

Riverina Murray Landcare Update Thursday 10th May 2018

What's been happening

Over all around 50 people attended the focus forums Hay, Leeton, Harden, Humula and Henty for the final Riverina Landcare Strategic Plan 2023 Focus Groups. Unable to attend focus group workshop?

1. Complete a short 10 minute online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Riverinalandcaresurvey>
2. Jo Eady is also available to speak directly with anyone 0419 912 879 or Email jo.eady@bigpond.com

5th May Riverina Highlands **RFS** will be holding a Community Meeting for Goobarragandra Residents at Camp Hudson to develop a [Community Fire Protection Plan for the Valley](#). Residents are encouraged to attend, 2pm - 5pm with a BBQ from 5.30pm. Andrew Nichols RFS Community Protection and Planner 02 44720600 andrew.nichols@rfs.nsw.gov.au

Mon. 7 May 2018 [Wodonga Urban Landcare Network Monitoring Glider Nestboxes](#) **Albury Wodonga Parklands** Rangers will lead this series of field sessions for community members on nest boxes for arboreal mammals such as sugar gliders and squirrel gliders. If you have nestboxes in your yard, on your property or want to get involved with the boxes in your local reserve, this workshop is for you! This will be a hands-on experience where people will learn to check the condition of nest boxes, use a pole camera to check boxes for occupants, and use a citizen science platform to record data. No previous experience required. Children are most welcome under the supervision of parents/teachers. Meet at the Boyes Rd access into Baranduda Link Reserve (Look for our banner on Boyes Rd). Please dress for the weather and bring your water bottle. Places are limited so [registrations are essential](#). 9:00 am – 11:00 am AEST

7th May Tarcutta Valley Landcare will be holding their AGM at Humula. All welcome to come along and help guide the group's direction for the coming year. Humula Sports Club. Contact Nic Maher 0438452814

8 May Petaurus Education Group had 60 kids and 16 adults at its **Junior Landcare Day and Community afternoon tea** at Galore Hill Scenic reserve with Eastern Riv Landcare, Lockhart Shire. Focus on reptiles as part of a Creative Catchment Kids Nature Day. A resident goanna actually popped its head out of a tree hollow during a reptile presentation. Contact Paula Sheehan 0407 873396

8th May Central West Landcare Weed Biocontrol Workshop in Grenfell had 13 farmers, community members hear Barry Sampson has 30 year experience in the Biological Control of Weeds used to reduce the cost of controlling weeds. The concept of weed biological control is to reduce seed banks, it is to be viewed as a long term measure. The density and vigour of plants can be reduced over time and the measure of success is to have a good integrated management program. Participants found the workshop engaging and learnt about rust to control bridal creeper and a mite to control St Johns Wort as well as other controls.

- The workshop will cover all agents on site. Barry will update the progress and success of Weed biocontrol and available to any questions.
- Free with Morning tea and lunch provided.

Contact for more information or to RSVP please contact: Grenfell: Mikla Lewis weddin@lachlandcare.org.au

9-11 May **Landcare Training** organised by Murray Local Land Services:



-Mapping and Data Recording with Geomancia 9 May Deniliquin and 11 May Albury This free workshop demonstrates a range of mapping techniques relevant to all land managers, from simple hardcopy-based community facilitation exercises to the latest GPS-based methods for data capture in the field. Recent developments in online mapping will also be discussed. Places are limited so early registration is recommended. To register, contact Susie Buckley on (03) 5881 9923.

9 May Murray Dairy kicked off their Three-Day Farm Business Analysis Training at Tallangatta - For farmers wanting to:

- Assemble Analyze and interpret Farm Management Data
- Enter data and analyze farm performance using Dairybase
- Understand whole farm approach
- Key elements of analysis
- Setting Key performance indicators
- Monitoring and improving profit, cash flow and over all farm performance

[RSVP HERE](#) For more information lachlanb@murraydairy.com.au | 0438 092 352

Wed 16th May: IREC Post Picking Machinery Demonstration to be held next Wednesday 16th May at the IREC Field Station. Featuring a range of equipment available from Guidolin Agrimac, JJ Farm Equipment and Serafin Ag Pro. Hope you can come see the machinery in action!

16th -18th May: Sagittaria best practice management and update of sagittaria and silverleaf nightshade biological control Workshop.

Deniliquin, MLLS office, Wednesday 16th May

Griffith, Murrumbidgee Irrigation office, Thursday 17th May

Tatura, Goulburn-Murray Water office, Friday 18th May

Silverleaf nightshade integrated management and biological control – research update presented by Greg Lefoe and Hanwen Wu (Griffith workshop)

Online resources for biological control Greg Lefoe

Update on Sagittaria biological control by Rae Kwong

Findings of sagittaria best practice management project

Effectiveness of current sagittaria management practices

Knowledge gaps that are inhibiting effective management by Daniel Clements

Validity of Sagittaria best practice management findings, and

Prioritising sagittaria knowledge gaps and next steps by Tony Dugdal

Managing sagittaria with imazapyr in irrigation channels

Initial concentration, decay and flushing of imazapyr residues in irrigation channels after sagittaria control - what can we learn for other situations? Daniel Clements

Up Coming Events

10th May **Kyeamba Valley Landcare Group invite everyone to their 2018 AGM** and dinner. The special guest speaker will be Ginny Stevens, founder of Active Farmers.

Come along to enjoy a delicious two-course meal, and hear how Ginny left her agribusiness banking career to develop her business, Active Farmers, with the goal of helping farmers to improve their physical and mental health. From 6 pm (dinner served at 6.45 pm). Venue: Thomas Blamey Tavern Function Room, Main Street, Lake Albert



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Price: \$20 per person for KVLG members, \$25 for non-members RSVP: By Wednesday 2 May, to Christine Garner - cj.garner@live.com.au, or 0413 526 458

Friday 11th and 12th May; Pop into the **Landcare Display at the Riverina Field Days at the Griffith Showgrounds** and have a chat about Landcare in your area....what would you like to see happening and how can you be involved. The Field Days attracts thousands of people each year and showcases the best agricultural machinery and products from the region.

12th May- Bowning and Bookham Districts Landcare Group- Tree Planting Morning
Join BBDLG for a fun morning of tree planting and be part of creating a 300m long Habitat Hop in the Burrinjuck to Bango project. Morning tea will be provided. Remember to bring your hat, sunscreen, water bottle, gardening gloves and wear enclosed shoes. You can also bring a shovel and a bucket if you like, or just use Landcare's equipment. 1112 is a 10acre hobby-farm about 20 minutes from Yass, 75 minutes from Canberra, and 3 hours from Sydney. Accommodation is available nearby at the Commercial Hotel, Bowning as well as at several motels, caravan park or RV friendly camp-ground in Yass. This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust. RSVP - [Eventbrite](#)

14-18 May Landcare Training organised by Murray Local Land Services
A day and a half of **Governance and Strategic Planning** with Steve Bowman 14-15 May Albury, 16-17 May Finley and 17-18 May Barham. Create a strong future for an organisation by steering it towards a well-defined vision and making sure day-to-day management is always lined up with the organisation's strategies. Presenter, Steven Bowman is a seasoned Board advisor with a great depth of experience and skill facilitating Board reviews and strategic planning process. Utilise his expertise by attending these workshops to advance your group through conscious leadership and planning. This event is free of charge with morning or afternoon tea provided. More info needed on [governance](#) or [strategic planning](#)? Don't miss out, [RSVP here!](#)

16 May **Nature Conservation Working Group and Murray LLS are hosting the Curlew Summit in Albury.** Hear from speakers from all round NSW and local champions on topics like radio transmitters, education packages and all the ins and outs of successful breed and release programs. Plus an Open Aviary on Thurs 17 May at the Jindera Curlew Captive Breeding Facility. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/curlew-summit-2018-tickets-43877586041>

Jan Luke njlubke@skymesh.com.au or Elise Tack elise.tack@lls.nsw.gov.au

Persons of Interest

Riverina Field Days: Facebook Page (no Twitter)

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Pop into the Local Land Services Display at Site 46 where you can meet Kathy Tenison, the new Local Landcare Coordinator for the Irrigation Area and on Saturday Anabel Lugsdin, the Rangelands Landcare Coordinator, Murrumbidgee Field Naturalists will also be there

We have some great giveaways for anyone wanting to complete our survey for the Riverina Landcare Strategic Plan 2023. Don't forget to complete a short 10 minute online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Riverinalandcaresurvey> also our facilitator, Jo Eady is also available to speak directly with anyone 0419 912 879 or Email jo.eady@bigpond.com

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Consultations, Conferences, Courses and Awards

Nominations now open for the 2018 Green Globe Awards –Promote Our Regional Environmental Achievements www.environment.nsw.gov.au/greenglobes for all the details. The Riverina Murray region has an impressive line-up of past winners from business, NGOs, academia and government:

2016

Climate Change Leadership Award
Charles Sturt University – CSU Green
Natural Environment Award
Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc – Working Together: Cross-Property Planning

2015

Sustainability Champion Award
Karen Retra – Seed Savers, Ecoportal and Pollinator Count Albury-Wodonga
Waste and Recycling Award
Mars Petcare – Zero Waste to Landfill
Medium to Large Business Sustainability Award
De Bortoli Wines – Re-engineering Our Future for a Carbon Economy
10-year Sustainability Award
Wagga Wagga City Council

2013

Water Efficiency Award
Riverina Water County Council – Urban Nature-Strip Lawn-Replacement Rebate Scheme

GEN AG FUTURE FUND LAUNCHED

Applications are now open for the Australian Fodder Industry Association's inaugural Gen Ag Future Fund. The fund will make up to \$3000 available to 18-30 year olds to assist them with further education or the cost of a specific project that will benefit the Australian fodder and agricultural industries. More? [Click here](#)

SHARE THE GRAIN STORY

GrainGrowers is holding a competition for children between the ages of 5 and 18 living on a grains farm anywhere in Australia – or who has relatives who do – to tell the story about your family's history on a grains farm, which blends together the past and the future. Prizes include a drone, a goPro and an iPad. Deadline 17 September. **More?** social@graingrowers.com.au



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Sheep producer feedback is needed for animal health monitoring and preparedness study.

This online questionnaire takes around 30 minutes and is anonymous. It is being conducted by Charles Sturt University, Australian Bureau of Agricultural Resource Economics and Sciences and CSIRO as part of a Rural Research and Development for Profit project. By submitting a survey response, you will have the opportunity to go into a prize draw to win an iPad or one of 20 of \$50.00 retail gift vouchers. [Click here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sheep03) to complete the survey, or use the following address in your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sheep03>

BIO-SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP Australian Academy of Science is offering The Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Award, providing up to \$20K annually for an early career researcher studying biological science. Deadline 1 June. **More?** <https://www.science.org.au/opportunities/research-funding/max-day-environmental-science-fellowship-award>

TRIAL TACKLES PICKER GAP

Hort growers are asked to participate in the Australian Government's two-year Seasonal Work Incentives Trial, encouraging seasonal workers to earn more income without affecting their income support payment. **More?** [Information for growers](#) and a [fact sheet](#).

Rivers of Carbon - Riparian Retreat 10-12 April at Cuppacumbalong ACT The Rivers of Carbon – Riparian Retreat is a three day retreat spent with 'people who know stuff' examining the many reasons 'Why Riparian Restoration' produces multiple benefits. We will be exploring river form and function, ecological recovery, protecting and creating native fish habitat, stakeholder engagement, the wider social context within which we work, and community involvement. The retreat will take the shape of a mix of formal presentations, river 'walk and talks' and full day field trip (including canoe/kayak trip into Bredbo Gorge) [More Info](#).

AgriFutures™ startup: Applications now open for secondary schools around Australia to apply for a unique entrepreneurial learning program for Year 9 and 10 students. An education program that teaches school kids in rural and regional Australia to solve the problems facing agriculture using innovation and an entrepreneurial mindset. AgriFutures Australia will sponsor seven schools across the country to receive a \$7,000 education program that will take secondary students on an immersive journey into the entrepreneurial startup scene to help solve the problems facing agriculture in Australia. Applications are now open. Teachers or school representatives are encouraged to apply online at: www.agrifutures.com.au/people-leadership/agrifutures-startup-business/

Applications are now open for- 2019 Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarships

We encourage you to approach potential applicants to apply. With 25 scholarships available in 2019 it's a great opportunity to:

- **Research** a topic of interest that will add value to your business and the Australian agriculture industry.
- **Become a member of the Nuffield Australia Alumni** to develop skills and knowledge to promote, support and innovate your industry, business and region.
- **Become a member of a worldwide network** of more than 1,700 Nuffield Scholars globally.

This year Nuffield has launched a new campaign to encourage applicants. "**Produce Change**" is designed to get Australia's agricultural community excited about the Nuffield program, and goes straight to the heart of what Nuffield does. Closes 15 June <http://nuffield.com.au/>

6 May – 12 May 2018 International Compost Awareness Week Australia



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[Better Soil, Better Life, Better Future](#)

10 to 11 May 2018 Inaugural **South-east Australia Aboriginal Fire Forum** to be hosted by ACT Natural Resource Management (ACT NRM) and ACT Parks and Conservation Service (ACT PCS). The Forum, titled Cultural Burning: Evolving with community and Country, will give participants the opportunity to network, learn, and establish collaborations with others committed to cultural burning and caring for Country. The Forum will be held on Ngannawal Country at the Ann Harding Centre, University of Canberra, Bruce, ACT. [Bookings and more info](#)

16-17 May CONSERVATION IN ACTION CONFERENCE

It's not too late to register for the 2018 Conservation in Action Conference: Research to Reality being held in Bathurst, 16 - 17 May. [Click here](#)

19th May National Parks Association of NSW and Eastern Riverina Landcare 10am-12pm **Riverina 'Who's living on my land?' workshop**. Come along to our free workshop to find out what species are on your property and what they get up to at night! We are looking for landholders in the Eastern Riverina to participate in a citizen science survey of the wildlife on their property. We will teach you how to set up a camera trap and then lend you a camera for two weeks so you can find out what animal species are on your land. When: Saturday, 19th May, 10am-12pm. Where: Yerong Creek Bowling Club Hall, 33 Cole Street, Yerong Creek 2642. Registration Essential RSVP: whoslivingonmyland.org/easternriverina or call 9299 0000 and ask for Margot

21st to 27th May [National Volunteer Week \(link is external\)](#) -

22 May [International Day for Biological Diversity](#)

On 22 May 2018 **#CEEDTC2018**. Aligned with World Biodiversity Day, CEED will host the inaugural online Twitter Conference (#CEEDTC2018) with a focus on Environmental Decisions.

The primary objectives are to strengthen our inter-node network using new technical platforms, keeping abreast of research developments and impact, and identifying new opportunities for inter-node collaboration. In addition, #CEEDTC2018 may provide additional outreach and engagement to a broader lay person audience and highlight CEED's international standing.

25 May **Rural communities making a difference: Climate conversation**, This Climate Conversation is a **forum on how land managers can contribute to limiting climate change and reap the benefits**. Help unlock the potential of rural communities and enable them to make a difference. The forum is on **Friday 25 May, 9 am – 4 pm**, in Yass Memorial Hall with Genevieve Jacobs (MC), and guest speakers **Dr Bradley Opdyke, Dr Charles Massy, Dr Christine Jones and Dr Siwan Lovett**. The event is supported by a range of community and industry organisation stall holders and exhibitors, and by Yass Area Network of Landcare Groups, Hovells Creek and Boorowa Community Landcare Groups, supported by Local Land Services, Rivers of Carbon and others in SE NSW. For booking information and more details (available soon): contact your local Landcare group or call Linda Cavanagh on mob. 0459 681018, email landcare@boorowa.net.

29 – 31 May 2018 **Plant Biosecurity CRC National Science Exchange 2018**

The [National Science Exchange 2018](#) hosted by Plant Biosecurity Cooperative Research Centre (PBCRC) will focus on biosecurity built on science for agriculture and the environment. The three day conference will include



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a variety of plenary sessions, presentations from research teams, and open discussions and networking on plant biosecurity issues encompassing biosecurity research, policies, operations and management. Melbourne

30-31 May 2018 **National Science Exchange 2018** [2018 Plant Biosecurity CRC National Science Exchange](#). Science Exchange 2018 'Biosecurity built on science for agriculture and the environment' brings together the Cooperative Research Centre family to share knowledge and ideas and lead to innovative and cooperative research that will deliver impact for end users. Melbourne

- 5th June [World Environment Day \(link is external\)](#)

13-15 June **Irrigation Australia's International Conference** "Addressing the Big Issues." Will be held on in Sydney. **More?** <http://iaice.com.au>

9 July - 11 July 2018 **GRDC Innovation Generation** (Wagga Wagga). TBC (please contact event organiser for [more details](#)). Innovation Generation (IG), is the leading annual gathering for under 35s working in the Australian grains industry.

24-26 July **NSW Farmers Annual Conference 2018** at Luna Park, Milsons Point, SYDNEY https://www.nswfarmers.org.au/NSWFA/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=NSWFAAC

31 July -2 Aug Australian Grains Industry Conference in Melbourne, VIC <https://www.ausgrainsconf.com/australia>

Jul 26 - 27 Agribusiness Today Forum, TBC venue and location

26 July 2018 GRDC Grains Research Update (Moama) 9:00am - 1:00pm The GRDC Grains Research Update events provide agronomists, consultants, researchers and growers with a forum to showcase innovative thinking and the latest research outcomes relevant to modern farming systems. [View full details](#)
7-9 Aug 19th Australian Cotton Conference cottonshippers@bigpond.com
<http://www.australiancottonconference.com.au/>

11 August 2018 **Citizen Science: Challenges and Benefits for Biodiversity Conservation**

[The Citizen Science Forum](#) will explore a wide range of issues relating to the challenges and benefits of Citizen Science (CS) in biodiversity conservation. Presentations will be 15-20 minutes duration, with a panel Q&A session at the end of each thematic segment. Those interested in presenting should contact The Hut Environment and Community Association. Registration opens 1 May 2018. In Brisbane

13-14 Aug in Canberra for [Crawford Foundation](#) 2018 Annual Conference "Reshaping Ag for Better

14 - 16 August Australia New Zealand **Biochar Conference (ANZBC18)** will be held on Tuesday at Southern Cross University Gold Coast Campus, Bilinga, Qld, Australia.

15-16 August **CSIRO AgCatalyst** at Melbourne Park, VIC At AgCatalyst, attendees can examine the latest in digital technologies, data science and next generation genomics, delve into biologicals, materials science and new bioproducts, and discuss the latest developments in food science, precision agriculture and robotics. **Serving up value** is the theme for 2018 with live demonstrations of cutting edge agriculture technology, latest food products and unique networking opportunities. 500-600 attendees are expected from





agribusiness, peak industry bodies, rural research funders and providers, universities, CSIRO and policy-makers in innovation. <https://www.csiro.au/en/Research/AF/Areas/AgCatalyst>

2018 New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Biosecurity Roundtable, Sydney on Thursday 30 August 2018.

This event is presented by the National Biosecurity Committee, and co-hosted by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and the Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate. PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE NSW/ACT BIOSECURITY ROUNDTABLE BY CLICKING [HERE](#)

24 August AIM Breakfast Yarrowonga 'Acknowledge Inspire Mingle'

14th September **FarmLink Open Day 2018**

25 August - 29 August 2019 **19th Australian Agronomy Conference (Wagga Wagga)**

National conference for agronomists to network and share research results.

[View full details](#)

September Twilight Weed and Crop Walk, Graham Centre Field Site, Wagga

All September [National Biodiversity Month](#)

1st September [National Wattle Day \(link is external\)](#) -

9th to 12th Sept 2018 21st Australasian Weeds Conference The Weed Society of New South Wales Inc., on behalf of the Council of Australasian Weed Societies Inc., will be hosting the 21st Australasian Weeds Conference in the popular Sydney beach side suburb of Manly from 9 - 12 September 2018. This biennial conference carries on a long tradition of bringing the weed management community together to discuss new developments and share information about cutting-edge and best weed management practices. The conference attracts over 250 delegates from across Australasia and globally. Delegates will come together to network with peers, engage with industry sponsors, listen and participate in presentations and field trips on a variety of topics including; More information: www.21awc.org.au

17 & 18 September Australian Regional Development Conference at Tweed Heads

Sept-Oct 2018 **Birds In Backyard [Spring Survey](#)** : Sept-Oct 2018 (and don't forget about Bird Week and the [Aussie Backyard Bird Count 22-28 Oct 2018](#))

23 Nov AIM Breakfast Yarrowonga 'Acknowledge Inspire Mingle'

December 4 Graham Centre End of Year Function, Convention Centre, CSU, Wagga

10 – 12 October 2018 National Landcare Conference and Awards

22 November 2018 **National Biosecurity Forum (held in Canberra)**

5th December [International Volunteer Day \(link is external\)](#)



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5th December [World Soil Day \(link is external\)](#) -

Grants, Funding, Scholarships and Opportunities

Locations to find grants

- Community builders: www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au
- Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal: www.frrr.org.au
- Grants Link: <https://www.grants.gov.au/>
- Regional Arts NSW: <http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants>
- Business Projects: <http://ausindustry.gov.au>
- Our Community: <http://www.ourcommunity.com.au>
- Philanthropy: <http://www.philanthropy.org.au>
- Business: <https://www.business.gov.au/search?q=&c=assistance&c=events&c=advice>
- Equity Trustees administers a number of other charitable trusts and foundations which provide grants across a range of areas beyond our [five pillars granting program](#) areas.

Suez has just announced their grants open. In 2018, they will provide community groups, schools and organizations with funding to help improve their local communities and the environment.

<http://suezcommunitygrants.com.au/>

AMP's Tomorrow Fund

For the fifth year the AMP Foundation is offering amazing Australians doing great things the chance to share in \$1million in grants. Individuals of all ages, abilities and interests who need help to reach a goal with community impact can apply before 4pm (AEST) on **17 May 2018**.

<https://www.ampstomorrowfund.com.au/>

The [Eco Schools Program](#) is now open to applications and will close on 3pm Monday 18 June 2018. To fund environmental management projects that assist schools with environmental learning opportunities for students, teachers and the school community. Eco Schools' projects provide hands-on curriculum-based environmental education focussing on strong student participation Eighty individual grants of \$3500, with a total of \$280,000 available to schools.

All registered schools in NSW are eligible to apply. Projects working primarily with students with special needs are encouraged

Don't be sheepish about taking this online survey Sheep producers are asked to take part in an online survey on animal health monitoring and preparedness as part of a study conducted by Charles Sturt University, Australian Bureau of Agricultural Resource Economics and Sciences and CSIRO. The anonymous survey takes around 30 minutes. Respondents go into the draw to win an iPad or one of 20 of \$50 retail gift vouchers. Take the survey [here](#)

LANDCARE LOTTERY Landcare Australia has launched a charity lottery with \$1 million worth of prizes and 60% of ticket sales going directly to Landcare Australia. Tickets cost \$25, and can be purchased at

<https://playforpurpose.com.au/landcare>





Scholarship to assist female apprentices in NSW who are residing or working in New South Wales. Thanks to the Sarah Lloyd Scholarship Fund, which was set up in loving memory of Sarah Lloyd by her family, the scholarship of \$2,000 assists female apprentices in non-traditional trades with the purchase of tools and other expenses. In conjunction with ATEL the Scholarship is now open and accepting applications for 2018. If you can kindly distribute this information to your networks that would be greatly appreciated. All the information can be found on the link below including the downloadable Application Form.<https://www.atel.com.au/supporting-the-community/SLSF>

Regional Development Australia - Riverina is calling for expressions of interest from young people residing in RDA Riverina rural communities to attend Destination Riverina Murray NSW Event Development Workshops. Destination Riverina Murray has partnered with regional tourism and marketing consultant Krista Hauritz to deliver workshops in Griffith, Wagga and Albury. This series of Event Development Workshops is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of event owners and organising committees in the Riverina Murray. RDA-Riverina is proud to announce its support for the 2018 Event Development Program and is now calling for expressions of interest from young people working and residing in RDA Riverina region aged 18 – 35yrs to be involved in this year's event. Eligible RDA Riverina Local Government Areas are: Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Griffith, Cootamundra Gundagai, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Snowy Valleys, Temora, and Wagga Wagga. RDA-Riverina is a strong advocate for youth leadership. This year RDA-Riverina is offering to sponsor four delegates in total – 2 delegates to attend the 2018 Event Development Workshop held in Griffith and 2 delegates to attend workshop in Wagga. This program is designed to provide you with the skills required to:

- Develop a business and strategic plan
- Successfully apply for grants and funding
- Become an expert on cost effective event marketing
- Measure event impact and success

The RDA-Riverina offer will cover:

- workshop registration fees
- travel expenses (ATO reimbursement rate/km)
- accommodation

For more information about 2018 Event Development Workshops email ceo@rdariverina.org.au or po@rdariverina.org.au for an application form

Murray Dairy Business Mentoring Program - A free session with an AgBiz Assist agricultural consultant to help you implement a farm business process or practice for your farm. How does it work? This program is open to dairy farmers within the Murray region, you can expect from the program:

- A Consultation with an experienced financial mentor from AgBiz Assist
- Mentors to work with you to help implement a farm business practice or skill, including record-keeping, accounting, budgeting or business analysis
- Mentors will signpost farmers to tools, resources or services to enhance your business management, including programs such as DairyBase

Any dairy farmers in the Murray region interested in improving their capability across farm business management and analysis should contact Lachlan Barnes at Murray Dairy on 0438 092 352 or lachlanb@murraydairy.com.au

Landcare Receives Funding Boost for Dung Beetles Riverina Highlands Landcare Network is embarking on a 2 year project to look at the opportunities for maximising the use of dung beetles to improve pasture condition. With funding secured from Meat and Livestock Australia, the project will conduct a series of field trials to measure changes in cattle dung pads as a result of dung beetle activity. As part of the field trials, up to



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five species of beetles will be released across 5 participating properties. The producers involved will be helping with monitoring species survival rates and their spread across the property as well as their effectiveness in processing the dung. RHLN is looking for 5 properties geographically spread across the region to be involved in this trial. Landholders interested in being involved in the dung beetle trial should download a copy of the dung beetle project fact sheet and EOI which can be found at www.riverinahighlandslandcare.com.au. During the initial stage of the project the Landcare Network wishes to learn more about landholders current perceptions of dung beetles. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the following survey. It should take about 5 minutes of your time. Your responses are voluntary, anonymous and will be confidential.

[Landholder Dung Beetle Survey](#)

Wagga Wagga city council annual grants program Council invites community organisations, groups and in some categories, individuals, in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area to make an application for funding as part of Council's Annual Grants Program. \$186,000 will be available for the [Annual Grants Program 2018-19](#) to help support our local communities. **CLOSE: 14 May 2018**

INSURANCE REBATES Rebates of up to \$2.5K are available for 50% of advice/assessment costs to help farmers prepare and apply for a new insurance policy helping to management of drought and other production and market risks. NB: Receipt of funding from this program might mean you will be ineligible for support from other government program and funding might also have taxation implications. Seek independent taxation and financial advice from a qualified professional. **Deadline 15 May 2019.** More? Managing Farm Risk Programme, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, GPO Box 858, Canberra, ACT 2601

Regional Flagship Events Program [The Regional Flagship Events Program](#) identifies and supports events in regional NSW that have the potential to act as a 'cornerstone' or flagship tourism event for their area by attracting overnight visitation and delivering long term benefits to the region. The name "*Regional Flagship Events Program*" will remain as the umbrella title under which the three funds will sit:

- Incubator Event Fund - supports the establishment of new events (see [terms and conditions](#)).
- N.B.: *Applications for Round 2 of the 2018 Incubator Event Fund are now open and will close on Sunday 18 March 2018. Events held in July – December 2018 are encouraged to apply.* To learn more watch the [Incubator Event Fund webcast](#)
- Flagship Event Fund - supports the marketing of emerging events to increase their profile and encourage visitation (see [terms and conditions](#)). N.B.:
- *Expressions of interest for the 2018 Flagship Event Fund have now closed.* To learn more watch the [Flagship Event Fund webcast](#)
- Event Development Fund – supports the strategic development of proven flagship events as drivers of tourism (see [terms and conditions](#)).

Hort Innovation encourages all growers and industry participants to share their thoughts and ideas for the research and other investments they want to see – and it's as simple as using our [online Concept Proposal Form](#). Hort Innovation invests more than \$100 million each year into initiatives and programs that provide benefit to Australian horticulture growers, the wider horticulture sector and the community. Each investment starts with an idea – and we'd love for you to share yours.



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TRAIL helps participants develop a strong platform of skills, attributes and knowledge enabling emerging leaders to engage more effectively in their organisations, communities and industries. [Training Rural Australians In Leadership \(TRAIL\)](#) is a seven-day cross-sector leadership program set in Canberra and region, for Australia's future emerging rural leaders. It is a challenge based TRAIL will run from Monday 30 April until Sunday 6 May program to develop key leadership skills.

Aid for NSW Farmer Upskill NSW farmers can take subsidised [pre-approved courses](#) through the State Government's \$45m Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program. Or farmers can [apply](#) for other professional development activities. Participants can [claim reimbursement](#) of up to 50% (GST-exclusive) up to \$5000/farmer or \$9000/farm business. For further information www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/professional-development-program

Indigenous Advancement Strategy Community Led Grants enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and service providers to seek grant funding to address emerging needs and/or opportunities that they have identified as priorities. As a first step, potential applicants must discuss their proposal with their local PM&C Regional Network office, by calling 1800 079 098 and asking to speak to a staff member in their local office. [Indigenous Advancement Strategy Community Led Grants Website](#)



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