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Opportunities to be involved



Volunteer with WULN: If you are keen to contribute to landcare and sustainability in our region, have an hour or two available in your week and enjoy IT work, there are several different opportunities available within the WULN community management team.

Bulletin Editor - We are seeking a volunteer to put together our monthly Network Bulletin (this Bulletin!) This position would suit someone with writing, word processing and formatting skills. All the necessary information would be provided to you each month. It could be done entirely from home or remotely for someone with a computer and internet access, or you could come to our office on Mondays and work with us.

E-Networking Officer - We are seeking someone to help keep our Internet profile updated. Working with the WULN Facilitator and Website Manager, the E-Networking Officer would post WULN information regularly on a range of agreed sites such as Ecoportal and the Landcare Gateway. You would also keep the team informed of any new and relevant sites and recommend which would be suitable for us to contribute to.

Website Manager - WULN has developed a Website to encourage communication amongst the local Sustainability community and showcase our member groups and projects. We are seeking a volunteer to manage this Wordpress site on an ongoing basis. This would include maintaining the site, uploading new materials, and developing new ways for members to communicate as appropriate. Training and a comprehensive handover by our current manager would be given.

Please contact WULN Facilitator Anne Stelling for further information on 0428 565 195, or via email at facilitator@wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au



National Water Week Poster Competition now open: This year National Water Week will be held from the 20th-26th of October 2013 and as part of the celebration the North East region will again run the poster competition. Primary school students are asked to create a poster reflecting this year's theme "Liveable Communities". Entries close on Friday 16th of August 2013. Entry Forms and further information available at <http://www.seed.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn.aspx> or contact Carolyn Humby @ the North East Catchment Management Authority Ph: 0260437636 Carolyn.humby@necma.vic.gov.au



National Tree Day – Sunday 28th July - A great way to meet local people and help enhance our local environment. All welcome!

Hume Building Society's 10th Growing Green Offset planting day with Parklands Albury Wodonga. 10-12am at Gateway Island Parklands, Harris Road, Gateway Island, Wodonga. Check out the results of ten years of biodiverse plantings at Gateway Island. Tools, materials and BBQ lunch provided.

Baranduda Land Care's 14th Annual Community National Planet Ark Tree Planting Day is on again. This year's event is a joint activity with the City of Wodonga. Meet 9.45am on site (Middle Creek Crossing on Baranduda Boulevard) for 10am briefing re: planting into the Wodonga Retained Environment Network (WREN) Reserve. A traditional post-planting free BBQ will follow on-site at 12.45. RSVP to Glen Johnson, (02) 6020 8667, 0418 501 936 or BLCare Secretary [baranduda@landcarevic.net.au]

Friends of Willow Park will be planting trees on National Tree Day in Willow Park, 10am-1pm, followed by a free BBQ. The aim is to plant along House Creek, replacing plants that have been lost to flood and drought. This will continue our revitalisation of Willow Park and House Creek. A variety of shrubs/

grasses/trees will be planted. This will provide stabilisation of the banks and understorey and habitat for local fauna. Meet & register at the bbq area, Willow Park.



Kiewa Catchment BIG Tree Competition: The search is on to find the BIGGEST Tree in Kiewa Catchment. Great prizes to be won. Entries close 31st July 2013. Entry Categories are *Biggest Native Tree (*living or dead*) *Favourite Native Tree (*tell us what is special about your tree*) *Best Landcare Revegetation Project (*1983-2013*)*Best School Entry (*Biggest & Favourite Tree*). Winners will be announced on Saturday 24th August, at the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of the formation of the Farm Tree Groups in the Kiewa Valley. For more information and to download an entry form go to the [Big Tree Competition section](#) or email belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au



Planting in and around Dams and Wetland areas – Friday 2nd August: 10:30 -12:30
Corowa District Landcare invite you to join ecologist Judy Frankenberg at the Corowa Golf Club for an informal presentation and demonstration of what to plant where – in and around farm dams, in water catchment areas, around wetlands and even in the backyard pond. 8th Hole (Dam), Corowa Golf Club. Entry and parking in Augusta St, Corowa. FREE. Everyone welcome. For more information or to RSVP - Phone Joanne Diver on 02 6033 8933, or email corowalandcare2@bigpond.com



Community Planting Day - Sunday 4 August: Murray River at Bidstrup Road, West Wodonga (off Barnawartha Road), sponsored by Albury Wodonga Health and Parklands Albury Wodonga.



SEED Wodonga Student Environment Day- Thursday 8th August: School Environment Days are an all-day event for Grade 5 students. Every student and teacher will participate in 4 environmental hands-on, curriculum linked activities. Places are limited and allocated on a first-in basis. For further information go to <http://www.seed.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn.aspx>



Friends of Willow Park - Community Gardening in the Park, Sunday 11th August, 9.30 -11.30 Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park for a variety of gardening activities in Willow Park, including planting, mulching, weeding (and chatting)... BYO Water, sunscreen and hat. Stay for morning tea after gardening.



FOWP Water Watch – Sunday 11th August, 9.30-10.30 Help measure the concentration of chemicals in House Creek. Meet near the BBQ in Willow Park. BYO water, sunscreen and hat. Friends of Willow Park will supply all other equipment. Water Watch participants usually join Community Gardening at 10:30 am.



Our Native Garden Volunteer day - Thursday 15th August: 9.30 to 3.30 includes lunch and bush trip, transport can be arranged, Centrelink approved activity. Contact Jill Dawson on 02 6027 1089; 0418 579 331.



WULN Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 21st August, 6-9pm: Felltimber Community Centre, Melrose Dr Wodonga. Join WULN Member Groups to review our first year of operation as a Network, elect the Executive for the coming year and share in celebrating our successes. All are welcome. Please rsvp to Anne Stelling on 0428 565195 or anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



ECOtour - First Wildflowers of Spring - Saturday August 24th 1.30-3.30: peas at Nail Can Reserve with Jill Dawson of Our Native Garden nursery ph 02 6027 1089; 0418 579 331.



Friends of Felltimber Creek National Wattle Day planting Sunday 1st September: Community planting morning at Gordon Craig Park near the playground. All welcome. Join the new Friends of Felltimber Creek and help to enhance the beautiful natural environment of Gordon Craig Park. We will be planting and spreading mulch so please wear appropriate clothes and boots. For further information please contact Garry on 0411 427 051. garryknight3@bigpond.com



Friends of Les Stone Park Spring Planting Day Sunday 8th September 10am: Join the Friends of Les Stone Park to help enrich the surrounds of the lagoon. All welcome. We will be doing a bit of hands-on weed pulling and planting wetland species to diversify the habitat. Please wear appropriate clothes, gardening gloves and boots. For further information please call Ken on 0260 245554.



Kids Teaching Kids Week 2013: September 9-13 Find out more and register your interest by e-mailing info@kidsteachingkids.com.au
These and many other events are listed on Ecoportal: <http://ecportal.net.au/> and the Victorian Landcare Gateway <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/>

Opportunities to have your say



Public Debate - How can we best secure Australia's future food security? – Wednesday 14th August, 6-7.30pm: Institute for Land, Water and Society, Charles Sturt University, Thurgoona, NSW in the CB Blake Lecture Theatre.

Food security is an issue of critical significance to Australia's future. Food security is often framed as an issue relevant mainly to developing nations. Yet, developed countries, such as Australia, also face significant challenges, including the growing cost of healthy food, the economic and social burden of diet-related diseases, and the increasing vulnerability of food production and supply systems as a consequence of climate change, reduced water availability and rising energy costs. These challenges pose serious questions about the future sustainability, resilience and equitability of food production and supply systems in Australia.

In the lead up to the 2013 Federal election ILWS has arranged an event to provide an opportunity for the public to hear the views on this most important issue from CSU academics and candidates standing for election in the Albury-Wodonga region. The panel for the debate will include: The Hon. Sussan Ley MP, Federal Member for Farrer. Mr Gavin Hickey (Country Labor Party candidate for Farrer), Ms Jenny O'Connor (The Australian Greens candidate for Indi) and Ms Cathy McGowan, (an independent candidate for Indi). Three CSU academics will address the issue from different perspectives, including Professor Deidre Lemerle, Director of the Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation, Professor of Agricultural innovation, Associate Professor Susan McAlpin from CSUs School of Dentistry and Health Sciences, Professor Allan Curtis, Professor of Integrated Environmental Management. Bookings <http://ilwsdebate.eventbrite.com.au/>

Resources



NE Vegetable Planting Guide posters available: A beautiful, useful, locally produced planting guide for backyard, school and community gardens, free. Contact Regional Landcare Facilitator Amber Croft. amber.croft@landcarevic.net.au



North East Landcare forum presentations now available online: If you would like to see the presentations by Alex Gartmann from FRRR, Ella Maesepp from ALC, Les Robinson, Libby Riches, Karen Brisbane and local groups, check out the forum pages. <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/resources/landcare-looking-forward-forum-2013/north-east-landcare-forum-presentations-available>



Our Native Garden Nursery: Our Native Garden is a not-for-profit volunteer-run organisation dedicated to developing balanced ecosystems to help create and maintain a healthy environment for animals, plants and people. ONG supplies indigenous plants suitable for Wodonga region EVC's. The nursery is situated at the rear of 56 Kiewa Valley HWY, Tawonga and is open Sundays 10am – 3.30pm November to March inclusive. Other days and times by appointment, call Jill on 0418 579 331



Free program support for Kids Teaching Kids: Provision of the Kids Teaching Kids methodology and access to all the KTK tools including the Kids Teaching Kids book & DVD, website, templates, promotional material etc. ~ Access to our education team Mon-Fri via phone, email and Skype to

assist schools with their workshop development and event planning. Where possible, a Kids Teaching Kids Education staff member will visit your school to provide assistance. ~ Assistance, upon request, with finding a mentor to provide factual information for your environmental workshop presentation. ~ All participating schools will receive a framed certificate of participation. Ph: 03 9329 3736 Web:

www.kidsteachingkids.com.au



Fair Food Week - 19-25 August 2013: Coordinated by [Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance](http://www.australianfoodsovereigntyalliance.org.au) (AFSA), to support the [Peoples' Food Plan](http://www.peoplesfoodplan.org.au), Australia's first-ever Fair Food Week shines a light on our new story of food. Forums, workshops, speakers, films, farmers' fairs, food swaps, community garden and farm tours, and much more. See <http://fairfoodweek.org.au/fair-food-week/>

Learning Opportunities



Teacher Sustainability Education PD E-Learning Series available: PD sessions on 6 topics are now accessible via the SEED site <http://www.seed.vic.gov.au/WhatsOn.aspx>



National Landcare Webinar – Grow your social media skills - Wednesday July 31st, at 12 noon: Are you involved in Landcare and interested in knowing more about the benefits of using Facebook and Twitter? Join a free hour long webinar which will show you how and why Landcarers are currently using Facebook and Twitter, and help guide you along the way to building successful and engaging social media profiles. Whether you currently have a social media presence or are simply thinking about dipping your toes in the water, this will be an hour well spent. You might also be interested in downloading our [social media manual](#) which focuses on helping groups get the most out of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

To register for this free webinar, please click [here](#). If you register and cannot make it on the day, a link with access to a recording of the webinar will be sent to you after the event.



National Landcare Webinar with Allan Savory - Friday 16th August at 12.00 noon: Allan Savory is often cited as one of the fathers of holistic management and is the Founder of the Savory Institute. Whether you think his approach is compelling or controversial, most people agree that he is thought provoking and a great presenter that engenders discussion. Please join this free webinar discussion with Allan Savory. This target audience for this webinar is farmers/land managers and others with an interest in Landcare. [Click Here to register for this webinar!](#)

Funding Opportunities



The Bjarne K Dahl Trust Small Grants Program: Applications **open 22nd July** to not-for-profit groups for grants of up to \$15,000. The principal purpose of this program is the protection and enhancement of eucalypts as a significant aspect of the natural environment and the provision of information or education about eucalypts. Through small grants the Trust will provide support to individuals, organisations and the community for the undertaking of eucalypt education, promotion, cultivation, establishment and conservation activities. Projects need to be aligned to the objects of the Trust which are the establishment, cultivation, promotion and conservation of eucalypts, and education of the public in the establishment, cultivation and conservation of eucalypts. Closes **01-Sep-2013**



2013 Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant: Applications are now open to schools and not-for-profit groups for grants of up to \$1000. Since 2008 Coles has been providing School Garden Grants to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens. Activities supported include Bush

Tucker gardens, Vegetable gardens, Composting and green waste recycling activities, Awareness raising of food miles through growing your own produce, Waterwise and Carbon gardening activities, Purchase of kids gardening equipment (gloves, shovels etc) up to the value of \$500. Round closes 02-Aug-2013. Apply at: www.juniorlandcare.com.au/



Resource Smart School Awards 2013: Sustainability Victoria's ResourceSmart Schools Awards recognise and reward the sustainability efforts of Victorian primary and secondary schools, and celebrate the work of teachers and students who are leading the way for future generations. The awards help boost your school's profile and encourage your community to become involved, network with other schools and develop student leadership schools. Winners and finalists will share in more than \$40,000 worth of cash and prizes and attend an exciting and prestigious awards ceremony in November. For more information contact the awards team at resourcesmart@primary-pr.com or 1300 061 565 or visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schoolsawards



Grants Available for Kids Teaching Kids Week:

Grants will be available for schools hosting an event to assist with event costs as well as for schools who present a workshop during Kids Teaching Kids Week 2013. Ph: 03 9329 3736 Web: www.kidsteachingkids.com.au



Communities for Nature Grants 2013: Watch the DEPI Website for the launch of this funding round, due in July. <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/community-programs/communities-for-nature-grants>

You are invited to help us celebrate our first year of operation at the

Annual General Meeting

of the

Wodonga Urban Landcare Network

Wednesday August 21st, 2013
6-9pm

Felltimber Community Centre, Melrose Dr, Wodonga
~ Refreshments provided ~

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WULN: Our Mission

The Wodonga Urban Landcare Network supports, inspires and brings together a network of active steward groups that work effectively and co-operatively with all stakeholders to enhance and protect the environment of the Wodonga municipality.

We exist to: promote appreciation and awareness of our environment ~ support the growth and sustainability of member groups ~ facilitate partnerships and a whole-of community approach ~ act as a catalyst for change ~ facilitate landscape scale plans and projects ~ broker opportunities for environmental benefit ~ plan strategically together for broader outcomes ~ advocate for member groups and the environment.