Yack Community Garden – Monthly Food Swap - Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 9:30 am - 10:30 am at Yackandandah Community Garden, William Street, Yack.



**Wicking Bed Workshop - Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 10:30 am - 11:30 am at Yackandandah Community Garden, William Street, Yack. Next to the Swimming Pool and opposite the Court House. Megan Vincent will show you how to construct a wicking bed which will enable you to plant your veggies and be able to leave it for a week or so without having to water it daily. A great way to provide some labour-free gardening. You can be as creative as you like with your wicking beds, and if you like to recycle materials – then this is a great way to do it! \$10 per person. This event is being organised by Yackandandah Community Centre.



**Friends of Willow Park Gardening - Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 9:30 am - 11:00 am at Willow Park, Wodonga: This involves 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. This event is being organised by Friends of Willow Park.



**Henty Machinery Field days - Sept 19th, 20th & 21st (Tues/Wed/Thurs):** NSW Murray & Riverina Landcare will again have the Landcare shed operating over the three days, with Vic represented by volunteers from Wodonga and North East Landcare groups. Hope to see you there!



**Tag-along Walk 'n Talk: Darbyshire Discovery - Wed 20th Sept** from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm.

Our second out of town Walk 'n Talk takes us out from the old Darbyshire Station on the High Country Rail Trail to see the amazing old timber trestle bridges and investigate the restoration process. Less than an hour from Wodonga, the area is rich in history and offers the experience of rich farming land and beautiful bush. Parklands Rangers will lead our walk.

Meet at Parklands Albury Wodonga, 138 Lemke Rd, to pool vehicles; 8.30am. We will tag-along to Darbyshire and walk from there.

What to Wear: Walking boots and clothes for the weather. Cold is always possible in this area.

What to Bring: BYO water bottle and pack your picnic lunch.

Book your free ticket at: [Eventbrite booking page](#)



**Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park - Wed 20th Sep** from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm at Chiltern Mt Pilot

National Park, Victoria: Today's outing is on Wednesday 20th September and we will meet at the Chiltern Park Rest Area on the Hume Highway, Victoria at 9.30am. BYO refreshments for the day and Neil is the leader today and may be contacted on 0428 235964. Please note different day, time and meeting venue. This event is being organised by Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc.



**The Gateway Village Farmers' Market, Wodonga – Sat 23rd Sept** from 8am to 12 noon on the Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga.



**Myrtleford Farmers Market – Sat 23rd Sept** from 9.00am at the Myrtleford Piazza (town square), Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford.



**Walk in Kentucky Forest and Redlands Hill Park, NSW - Sat 23rd Sept** from 9:00 am -

4:00 pm at Kentucky Forest and Redlands Hill Park, NSW: Meet at SS&A Car Park, Wilson Street, Albury for a 9am departure. BYO refreshments for the day. David is the leader and can be contacted on 0260 212022. This event is being organised by Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists' Club Inc.



**Border Barkfest - Sun 24th September:** Bring your canine friend to the beautiful Gateway

Island parklands and join in the inaugural Barkfest Fun Run. This is a "Canine and Owner" Fun Run which includes two distances. At the finish line participants will be able to relax and enjoy a bbq and chatter with friends both new and old.

Distance: There are two distances on offer. The Dog Jog - 3km and the Fast n the Furryous - 5km. Both courses are around the Gateway island Trail network. Both courses will be signed and marked for ease of travel on the day.

Aid Station: There will be an Aid station on the course for both pups and their owners. This will be a drinks station with water available.

Cost: Dog Jog - 3km - \$15 per person. Fast n the Furryous - 5km - \$20 per person. Participating dogs must be on a lead and in the control of an entrant!

Enter: [HERE](#) Entries are now open!



**Helping the Bush to Regenerate – the What, Why and How – Mon 25th September,**

9am-12.30pm on Felltimber Creek, Gordon Craig Park, West Wodonga. Meet near the playground off Lawrence St, 9am.

Open to community members and students.

Leader Sue Brunskill – bush regenerator and TAFE teacher. A hands-on morning improving habitat and connections for native species in the urban parks of Wodonga.

An amazing range of native birds and animals call Wodonga home, including iconic natives like koala, platypus and threatened species such as the Greater Glider and Squirrel gliders. However, their homes and food sources are in danger and they need our assistance to continue to thrive as the city grows. Learn about their needs for food and shelter, the threats to their habitat, the principles of bush regeneration and the practical ways we can help the bush to regenerate. This will be a hands-on morning of bush-walk, bush-talk and bush-work, and we will leave a positive legacy in Gordon Craig park.

What to bring: Hat and water bottle. Please wear long pants, long sleeved shirt and covered shoes/work boots.

What is provided: Equipment, morning tea and light lunch.

Numbers are limited: maximum 20, minimum 5. Please book your free place through our [Eventbrite listing](#).



### **Walk 'n Talk: Gateway Island to the Bhutanese Community Farm – Tues 3rd Oct**

**from** 9.30am to 11.30am at Gateway Island, Lincoln Causeway: Wodonga 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. This will be a loop walk beside the Murray River to the Bhutanese Community Farm and back. We will walk through restored natural bushland to the farm where there will be opportunity to talk with the farm Rangers and learn about the market gardens. It will be an easy walk on a sometimes uneven earthen surface. All are welcome. No cost. Meeting place: Please meet our guide at the Sustainable Activity Centre in Gateway Village. Enquiries: Ant Packer 0427 926 282.



### **Wildflower Walk 'n Talk: Castle Creek Bushlands - Wed 4th Oct** from 9.30am to

11.30am at Castle Creek Bushlands, Castle Creek Rd, Wodonga: Parklands rangers will lead this Walk 'n Talk into the beautiful bush reserve on Castle Creek Rd. In the springtime this is one of our most spectacular wildflower areas. Learn about the restoration work that has been done over the years to restore and improve this important habitat for threatened species. This is an easy bush walk on earthen tracks in undulating - but not particularly steep - country. We will walk approx 1500m in total. Please dress for the weather including hat, long pants and covered shoes. Morning tea provided, so leave time for a cuppa and chat after the walk. All are welcome. No cost. Directions to Meeting place: Follow Castle Creek Rd just beyond the suburban estates until you see a large Hayshed on your right and a row of mature farm trees on your left. Look for our banner. Enquiries: Ant Packer 0427 926 282

## Learning Opportunities



### **Business Forum, Jindera - Wed 6th Sept** from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm at Jindera Community

Hub, 83 Urana St, Jindera: Want to grow your business digitally? Learn about Solar PV for business or farm. A Digital Marketing session, followed by supper and drinks, then Solar PV for business. Find out how your business can benefit from solar at a free information session presented by NSW Office of Environment & Heritage. Cost Free, but RSVP preferred by 5pm Tuesday, 5 September 2017 to: Marg Killalea T: 6036 0100 E: [mkillalea@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mkillalea@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au) Phoebe Gulliver T: 6036 3181 E: [phoebegul-liver@holbrooklandcare.org.au](mailto:phoebegul-liver@holbrooklandcare.org.au)



### **Farming Smarter - 11 September, 9 & 23 October at Rutherglen:**

Last year, a new program, Farming Smarter (not harder) showed it was possible for sheep and beef producers to radically transform their business from the 24/7/365 days operation they currently have to one that affords them more time, more money and more satisfaction. Does this interest you? If you are looking for inspiration, ideas, tools and most importantly, the ability to make the changes you have been dreaming of, Farming Smarter can help you get there. [Click here for further details](#)



**La Trobe University Albury-Wodonga Seminars - Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** at Building 6, Main Lecture Room, 133 McKoy Street, Albury-Wodonga Campus: The Department of Ecology, Environment & Evolution and The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre presents: 11.00am to 12.00pm **From the lab to the field - is there a role for DGT in sediment toxicity assessments?** then 12.00pm to 13.00pm **The role of dissolved organic matter in toxicity mitigation of hard and soft metals.** To reserve your spot, please contact Rosie Busuttill, T 02 6024 9690, E [r.busuttill@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:r.busuttill@latrobe.edu.au) For further info see [www.mdfrc.org.au](http://www.mdfrc.org.au)



**Agribusiness Workshop – Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** at Corryong: Food Innovation Australia Limited and RDA-Murray invite you to join a workshop that is supporting development of new agribusiness opportunities in our region. The workshop provides an opportunity to review your current business model and identify new ways to tap into higher returns for your crops, livestock or fresh produce. Registration fee of \$550 per farming business. For more information contact Casey Bootsma on 02 6058 0600 or [casey.bootsma@rdamurray.org.au](mailto:casey.bootsma@rdamurray.org.au)



**Box-Ironbark Ecology Course – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** The annual Box-Ironbark Ecology Course provides an opportunity to learn about the interaction of landforms, soils, flora and fauna that comprise the Box-Ironbark forests and woodlands of south-eastern Australia. The course gives participants the skills and knowledge required to understand the ecology of Box-Ironbark forests and woodlands. Field sessions are conducted in small groups, led by a team of highly qualified instructors. Presentations on particular topics will be held each evening. A formal knowledge of botany, zoology or ecology is not required. The course is administered by the Euroa Arboretum and limited to 30 participants. The course is based at Nagambie in Victorian Box Ironbark country and is administered by the Euroa Arboretum. Accommodation: This year, the Course will be held over 3 ½ days. It will be self-catering and self-booking for accommodation. We are offering flexibility with where you live and reduced costs. Course fee: The course fee for 2017 is \$800 (plus GST). This includes teaching, transport, and course notes. Read full course outline and presenter details: BIBEC [2017 Application Form](#)



**Box-Ironbark Course sponsored positions available:** North East CMA is again sponsoring two positions on the 2017 Box-Ironbark Ecology Course. These positions are available to landholders or community members in the North East CMA area. The 2017 course is a three and-a-half day residential training opportunity based in Nagambie, 3- 6 October, 2017. The course is in its 20th year, and has a great reputation as a practical training course in ecology and understanding the impacts of humans on our ecological systems. The sponsorship covers course fees and accommodation. To apply email [Kate.Stothers@euroaarboretum.com.au](mailto:Kate.Stothers@euroaarboretum.com.au) by COB 8th September. For more information [click here](#)



**Public lecture: How can we safeguard the future of agriculture? – Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct** from 5.30pm - 6.30pm, at The Auditorium, Learning & Teaching Centre, Dixon St, Wangaratta: The University of Melbourne's Department of Rural Health brings you a public lecture with Professor Timothy Reeves. Prof Reeves will discuss the grand challenges for agriculture and future food and nutritional security in Victoria. Prof Reeves is Chair Agriculture Forum of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering and former Director General of International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre Mexico. Bookings are essential for this free public lecture. For more information contact Di Doyle 03 5823 4512 or [didoyle@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:didoyle@unimelb.edu.au)  
[Register online here...](#)

# Resources & Inspiration



**Our Native Garden Annual Spring Sale - Saturday 30 September** 11 am to 2 pm includes free lunch to celebrate spring. Behind the Wodonga Waste Transfer Station at 29 Kane Rd, Wodonga. Plants on special @ \$1 are Love Grass, Windmill Grass, Common Wood-rush, Diggers Speedwell, Common Cassinia/Dogwood, Ovens Wattle, Prickly Teatree, Varnish Wattle, Hill Red Gum, Billabong Rush, Broom Rush, Hillside Sedge. Our Native Garden is a community owned, not-for-profit, Registered Charity, volunteer run, indigenous plant nursery.



**Our Native Garden Nursery** - Our Native Garden is a community owned, not-for-profit, Registered Charity, volunteer run, indigenous plant nursery. It is located at the Wodonga Waste Transfer Station at 29 Kane Rd, Wodonga. Opening hours – Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays 10am - 1pm. Phone Jill Dawson or Amanda Murie on 0418 579 331 or email [ongnursery@gmail.com](mailto:ongnursery@gmail.com)



**AOK Catering crew available:** Social Enterprise and good food come together in the Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre's AOK catering service. Acts of Kindness (AOK) is a not for profit social enterprise run by students at the Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre. The primary aim of AOK is to support a variety of community services and charities. Funds for AOK are raised by a number of small industries that include a café, a car wash service, honey production and a catering provider.

AOK is a student-run, student-centred enterprise that provides a community service as well as a small income for students involved. It teaches authentic work skills and habits that will equip participants to successfully navigate a post schooling life.

Participants at one of our Wodonga Landcare meetings were treated to an excellent light lunch last week and we can highly recommend the service, price, presentation and quality. Contact Kirsten Coates at Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre, Bowman Crt Wodonga, [coates.kirsten.k@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:coates.kirsten.k@edumail.vic.gov.au) Phone: 02 6048 7720 or 0437 868 863.



**Wodonga Middle Years College Beautification Project:** Recently a small group of Outdoor Education students at WMYC embarked on a beautification project of the empty planting bays around Wodonga Leisure Centre. After a semester of adventure activities, Students agreed that it was only right to give something back to the environment after using many local facilities in the larger North East Districts. Choosing a selection of hardy plants, the students planned out and priced up the project and successfully planted two large, neglected areas, with local parents already commenting how much nicer the area looks. It also lets students take ownership of a community area, with many expressing their hopes that none of the plantings get damaged by walking traffic or cars parking. Wodonga Middle Years College Outdoor Education students would like to thank Peards Wodonga for their ongoing support of the program.



**Nestbox experience resonates with young and old:** Parklands Albury Wodonga rangers have delivered a series of nestbox field days on behalf of the Wodonga Urban Landcare Group over the past few months, with resounding success. Participants of all ages have been treated to close encounters with Squirrel Gliders via some 'pretty cool' technology, and have learned how to install boxes, use monitoring equipment and upload data to a national Citizen Science database.

Youngsters attending the Clyde Cameron Reserve event were thrilled to find gliders resident in almost-new boxes. For others, installing boxes along the Rail Trail just topped off a fascinating morning of connecting with nature.

The Nestbox workshop series was designed to upskill community members to enable them to monitor local nestboxes and get involved with this citizen science project on an ongoing basis. Both Parklands and the Landcare Network have equipment available for community use to enable local people to get involved.

Parklands ranger Shane Vanderwerf is the resident expert in glider nestboxes and is happy to demonstrate the monitoring equipment. Enquiries regarding joining the Nestbox Network citizen science project are most welcome: please contact Parklands at [info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au](mailto:info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au)



**Community funds Rail Trail Restorations:** Creative resourcing and volunteer know-how continue to drive the current restoration projects along the High Country Rail Trail. Volunteers from the Tallangatta Action Group and the Bonegilla Action Group have put their heads together to enable restoration of both Fulford Bridge and the Dry Forest Creek trestle bridge.

The Bonegilla group have contracted the Tallangatta group to re-deck the 25m Fulford Bridge and replace the handrails. Timber has been sourced from farmers across the district and is being milled locally to suit the requirements of the job. In turn, the Tallangatta group will use the funds raised through the contract to finish the restoration of the Dry Forest Creek trestle bridge - a long held goal. While the work is in progress a 1.2km diversion is in use along the Murray Valley Highway.



**Water Weed Wipeout app:** Think you've got what it takes to manage a lake and battle a nasty weed? Well now you can with the launch of a new Water Weed Wipeout app. The app has

been developed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and Goulburn Murray Water and is a fun and interactive way to increase awareness of the weed *Egeria* and control methods used. Local MDBA Regional Engagement Officers supported the launch of the app at Lake Mulwala in June. Water Weed Wipeout is available free of charge on the App Store and Google Play for Apple and Android phones/tablets.



**Re-establishing the Rural Women's Network -** On 1 July 2017 the Victorian Government re-

established the Victorian Rural Women's Network. The network was first formed in 1986 but lapsed in recent years. The new network is working with Victoria's rural women's groups and individuals to share ideas and information. It will also encourage women to have a more active voice in government and community decision-making. Our dedicated website, social media platform and a regular e-newsletter will keep rural women informed of upcoming events, grants, scholarships, gatherings, activities, publications and resources, and links to other useful services. [Visit the Victorian Rural Women's Network website](#)



**Sustainable Gardening Australia Product Safety app:** SGA has launched a crowd fund-

ing campaign on Chuffed.org to help fund the development and maintenance of a web-app that indicates the safety of 1000+ garden products for pest, weed & disease control or improved soil fertility. It will help gardeners make informed choices on reducing the use of chemicals that may have negative effects on human health and the environment. SGA has developed a unique database which scores chemicals against 11 criteria indicating the impacts of each product. Each product will be rated from 1 to 6 stars and show levels of safety for humans, bees and other insects, fish and birds, persistence in soils and likelihood of polluting waterways. It will also suggest chemical-free alternatives to gardening problems. Please assist SGA in this campaign by sharing the initiative with your professional and personal networks and passing on to environmental and gardening groups within your community. [Donate here.](#)

*We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new member groups*

*Plasticwise Wodonga*

*and the*

*Friends of John Potter Park*

*Welcome to WULN!!*



# Funding Opportunities



## **Grow your skills, protect your world with an Environment and Conservation Governance Scholarship:**

Our acclaimed Diploma of Business (Governance) BSB50715 - Australia's only accredited qualification for not-for-profit governance - continues to impress, up skill and enrich participants. In order to further break down the barriers that prevent community directors from formalising their governance knowledge, we've partnered with Greening Australia who are offering **twenty-five \$1000 scholarships** towards Diploma of Business (Governance) enrolments. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit and the likely impact for the organisations and community served by each recipient. To learn more about this scholarship, applicable terms and conditions and the application process, visit [www.communitydirectors.com.au/scholarships](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/scholarships) Hurry, scholarships applications close at **3:00 pm AEST, 6 September 2017**. [Learn more](#)



## **2017/18 North East CMA Integrated Incentives and Grants Program - More details to be released soon:**

North East CMA has \$1 million available through a range of Victorian and Australian Government programs for landholders and community groups. Programs and priorities include riparian projects to protect, restore and actively manage rivers, streams and wetlands, native vegetation management and enhancement including weed control, revegetation, fencing and alternative watering points, Victorian Landcare Grants to support community based NRM groups to build skills and capacity to undertake NRM activities. This program follows a highly successful integrated incentives and grants program in 2016/17 with more than \$700,000 delivered directly to 38 landholders across the region and a further 44 grants for Landcare activities. To ensure eligibility for the upcoming program, current grant and incentive recipients are reminded to have all reporting up-to-date and submitted.



## **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. Expressions of Interest for 2018 Fellowships are now open and will close at midnight 8 October 2017. <http://myerfoundation.org.au/grants/other-programs/mif/>



## **\$50K Business Help in Victoria**

Victoria's Stronger Regional Communities invests in community-led initiatives and to drive change in regional and rural towns with grants of up to \$50,000. Eligible applicants include businesses and for-profit organisations, local councils and not-for-profit community organisations. Ongoing. **More?** [SRCP application guidelines](#)



## **The R E Ross Trust Grants:**

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](#).

## Opportunities to have your say



**Share a story with the Invisible Farmer project:** Invisible Farmer is the largest ever study of Australian women on the land. This three year project (2017-2019) is funded by the Australian Research Council and involves a nation-wide partnership between rural communities, academics, government and cultural organisations. The Invisible Farmer team is interested in stories that feature Australian women involved in food, fibre, farming and agriculture; stories of women of the land and waters. [Submit your own story or the story of a woman you know, here...](#)



**Wooragee Landcare Food & Nature Photo Competition:** Wooragee Landcare would like to encourage people to celebrate the biodiversity and beauty of our region by participating in this amateur photographic competition. PRIZE MONEY: First – \$100.00 Second – \$75.00 Third – \$50.00. Categories: Separate sections for primary school, secondary school and amateur adult competitors: Farming in the North East; Biodiversity (Flora and Fauna). Special Award for Best photo of Biodiversity taken on a Wooragee farm. Entries close Friday **20th October 2017**. See [Entry form](#) for further details. Entries to be submitted electronically to Maureen Cooper – email: [brigadoon.99@bigpond.com](mailto:brigadoon.99@bigpond.com) | Ph: 0357281311 | Mail: PO Box 386 Beechworth 3747. Note: Only digital submissions will be accepted.



**Leadership Comp -** Young, rural & dream big? Country to Canberra's 2017 Leadership Competition is OPEN and bigger than ever before! At least 10 young women will win a once-in-a-lifetime all-expenses paid 'Power Trip' prize to Canberra to meet inspiring politicians and CEOs, attend exclusive events, tour Parliament, receive an leadership and public speaking training & so much more. Winners also score online mentorship sessions and access to our alumni network, & the Top 40 will be published to showcase their talents on a national scale. Learn more [about the prize here](#). How to enter? Just submit a 2-minute video or a 400-words addressing the following question: From primary school to Prime Minister, how can we create strong pathways to power for women? Entries must be emailed to [submit@countrytocanberra.com.au](mailto:submit@countrytocanberra.com.au) by **11.00 pm AEST 8 September 2017**. Video entries should be no larger than 100 MB and recorded in landscape.



**Fire Awareness Awards - Entries close 17th Sept:** The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Fire Awareness Awards celebrate the achievements of everyday Victorians in fire awareness and improving community safety. The awards acknowledge the great work of individuals, community groups and organisations, delivering projects that help reduce the incidence and impact of fire. Award categories include: access and inclusion, community learning and knowledge, community prevention and preparedness, recovery, innovation, government and industry diversity, government and industry partnership. This year there will be a \$10,000 RACV Award for Excellence for the most outstanding entry delivered by community groups, schools, not-for-profit organisations, volunteers or individuals from community categories. To learn about How to Enter [click here](#).