

Riverina Murray Landcare Update Thursday 26th April 2018

What's Been Happening

On Sunday Wagga Wagga Urban Landcare Group held its first **'Toddler Toddles' event** at Livingstone National Park. This event was booked out in a couple of days. 20 kids aged 2 - 6 years old along with about 30 adults went on a treasure hunt and explored all the wonders of the bush. It was so successful they are looking at doing more in the future.

On Tuesday Corowa District Landcare Group headed to Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre at Burrumbuttock for a seed collecting day. This has developed from a partnership at the Seed Production Area. (a seed orchard for growing native seed species)

Also on Tuesday Murray Dairy held a workshop in Finely on **Understanding Lameness with Neil Chesterton**. Neil also covered the Importance of dairy facilities (such as Laneway and yard design, entrances and exits to achieve good cow flow) and Low-stress Handling such as Understanding cow behaviour.

Upcoming Events

(Today) 26 April With support from Meat & Livestock Australia and Riverina Local Land Services, the Riverina Highlands Landcare Network invites local landholders to a presentation on **Boosting dung beetle activity in the Riverina Highlands**. Guest speaker is Australia's foremost dung beetle expert, John Feehan, former head of CSIRO's dung beetle project. John Feehan will provide information on how to best manage these amazingly efficient recyclers. With an estimated 28 million cattle in Australia and the average cow dropping 18kg of dung per day, dung beetles can provide remarkable benefits to both productivity and the environment by removing and recycling dung. The event will run in conjunction with the Riverina Highlands Landcare Network's Annual General Meeting. All landholders and interested persons are encouraged to attend. 474 Snowy Mountains Highway, Gilmore via Tumut, 10am to 1pm. Anyone wishing to take up a position is encouraged to download a copy of the nomination form **RSVP**: ph Cherie White 69 411 402

(Today) 26th April from 5.30pm **LIVE ACROSS AUSTRALIA from Wagga** the National Launch of the Farmer Exchange program and Farm Table. Supported by AgriFutures this event is aimed at connecting with other farmers and learning about the Farmer Exchange, and the Farm Table, a central hub to access agriculture industry's knowledge and goings-on around the country. From 5.30pm at Romano's Hotel. Free Please register

(Saturday) April 28th Tumut **Wetland Quarterly Bird Survey** is on again. January survey recorded 44 species. The birds were active and vocal; notably Dollarbirds (now migrating path back north to PNG), Rufous Whistlers, , Sacred Kingfishers and Treecreepers. The highlight was the Eastern Shrike-tit. Meet at the Ken Stubbs Bridge, end of the old Gundagai road 7.30am preferably with binoculars. New comers welcomes. Sharon Stacy 0408 478 390



(Sunday) 29th April Narrandera Koala Regeneration Centre Committee and OEH are having its annual **Narrandera Koala Spotting Day**. No need to pre book. Follow the signs from the Lake Talbot Canal Bridge and meet at the Narrandera Flora and Fauna Reserve at 9:45am for a 10am start. Koala spotting will finish around midday and Rotary will provide a BBQ lunch for volunteers for a gold coin donation. Kids are most welcome, but please remember to bring a water bottle and wear long trousers, sturdy covered shoes, a sun hat, mosquito repellent and sun cream. For more information contact Griffith NPWS Office on 6966 8100 or the Narrandera Visitor Centre on 6959 5545. If it is raining on Sunday 15 April, find out whether the koala spotting has been cancelled by calling 0429 319 585. (Rescheduled from Sunday 15th)

(Monday) 30th April Wodonga Urban Landcare Network **Monitoring Glider Nestboxes**. 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 Baranduda Community Centre carpark. Please dress for the weather and bring your water bottle. RSVP essential – popular

(Wednesday) 2nd May Active farmers is hosting a **Rural Mindfulness Workshop** in Temora with Narelle Hunter @ Temora Town Hall 6- 8pm. It will be about stress management, Family Wellbeing, Business Productivity, Improve health, sleep and motivation. Cost \$25. Bring a towel, exercise mat or cushion, comfortable clothing and \$25- nelhunter@bigpond.com.au

(Tuesday – Thursday) 1st- 3rd May Riverina Regional Landcare Facilitators Program and Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc. have a series of **Focus Groups workshops** across the region. It's part of developing the **Riverina Landcare Strategic Plan 2023**. Landcare is community driven so we need to hear what should landcare be doing (or not doing) over the next 5 years (eg. this radio segment) . Results will influence what myself and Julie, as RLFs, and the Landcare coordinators focus our energy on. Focus Groups are being held in Hay, Leeton, Murrumburrah, Adelong, Humula and Henty. Jo Eady from RuralScope Pty Limited will facilitate the Focus Group and light refreshments will be available. To register easiest to go the MLI website:

Tuesday 1 May 9 – 11 am **HAY** Venue: Hay Library, 204 Lachlan Street, HAY
RSVP Annabel Lugsdin Mobile 0428 549 647 Email alugsdin@mli.org.au

Tuesday 1 May 1:30 – 3:30 pm **LEETON** Venue: Murrumbidgee Irrigation, Dunn Ave. LEETON
RSVP Kathy Tenison Mobile 0428 396 826 Email irrigationarea@mli.org.au

Wednesday 2 May 9 – 11 am **MURRUMBURRAH** Venue: Barnes Store & Café, Albury Street
MURRUMBURRAH RSVP Annie Jacobs Mobile 0429 458 717 Email midmurrumbidgeenorth@mli.org.au



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Wednesday 2 May 5 – 7 pm **ADELONG** Venue: Adelong Services and Citizens Club, 54 Tumut Street. ADELONG RSVP Annie Jacobs Mobile 0429 458 717 Email midmurrumbidgeenorth@mli.org.au

Thursday 3 May 9 – 11 am **HUMULA** Venue: Humula Club, Mate Street, HUMULA
RSVP Nicole Maher Mobile 0438 452 814 Email nmaher@mli.org.au

Thursday 3 May Time 1:30 – 3:30 pm **HENTY** Venue: Henty Community Club, South Street, HENTY.
RSVP Nicole Maher Mobile 0438 452 814 Email nmaher@mli.org.au

Unable to attend focus group workshop?

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

PERSON OF INTEREST

Michael Gooden @mjgoodenco Active on Twitter, Facebook and website
Owner of Old Man Creek (OMC) Angus cattle stud at Sandigo. Michel is focused on breeding low input cattle raised only on healthy regenerative grasslands using Holistic Management principles. He is also the new chair of Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc. and right behind supporting the next phase of landcare activities in the Riverina over the next 5 years. Informative tweets and facebook posts about farm life with a young family and a few posts at the moment about challenges recovering after his leg injury playing footy.

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



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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 a move to further solidify governance skills throughout the country, the Institute of Community Directors Australia is providing one hundred \$1000 scholarships towards Diploma of Business (Governance) enrolments from Australian's contributing to regional communities. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit and likely impact for the communities served by each recipient. We acknowledge the support of the [Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal](#) who are partnering with us to promote this scholarship opportunity throughout Australia. To learn more about this scholarship offering and the application process, visit www.communitydirectors.com.au/scholarships

Hurry, scholarships **applications close at 3:00 pm AEST, May 10, 2018.**

WHO IS THE TOP FLEECE?

The Federation of Australian Wool Organisations Inc. is calling for nominations for the 2018 Australian Wool Industry Medal that recognises men and women who have made an exceptional and sustained contribution to the Australian wool industry. Nominations close May 1. More? www.fawo.org.au

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

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](#) 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>

Murray LLS Pest Animal Strategy Consultation Information sessions are being held in the region to explain how the plan was developed, what it means for the region and how provide input into the final plan. Deniliquin: Tuesday, 27 March 2018, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Deniliquin RSL Club, 72 End St. Albury: Wednesday, 28 March 2018, 11.00am – 1.00pm, Albury City Council office (Robert Brown room, ground floor), 553 Kiewa St. Anyone who has a concern about pest animal management is encouraged to attend an information session and comment on the draft plan. For more information, download a copy of the plan and have your say:



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<https://murray.ils.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/pestplan>. The plan will be on public exhibition until 5.00 pm, **Friday, 20 April**.

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](#).

Healthy Country Planning Training registrations now open for a 3-day course from Friday, the **27th of April to Sunday the 29th of April**, in Blackheath, New South Wales, Australia. This course is offered in conjunction with the Conservation Coaches Network (CCNet) Rally in neighbouring Katoomba in the week starting the 30th of April. The training uses the well proven interactive adult learning approach developed by the Conservation Coaches Network over many years - groups working together using either their own, or supplied case study materials, and exposing their work to other groups for feedback. Aimed in particular at Indigenous Conservation Projects, this course focuses on Healthy Country Planning elements that have been well accepted in a cross-cultural context. To register follow the prompts and we will send you a confirmation and invoice. You need to pay the invoice to secure your place. http://www.conservationmanagement.com.au/ccnet_rally_hcp_2018. Conservation coaches: Stuart Cowell **+61 427 508 308 scowell** [@conservationmanagement.com.au](mailto:scowell@conservationmanagement.com.au) Frank Weisenberger **+61 408 397 984** frankweisenbergerconsulting@gmail.com

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/

"**Food & Fibre - the original STEM**" is the theme of [PIEFA's 2018 conference](#) to be held at the Realm Hotel, Canberra from 29 April to 1 May 2018. PIEFA is the peak body for primary industries education in Australia. We inform schools and the community about the primary industries and the careers available.

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/>

4-6 April 2018 **Fenner Conference on the Environment: Urban Sustainability and Conservation** Each day of the [conference](#) will focus on one of three broad themes: Conservation and Sustainability, Climate Adaptation and Sensory Pollution. Canberra, ACT

17th April Tuesday 3-5pm. **West Wyalong Community Garden Working Bee** getting ready for winter vegies and hang out with like minded people 3pm - 5pm **Brittany Turner**
Bland-Temora Local Landcare Co-ordinator, Ph | 0499 199 076 Email | blandtemora@lachlandcare.org.au

18 - 19 April 2018 [Climate Smart Innovations Conference](#) will be held in the central west town of Cowra.

22nd April Tuesday **Hillview Community Garden Working Bee in Temora** getting ready for winter vegies and hang out with like minded people 10am - noon. Britt
Bland-Temora Local Landcare Co-ordinator, Ph | 0499 199 076 Email | blandtemora@lachlandcare.org.au

29 April - 2 May 2018 **Australasian Network For Ecology And Transportation Conference Connecting Nature Connecting People**. The conference will focus on the intersection of people and linear infrastructure, specifically how both people and nature are connected through the ecological interactions with and impacts of transportation infrastructure, and the many and varied solutions. <http://www.ecologyandtransport.com/>

6 May – 12 May 2018 International Compost Awareness Week Australia
[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 Ngunnawal Country at the Ann Harding Centre, University of Canberra, Bruce, ACT. [Bookings and more info](#)

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](#)



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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 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 \(link is external\)](#)

Sun 24th June **Wagga Wagga Urban Landcare Group -Stroud Homes Planting** pound Flat TSR Phone: Ed Maher @ 0408 771 750

29th June. TARCUTTA VALLEY LANDCARE Friday Lunch with Charlie Massy. Severn Park. Author: Call of the Reed Warbler. <https://www.penguin.com.au/books/call-of-the-reed-warbler-a-new-agriculture-a-new-earth-9780702253416>

Wed 27 June **Riverine Plains Farm Business Update** at Mulwala

July 4 Graham Centre Livestock Forum, (combined with the 2018 Australian Society of Animal Production Conference), Convention Centre, CSU, Wagga

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.



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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](#)



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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 \(link is external\)](#)

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.



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>

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 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



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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](#)

Regional Growth Fund - applications open

1) Do you have a transformational infrastructure project that could create jobs, drive growth and increase community resilience across the NSW Central West?

2) Does the project cost more than \$20 million, and can you provide at least 50% of the funding?

We want to hear from you. Call to chat through your project on 02 6360 1600

Applications **close 27 April 2018**.

There is only one round of the Regional Growth Fund. For more information visit our website

<http://www.rdacentralwest.org.au/funding/regional-growth-fund-australian-government>

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](#)).





Investing in Women program funds organisations to develop and implement projects that support economic opportunity, participation, empowerment and leadership.

Projects should address at least one of the seven focus areas:

- women's economic opportunity and advancement
- equitable workplaces for women and men
- women in small business
- women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers
- women in male-dominated trades
- women in leadership roles
- leadership pathways for young women.

Minister for Women Tanya Davies said the NSW Government wants to further support gender equality in all industries and at every level. "We want this funding to have a renewed focus on supporting proven projects that are sustainable, as well as helping new initiatives come to life," Mrs Davies said. Eligible organisations are encouraged to **apply by 22 April 2018**.

[Find out more about the grants program](#)

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.

Apply now for a Churchill Fellowship Travel overseas to investigate inspiring practices that will benefit Australian communities on a Churchill Fellowship! This prestigious award offers Australian citizens the opportunity to travel overseas to investigate a topic or an issue they are passionate about. It is for anyone who, after examining alternatives within Australia, would now like to see what other countries are doing successfully in a similar field to inspire new ideas and innovation. The Churchill Fellowship is awarded to more than 100 Australians each year, enabling them to travel to countries around the world to meet and work with leaders, influencers and innovators that will see them gain knowledge and experience for the betterment of themselves, their industry or community and Australia. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 27**

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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



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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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