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Opportunities to be involved



Screening of Project Wild Thing – Thursday 31st July: 6pm, Albury City Council Robert Brown Room. Network of Community Activities in conjunction with AlburyCity OOSH Services present this free screening of Project Wild Thing by David Bond and Ashley Jones. It is a cinema documentary about nature, evolution and the future of childhood. This screening is open to educators, parents and interested community members. Light refreshments will be available from 6.00pm with the movie starting at 6.30pm.

David Bond's engaging and thoroughly admirable film is a record of his attempt to reconnect his own children with nature. Today's young people stay indoors, unlike their parents and grandparents, who as children loved to roam free. A new generation is addicted to iPads and consoles, getting obese and insidiously depressed in the process. We increasingly assume the outdoors to be dangerous, pointless and irrelevant. "We think we've outgrown nature," says Bond, and wonders if the way is to promote nature as a brand, so kids can "get" it and "choose" it; with boyish enthusiasm, he devises wacky ad strategies through billboards and social media to spread the good word. To get your free ticket click on the Eventarc link <https://register.eventarc.com/23622/network-event-screening-of-project-wildthing>



Sundays at Bunyip Hollow - Nursery Plant Production: Every Sunday morning from 9.30 to 12., Our Native Garden Nursery. Here we are in the middle of Wodonga, next to the new Rail Station with plants to pot, seeds to sow and the odd weed or two to clean from our pots. Come join us and make a difference to our environment! More native plants in more places makes for more habitat everywhere and better health for us all! Do come join us - good things to do with good company - Google *Our Native Garden* - that gets you to the Farm Gate then continue on the stock route gravel road to the production area gate on your right after you go under the rail bridge. Coordinator Brian Hickman 0418 579 331. www.ournativegarden.com.au



AlburyCity National Tree Day- Sunday 3 August: 11am - 2pm, Apex Park (The Pines) Hume Weir. Take part in the country's largest community tree planting and nature care event! Come along and help AlburyCity plant some trees (and shrubs and grasses), learn about weeds and enjoy a free BBQ lunch! We will provide plants, tools, lunch and water. Please BYO gloves.



Hume's 11th Annual Tree Planting Day - Sunday 3 August: 10.00am - 12.00pm, Gateway Island Parklands, Wodonga. Park at the end of Harris Road, Gateway Island and follow the signage. Plants and tools provided. You are most welcome to bring your own tools and gloves. Please wear closed shoes and trousers as the ground is uneven. In the event of heavy rain, the day will be rescheduled. *Free BBQ Lunch.* RSVP by 1st August 2014 to Alarna Parascos on 02 6051 3329 or aparascos@humbank.com.au



Social Night with the Friends of Willow Park – Friday 8th August: Everyone is invited to the Friends of Willow Park Social Night held each month on the Friday before Community Gardening. It is held at the German, Austrian, Australian Club, 5 McFarland Road, Wodonga. A reasonably priced meal is available at the club. Meet some members of Friends of Willow Park. For bookings to attend please contact Pauline Anderson on 02 6056 6275 or email paulsando12@yahoo.com.au a few days before the night.



The Flourishing and the Fragile Exhibition - opening night Friday 8th August: 7.30pm, Elvery Art Gallery, 62 Main Street Chiltern. The exhibition runs from 8th until 30th August 2014, showcasing works by Tracie MacVean. Supported by North East Regional Sustainability Alliance (NERSA), this exhibition evokes themes concerning environmental issues and questions our role in relation with the natural world. 0437181160 for any enquiries.



Albury Wodonga Field Naturalists Club - Saturday 9th August: 9.30am meet at SS&A Car Park, Wilson Street, Albury. BYO refreshments for the day. Destination Corowa - Sewerage Ponds and Redlands Reserve. Leader David phone 0260 212022.



Community Gardening in the Park and Waterwatch - Sunday 10th August: 9.30-11.30 with Friends of Willow Park - 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.



'Rediscovering the Country' Film night and pot luck dinner - Friday 15th August: 7pm, Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre. Hosted by Beechworth Landcare and Sustainability. This Landscape Restoration film was premiered at the Melbourne museum a few weeks ago... Now to have it's first showing in the north-east along with an introduction to a new Landscape Restoration Project: Swamps Rivers & Ranges. Please bring some food to share for dinner and a gold coin donation.



Community Planting Day - Sunday 17th August: 10am-1pm, Kerr Sustainability Centre, St Johns Road Thurgoona. Albury Environmental Lands is holding its second community planting day. Following on from the plantings in 2013 which saw over 500 plants planted. The community day in 2014 will involve Planting Shrubs and Trees, Guided walks to see nest boxes and the work so far in the woodland, Meet the people who are helping the community look after Thurgoona's bushland, Information packs and giveaways, Free BBQ Lunch. Bring along suitable clothing and footwear, garden gloves and bottle of water. RSVP to Jake Pollard 02 6051 7704
Email: jacob.pollard@crowland.nsw.gov.au



Albury Wodonga Field Naturalists Walk - Tuesday 19th August: 1-4pm. Meet 1pm at Range Road, Lavington (Glenroy). Nail Can Hill walk seeking wildflowers, flowering shrubs, birdlife, fungi etc. BYO afternoon tea. Leader Neil ph 0260 212097.



Kiewa Catchment Landcare AGM - Tuesday 19th August: 7.30-9.30pm, Baranduda Community Centre. You are invited to celebrate in our achievements for the past year at the Annual General Meeting. We are very pleased to have long-term Landcare member Bob Gough speak on his role as the Australian Deer Association - National Hunter Education Chair. Bob Gough will speak on his involvement with the Australian Deer Association - Hunter Education - and his recent trip to the Tiwi islands. All Welcome. RSVP to [Belinda Pearce](mailto:Belinda.Pearce@landcarevic.net.au) 0407227814 Nominations are now open for positions on the Executive Committee. The Executive meets on the third Tuesday of each month at various locations throughout the Catchment. Nominations can be sent to the Secretary - Jos McAlister - mcalister@live.com



Albury Wodonga Field Naturalists Walk - Sunday 24th August: commencing 9.30am meet at Acacia Car Park, Wodonga. Destination Chiltern part of Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park. BYO refreshments for the day. Leader Phillip 0260 215313



Wodonga Transform-a-thon - Sunday 14th September: An opportunity for Guides, Scouts and students to raise funds for their organization while helping to improve our local environment. Further Information please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428565195 or anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



National Landcare Conference - Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th September will be held at the Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne. The three day Conference will include one day of field trips to a number of Landcare projects in Victoria and two days of compelling speakers and workshops. Themed **Celebrating our history - growing our future**, the Conference will showcase the work achieved Australia-wide since the inception of Landcare. The National Landcare Awards gala dinner will take place on September 18th at the World Heritage listed, Royal Exhibition Building and will bring together 69 nation-wide individuals and groups who won awards in the nine national categories at last

year's Landcare Awards. Further details will be available in the near future. To stay up to date with registration and program details, please visit www.landcareonline.com.au



Seniors Month Guided Bush Visit – Sunday 12th October: 1.30-3.30pm, with ecologist Jill Dawson. An easy walk looking at the rare and beautiful native plants of Wodonga's Swainsona Reserve. Meeting point to be arranged. To register your interest please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428565195 or anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.au



Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Week – from Sunday 26th October: AlburyCity is partnering with the City of Wodonga, Hume Bank and the Regional Centre of Expertise - Murray Darling to host a Sustainable Living Week in Albury Wodonga from Sunday 26 October to Saturday 1 November 2014. The Sustainable Living Week will encompass the economy, the community and the environment and the interconnection between individuals, householders, students and business operators. The format will include a week of programmed activities coordinated and operated by partnered and external organisations that align with the Sustainable Living Week objectives. Programmed activities will take place across Albury-Wodonga and culminate with a main feature event a 'Green Market' on Saturday 1st November with Costa Georgiadis attending.

If you are interested in having an event officially included as part of the Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Week program please contact AlburyCity's Events Officer Renate Griese (rgriese@alburycity.nsw.gov.au or 02 60238111) by COB August 1st.

If you would like to be a stall holder at the Green Market on November 1st a later deadline will be advertised, please note the \$20 stall fee will be waived for community groups.



Food Security and the Murray Darling Basin Conference, Albury - November 19-21: Recognised as the 'food bowl of Australia', the Murray Darling Basin (MDB) is where the bulk of Australia's food is produced. While the MDB is critical to Australia's future food security, its farmers, communities and environments are under considerable stress. The broad aim of this conference is to promote dialogue, debate and collaboration on the complex food security challenges facing the MDB, but also to provide policy-relevant insights which can contribute to the development of more sustainable, resilient and socially just food systems for the Murray Darling Basin.

The conference will be relevant to a wide range of people including: federal and state government agencies and politicians; farming organisations; natural resource management organisations; irrigation organisations; academics/researchers; local government representatives; agribusiness; community food coalitions; food activists; and food relief organisations. Details are provided on the conference website: <http://www.foodsecuritymdb.wordpress.com>

Learning Opportunities



Save Our Species Workshop – Wednesday 6th August: 10am, Albury Library. The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage 'Saving our Species' team along with your local OEH Threatened Species staff will be on-hand to discuss priorities, partnerships and funding opportunities, particularly opportunities related to conservation projects identified for site-managed species in the 'Saving Our Species' program (Link: [Saving Our Species Conservation Projects](#)). The workshop will offer practical demonstrations of the 'Saving our Species' database web application – a tool which enables users to identify project opportunities, capture, analyse, prioritise and report information about threatened species and conservation projects. The Saving Our Species Team are also interested in collecting feedback from attendees on existing or new threatened species projects and programs. The workshops will be an opportunity for people involved in threatened species management, particularly those interested in developing larger-scale projects to share information and to identify potential partnerships and projects. RSVP to Dieuwer.reynders@environment.nsw.gov.au For more insight into the 'Saving our Species' program go to the OEH SoS website pages, [Threatened species | NSW Environment & Heritage](#)



Platypus Talk – Wednesday August 6th: 7.30pm, Belvoir School, Gayview Drive, Wodonga. Back by popular demand! Friends of Willow Park present an information evening with Geoff Williams. *Everyone welcome, light supper provided. Free entry.*



Master Your Gadget - Tuesdays until 26th August: 9:30am-11:30am, Wodonga Library.

Have you received a new gadget and want to know how to use it?

Book a 30-minute FREE session and bring along your gadget – smart phone, tablet, camera or laptop. (02)6022 9300



National Landcare Programme Information Session – Friday 15th August: 9.30 am -

11.30am. The Australia Government is running a community information session in Albury in August on the new National Landcare Programme. The session will be at the Commercial Club, 618 Dean Street Albury. The focus of the community information sessions is to provide the natural resource management community, including Landcare, with an update on the design and delivery of the National Landcare Programme and its different elements. If you would like to attend please email your RSVP to national-landcare@environment.gov.au by **no later than 31 July 2014**, indicating which session you would like to attend (Albury). The National Landcare Programme will have a national stream and a regional stream.

The national stream will deliver key election commitments including: the 20 Million Trees Programme; Coastal River Recovery Initiatives; the Cumberland Conservation Corridor; Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan; the Kimberley Cane Toads Clean Up; Biosecurity Incursion Management; the Dandenong Ranges Programme; and a small grants round.

The regional stream will be delivered through 56 regional NRM organisations across the country and will have a strong focus on community engagement, including landcare, in setting priorities and delivering projects.

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Climate Change & the community and Living with Australia's climate – Tuesday 19th

August: Commencing 9.45am, The Elizabeth Room, Albury Entertainment Centre. A 2014 National Science Week Event, this forum is an initiative of the Murray Darling Association, supported by Institute for Land, Water and Society (CSU), the Regional Centre of Expertise Murray Darling, AlburyCity and ANU. Both sessions are free and open to the public, please rsvp to each session separately.

Morning session: Climate Change & The Community. A forum to help the community better understand the issues of climate change and its impact on the Albury-Wodonga community. Speakers: Mr Barney Foran, Ms Tracey Oakman, Dr Shelby Gull Laird and Mr Lewis Tinley from Charles Sturt University. **RSVP:** Kris Gibbs 02 60519992 email kgibbs@csu.edu.au

Afternoon Session: 1.00pm to 3.00pm, Living with Australia's climate: A community conversation on climate, weather, fire & water. A series of informal, science based conversations with rural and regional communities around the country on aspects of climate adaptation relevant to community concerns and interests. Speakers: Professor Janette Lindesay, Dr Malcom Gill, Dr Sara Beavis from Australian National University. The afternoon program begins with a conversation and Q&A session on climate, fire, water and weather. **Register at:** <https://climateconversation2014-albury.eventbrite.com>



Fruit Fly Control & Management - Tuesday 19 August: 10-11am, Wangaratta Library. Join

Amy Moore, Plant Standards Officer from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries, for a talk on fruit flies. Amy will discuss the life cycle of a fruit fly, what it looks like and management methods that you can use at home. Event is free to attend but bookings are essential for catering purposes. Please contact Wangaratta Library 03 5721 2366. Brought to you by the Department of Environment & Primary Industries, GoTafe and High Country Library Corporation.



Farm Transition Workshops – starting Wednesday 27th August: At Baranduda Community

Centre. The Regional Landcare Facilitators are coordinating a series of 3 FREE workshops for farmers who are interested in planning for future options such as passing on the property to the next generation, selling or leasing. The workshops will be presented by Rob Brown from Peppin Planners, **one of Australia's leading specialists in family farm wealth planning**, who will assist farmers to plan to be SECURE & SMART. Please view further information online here: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/rf/events/farm-transition-workshops> The 1st workshop will be held on 27th August at the Baranduda Community Centre. Please **RSVP to Kelly Behrens**, kelly.behrens@landcarevic.net.au by **20th August**.



Platypus Walk – Thursday 7th August: Friends of Willow Park present Spotting Platypus with Geoff Williams. Geoff will lead a group walk to known platypus spotting sites. Limited places - Bookings essential. Contact Bart on 0419 390 329 or president@friendsofwillowpark.org.au



Seed Savers Albury-Wodonga: Native Produce (more than just bush tucker!) –

Thursday 7th August: 6.30pm, National Environment Centre, (TAFE NSW, Riverina Institute). Cyan

von Gija is our guest, discussing native fruit and veg. Cyan will tell us about sourcing, growing and eating native food plants, with a focus on our local conditions. Cyan has grown a wide range of native food plants in his urban Wodonga backyard, and uses them to create delicious foods you may not have previously considered. This session is also a chance for members to access our seed bank for coming spring plantings. We'll also have a trade table for anyone with plants, seedlings or other related items to share. *Please bring a plate to share for supper, if you wish. We'll provide hot drinks.* Guests welcome - we ask for a \$4 contribution to help cover our insurance costs. No charge for members. If you'd like to know more, please email us - seedsaversalburywodonga@gmail.com or see our [group listing](#) on Ecoportal.

Resources & Inspiration



Birdlife Australia website: Great resource for bird lovers <http://birdlife.org.au/>



Earthworms and Dung Beetles - the unseen heroes of our soil: You may not realise it but

there is a silent underground army working around the clock to bury dung throughout North East Victoria. A film titled [Dung Beetles, Underground Army: Enriching soils](#) has recently been produced with funding from the Regional Landcare Facilitator project and is available on the North East Landcare Gateway northeast.landcarevic.net.au or North East Catchment Management Authority website (www.necma.vic.gov.au). The film explains and demonstrates the benefits of dung beetles for your soil and how you can learn what species are present on your property. For more information please contact Kelly Behrens, Landcare Facilitator at the North East Catchment Management Authority, Tel: 0427 351 411



Photos from National Tree Day @ Baranduda: See <https://www.facebook.com/barandudalandcare>



Inspiration for an Urban Food Forest from Darebin Council: <http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/allnationsfoodforest>



New FTLA Rules & New Name: The new FTLA Rules have now been approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria, including the name change so we are now officially the Farm Tree & Landcare Association Inc! All Rules dated prior to 2014 are now superseded and no should no longer be used to guide Member Group operations. Please find a copy of the Rules at <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/ftla/documents>



The Climate Institute was established in 2005, funded through private philanthropy. It is an independent, non-partisan research and communications organisation focused on highlighting the impacts of climate change and finding solutions to how to tackle them, whether at the macro-economic level, or via particular sector initiatives. <http://www.climateinstitute.org.au/>



Climate of the Nation Report 2014 <http://www.climateinstitute.org.au/climate-of-the-nation-2014.html>

Funding Opportunities



Assistance to protect and enhance Seasonally Herbaceous Wetlands: Incentives are available for landholders located in the Northeast catchment. Activities funded include fencing of wetlands, planting of native understory plants and weed and pest animal control works. Contact North East CMA, Simon Feillafe on 02 6043 7600 or simon.feillafe@necma.vic.gov.au OR Trust for Nature, Karen Tymms on 0417 327 514 or karent@tfn.org.au



Assistance to protect and enhance Threatened Grassy Woodlands: Incentives are available for landholders located in the Northeast catchment. Activities funded include fencing of remnant woodlands, grasslands, planting of native trees and understory plants and weed and pest animal control works. Contact North East CMA, Simon Feillafe on 02 6043 7600 or simon.feillafe@necma.vic.gov.au OR Trust for Nature, Karen Tymms on 0417 327 514 or karent@tfn.org.au



The R E Ross Trust Grants: The grants aim for impact in 4 areas including Protection and preservation of Australian flora and fauna. Organisations must first submit an expression of interest for consideration by the Trustees and may then be invited to submit a full application. Applications are considered all year round.

<http://www.rosstrust.org.au/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>

Opportunities to have your say



The National Landcare Programme is seeking your views: An online consultation survey will open on 4 August 2014 which will seek input on specific aspects of the design of the regional stream of the Programme. This is the primary platform for the natural resource management community to share their views through response to the survey questions. The survey will be open from **4 August until 29 August 2014** and you will be able to access it during this time via www.nrm.gov.au.



Senate Inquiry: Environmental Biosecurity: An Inquiry into how to prevent the establishment of new invasive species harmful to our environment is now accepting submissions. The Terms of Reference of the inquiry are to investigate "the adequacy of arrangements to prevent the entry and establishment of invasive species likely to harm Australia's natural environment, including recent biosecurity performance and Australia's state of preparedness for new environmental incursions". The closing date for submissions is **12 August 2014**. For more information on the inquiry, terms of reference and making a submission, please visit: www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/biosecurity



Australian Charities And Not-For-Profits Commission: Options Paper: The Federal Government has released an Options Paper detailing proposals for the replacement of the charity regulator, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) including self-reporting requirements and the role of the Australian Tax Office. The Options Paper outlines the proposed replacement arrangements for the reporting obligations of charities that would follow the abolition of the charities regulator via the ACNC Repeal Act (No1) if it is passed by the new Senate. The Options Paper is open for comment until **20 August 2014**

See more at: <http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2014/07/feds-release-replacement-options-charity-regulator>

<http://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/news/2014/consultation-on-australian-charities-and-not-for-profit-commission-replacement-arrangements>



Feral Photos Competition 2014: The competition is now open once again the organisers are looking for the best images of Australia's pest animals and the impacts they have on biodiversity and agriculture. We accept photos from all locations across Australia and remote camera photos

are also accepted.

You can enter up to five (5) images for the chance to win some great prizes. The competition closes on **30th September 2014**. To enter and see some past winning entries, please visit the website at: www.invasiveanimals.com/feral-photos/. For more details contact Jessica Marsh, National NRM Facilitator – email: jessica.marsh@invasiveanimals.com or ph: (02) 6391 3907



2014 National Water Week Poster Competition - Entries close 15th August: The National Water Week Poster Competition is on again! Primary School students are asked to create a poster reflecting water related issues which are important to them. This is a great creative activity for all students and teachers to participate in to protect, conserve & get involved in understanding more about a precious resource we rely on daily. Plus, there are some great prizes to be won for both the school and student! Get your entry in before 4pm 15 August 2014. Go to: <http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/Events/ArtMID/>



Do you have a contribution to make to the Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management Magazine? The themes for the next couple of issues are: Issue #62: Landcare and Technology - copy due **24 October 2014**, Issue #63: Aboriginal Landcare and the Arts - copy due **6 February 2015**. For a copy of the updated contributor guidelines please contact WULN facilitator Anne Stelling on 0428565195 or anne.stelling@landcarevic.net.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.

- WULN is a network of Wodonga based community organizations including Landcare, Friends and stewardship groups with an environmental focus. Our Vision is of a biodiverse, connected and sustainable landscape, supported by an integrated, whole-of -community approach.
- WULN is a member of the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development — Murray Darling. The RCE-MD has a unique strategic approach that integrates research, education, training and community engagement projects and collaborations
- WULN is a member of the Farm, Tree and Landcare Association of Victoria. The Farm Tree & Landcare Association (FTLA) is an independent incorporated association governed by its members. The FTLA has evolved to cater for groups and individuals involved in Landcare and similar land management and conservation activities.

