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Opportunities to be involved



Friends of Willow Park - Community Gardening in the Park, Sunday 8th September,

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 8th September, 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.



S2S BioBlitz 2013: (a series of community wildlife surveys) is being held in the landscape surrounding Woomargama and Mullengandra on the **6th/7th/8th September.**

This FREE event be lead by expert ecologists from Charles Sturt University, Australian National University, Murray Catchment Management Authority, University of Melbourne, NSW Department of Primary Industries, and Nature Conservation Trust. The areas which will be surveyed include [Woomargama National Park](#), Benambra National Park, and selected sites in-between including crown reserves, waterways, and farms.

The event will be a fun and interactive way to find and learn about the region's unique BIRDS, REPTILES, FISH, FROGS, PLANTS and MAMMALS, including bats and [Squirrel Gliders](#). Who knows, we may even find the elusive Tiger Quoll. In addition to surveys, there will be walks, talks and demonstrations, as well as kids environmental activities. Photographers please note that Esther Beaton, award winning nature photographer, will also be conducting a 4-hour photography workshop on the Saturday. Places are limited so bookings are essential by emailing sam@nct.org.au. The workshop will cost \$25/person and payment will be required before the event to reserve your spot. To find out more and to register your interest in attending please visit www.greateasterranges.org.au.



Wangaratta Sustainable House Tour -Sunday 8 September: Find out what's happening in sustainable living near you! Local details www.wangarattasustainability.org



VLC Sustainability Expo – Wed 11th September:

9am-2.30pm in Luther Hall, Victory Lutheran College. WULN will have a site in the hall. This is a great day – come and find out more about local sustainability resources and be inspired by workshops, student displays and demonstrations. Enquires to Valerie Ratcliff vratcliff@vlc.vic.edu.au



Wodonga Local Sustainability Education Network Quarterly Gathering - Thursday

19th September: 4 - 5.30pm, Old Leneva School site, Beechworth Rd, Leneva. Join local educators for a guided tour of Belvoir School gardening and out door ed. projects with Doug McGhee, an introduction to the Regional Landcare project's new publication of Sustainability Education Case Studies with Amber Croft, find out what's happening around the Traps: Local projects and Funding Opportunities, share Billy tea. RSVP to WULN facilitator Anne Stelling 0428 565 195

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Trudewind Rd Neighbourhood House Community Garden - New helpers are always welcome! Quirk Court Wodonga Ph: 02 6024 3950 Email: trudewind@bigpond.com



Opportunities to have your say



North East Regional Waterway Management Strategy: Open for public comment.

NECMA are in the early stages of renewing the old Regional River Health Strategy (2006) which will be known as the North East Regional Waterway Strategy (RWS). The RWS will be an eight year planning document outlining how priority waterways will be managed in the north east. Comments close 15th November 2013. See <http://yoursaynecma.com.au/regional-waterway-strategy?module=news#tool>



2014 Rural Women's Award : Nominations for the 2014 Rural Women's Award are now open and close on 31 October 2013. This is Australia's pre-eminent Award for rural women. It provides a \$10 000 bursary to state winners to assist them to implement their vision for rural and regional Australia. All state winners (and runner-ups) have the opportunity to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors and complete the Company Directors Course as well as participate in a media/presentation workshop. An additional \$10 000 bursary will be awarded to the national winner (and runner-up) to assist in meeting national commitments such as speaking engagements. For more information and/or to download an application form, please go to www.rirdc.gov.au/rural-women's-award

Resources



Carbon Emissions – The Queensland Farmers Federation has prepared three videos featuring industry experts detailing information regarding to carbon emissions in the agricultural sector and the Carbon Farming Initiative. View them at <http://www.qff.org.au/multimedia/>



Landcare on Social media: The Victorian Landcare Program, and the North East CMA have a presence on the key social media sites, allowing community to get notifications on upcoming events and activities in the region and State. Choose your preferred system: [Landcare Victoria on Facebook](#) [Landcare Victoria on Twitter](#) [Landcare Victoria on Google+](#) [North East CMA on Facebook](#) [North East CMA Twitter](#) [North East CMA Google+](#)



Baranduda Landcare National Tree Day photo albums BLCare website links to photos taken from our 14th Annual National Planet Ark Tree Day: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda/album/revegetation/2013/planet-ark-14-community-day/>

<http://wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au/blc/2013/07/28/planet-ark-14-community-day/>



Mapping Expertise: Mal (Jase) Haysom is an amateur cartographer who has kindly offered to support Landcare Groups with his mapping expertise. You can see his work here <http://cartography.id.au/>

<http://maptground.org.au> and contact him by email maptground@maptground.org.au



Nestbox Installation: Mathew McGrath is available to do Nestbox installation and monitoring work. Resume of qualifications, experience and referees available.

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National Landcare Webinar Series available online: National Landcare Webinars 'Grow your social media skills' and 'A discussion with Allan Savory' can be seen at http://www.landcareonline.com.au/?page_id=10479 and <http://www.webcasts.com.au/nlf160813> respectively for the next few weeks and will also be up on the NLF website (www.landcarefacilitator.com.au) in the next week.



New EfS Toolkit: A new publication "Sustainability for Educators - A toolkit of learning activities and resources" is available from Byron Bay Community College. This 246 page, full colour, carefully researched and designed book fulfills a significant world-wide gap in the professional education market. It is a high priority accompaniment for all teachers, trainers, planners, managers and administrators as sustainability is holistic and becomes increasingly more integrated now in all education. Go to <http://www.byroncollege.org.au/sustainability/sustainability-for-educators/>



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



S2S BioFlix 2013 short films: Fantastic locally produced resources for schools and Landcare groups – a must see! View all the winning films at <https://vimeo.com/album/2435782>.

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>



Recognition of prior learning (RPL) with Wodonga TAFE : The process of obtaining a formal qualification to recognise your skills is easier than you would expect – just a couple of half day interview/discussion sessions may be all the time required from you.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is the process of recognising existing skills that have been acquired through work experience, education, training and life experiences. The RPL process involves matching the candidate's knowledge and skills to the learning outcomes of nationally recognized courses to determine if the student should be given credit for specific units then gathering evidence supporting the existence of the knowledge and skills identified.

Kerrie Riddoch of Wodonga TAFE is the person to contact to enquire about RPL. Kerrie is also happy to come and speak at your local Landcare meeting if you feel this would be of interest to your community. Ph 02 6055 6581 **Email** kriddoch@wodongatafe.edu.au



Food preservation workshops – Herbs - Sunday 20 October 2013: 3.00-5.00pm

Helena Foster and Jacky Cronin will discuss techniques for preserving a range of herbs. Learn how to make herb oils, vinegars and rubs, & herbs best suited to dehydrate or freeze.

Venue: Albury Community Wood Fired Oven, Hovell Tree Park

Organised by Seed Savers Albury-Wodonga and sponsored by Albury City Council. There is no need to RSVP. Enquiries to Lizette Salmon (lizette@salmonfamily.id.au) or 02 60 59 4185.

Funding Opportunities



Norman Wettenhall Foundation Small Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support projects that enhance or maintain the vitality and diversity of Australia's natural environment. Includes community capacity building and education. Applications online. Round opens 6th Sept, Closes Oct 25th. See <http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/>



Communities for Nature Grants open: The 2013 Small and Large Grants Funding Opportunity is open until 13th September 2013. The Funding Opportunity will provide funding to community groups seeking one to two year grants from small grants of up to \$10,000 and large grants of \$10,001 to \$150,000. The Communities for Nature grants program supports:

- Practical community action to deliver measurable environmental outcomes
- Community groups and volunteers doing works primarily focused on the environment.
- Communities with relevant and timely information to assess priorities at the local level to determine the best returns for on-ground works.

Communities for Nature grants are available to eligible organisations including local community groups and organisations, including schools. The program has up to \$4,000,000 to invest for the 2013 for small grants of up to \$10,000; and for large project grants of \$10,001 to \$150,000. For guidelines and application forms or online application, please go to the [DEPI Communities for Nature page](#).



North East Landcare Grants open: The North East Catchment Management Authority is calling for applications for funding from the Victorian Landcare Grants, up to \$40,000 for 2013-14. The Victorian Landcare Program supports community-based natural resource management (NRM) groups to protect and restore the Victorian landscape. In order to achieve this objective, the Victorian Landcare Grants will invest in groups, networks and projects that can:

- mobilise community volunteers and encourage community action positively influence the management practices of private landholders
- build the skills and capacity of the community to undertake NRM activities.

The Victorian Landcare Grants delivered through the North East Catchment Management Authority will support Landcare and other community-based NRM groups by funding:

- on-ground works that deliver on local, regional and State priorities*
 - capacity building activities for land stewardship and on-ground change
 - projects that promote innovation through experimental trials and pilot programs
 - maintenance and start-up funding to ensure a strong Landcare base across the state
- opportunities to promote Landcare and increase membership and volunteer numbers

Projects must be able to be completed prior to 30th December 2014. Applications close at 5pm Monday 30th September. Groups wishing to apply for a Victorian Landcare Grant will need to familiarise themselves with the Guidelines. See <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/news/north-east-landcare-grants-open>



Fundraising Made Easy Seminar - Wednesday 25 September: 6pm La Trobe University, Wodonga Campus Come and learn the secrets, tips and skills that will ensure your organisations future success from Jacqui Williams, one of Australia's leading professional fundraising and philanthropic strategists. If you are involved in any leadership position, be it within a work environment, community or government, if you are a member of community group, school, sporting club, or volunteer... then this seminar is a must do. Admission is \$25 single, Uni students \$10, discounts apply for groups. For all bookings please go to <https://fundraisingmadeeasy.eventbrite.com.au/>

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.

