

## Riverina Murray Landcare Update Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### What's Been Happening

19th May National Parks Association of NSW and Eastern Riverina Landcare hosted **'Who's living on my land?' workshop** at Yerong Creek. Locals found out what species are on their properties 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. call 02 92990000 Margot

Sat 19 May Families enjoyed the Book Launch for bird lovers: "Chris's Quest" at the Albury Library Museum. Chris's Quest is a children's book about a renowned bird ecologist Chris Tzaros. Chris specialises in projects that help endangered Australian birds. The story begins when Chris is a boy and discovers a beautiful dead bird in the playground which sparked his lifelong career as an ornithologist. A first publication by Sally Hughes, Corowa District Landcare Group Junior Landcare Coordinator.

Sunday May 20 About 40 **Friends of Nail Can Hill** including representatives of Murray Valley Bushwalkers, Albury Wodonga Table Tennis Club, The Repair Cafe and Albury City Council gathered for a social get together and bush walk in memory of Hans Kaspers who passed earlier this year. Hans was a founding member and committed driver of Friends of Nail Can Hill, and his enthusiasm for the hill is sorely missed. The walk was to celebrate Hans Kaspers' passion and commitment to this wonderful jewel in the natural environment of Albury. There was a speech or two to formalise the occasion and then a walk to one of Hans' favourite locations - the waterfall.

**Holistic Management training Albury**, NSW, Australia May 2018

Wed 23 May Western Murray Land Improvement Group, **Central Murray BestWool BestLamb** and Murray Local Land Services held the first of a series of workshops across the southern Riverina. It was a free workshop for livestock graziers to assist producers in making feeding decisions easier and clearer during the current dry growing season. Facilitator, Geoff Duddy covered what to feed, meeting stock feed needs and confinement feeding-saving your pasture base and money! 5pm at Moulamein Bowling Club contact Rick Ellis on 0428 372 357 or [rick.ellis@wmlig.org](mailto:rick.ellis@wmlig.org)

### Up Coming Events

23rd - 25th Riverina LLS, Farmlink, Delta Ag and Ag n Vet present **Free producer workshops - focusing on feeding livestock in dry times**. Special guest speaker: Dr Jim Gibbs from the Lincoln University NZ. Jim is a powerhouse of knowledge on ruminant nutrition in both sheep and cattle. He will present on "Low-cost feeding in dry times for production". Local Land Services guest speakers: District Veterinarians and Land Services Officers in cropping and agronomy offer field experience and knowledge on: • Feeding ewes on the point of lambing • Feeding lactating ewes • Early weaning decisions • Nutrition related metabolic diseases • Pasture



and dual purpose crop considerations. All livestock producers are invited to come along and enjoy light refreshments and have a chat. Lisa Castleman Senior Land Services Officer Riverina Local Land Services 0427 201 963 (via call or text) [lisa.castleman@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lisa.castleman@lls.nsw.gov.au)  
Wednesday 24th afternoon at Yerong Creek, Thursday 24th morning Narrandera afternoon at Wethalle, Friday morning Temora and afternoon Harden.

24 May 9am-2.30pm **Southern Growers** and Murray Local Land Services present a free workshop at the Blighty Rec Reserve to assist producers in making feeding decisions easier and clearer during the current dry growing season for livestock graziers across the region. Monica Ley - 0448 294 977

25 May Murray Local Land Services and Corowa District Landcare. **Feeding and Managing Sheep in Dry Times.** The day will be a morning session starting with breakfast at 7:30AM and go to lunch time. This workshop will be facilitated by Geoff Duddy and will focus on what to feed, how to meet stock feed needs and confinement feeding strategies. Attendees on the day will also take home a USB with additional resources on managing sheep and nutrition in dry and variable seasons. Please RSVP to Monica Ley M 0448 294 977 or E: [monica.ley@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:monica.ley@lls.nsw.gov.au)

25 May AIM Breakfast Yarrawonga 'Acknowledge Inspire Mingle'

Friday 25th May 2018 Adelong Falls ART Day, All Artists from naïve to professional, school group's environmental enthusiasts will be welcome to participate in the [Adelong Falls Ephemeral Art Day](#) Louise Halsey on 0429619128 or 69473208

Friday 25th May The Yass, Boorowa & Hovells Creek Landcare Community invite you to **Join the Climate Conversation- Rural Communities Making a Difference' at the Yass Memorial Hall 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.** It's a discussion about global warming to explore how rural communities and farmers can contribute to ameliorating the problem while benefiting their land. The Master of Ceremony for the forum will be Genevieve Jacobs; prize-winning newspaper journalist and freelance writer. Presenters are:  
The forum speakers are all experienced 'hands-on' people who want to help others make a difference to our individual and collective well-being. **ANU paleoclimatologist, Dr Bradley Opdyke**, will provide an understanding of how and why global warming is occurring, and discuss the urgency of the issue. **Cooma farmer, Dr Charles Massy**, will be speaking about his own changed attitudes to management practices on his farm and about other farmers also practising regenerative agriculture, as described in his book *The Call of the Reed Warbler*. He has been a pivotal force in regenerative landscape management through grazing systems that promote healthy landscape function and will outline the role farmers can play in contributing to slowing the increase of carbon in the atmosphere. **Dr Christine Jones** will discuss the importance of the carbon cycle and the benefits of revegetation and sequestration in the soil to improve water retention and land productivity. **Dr Siwan Lovett** will outline the ways communities can work together to achieve desirable outcomes, while reducing the effects of global warming.

Tickets can be purchased through [Eventbrite](#) for the early bird price of \$35 (until 11 May) and \$45 after 11 May. contact Mary 0499199072 or Linda 0459 681018

26-27th May **BirdLife Australia's National Volunteer Survey for Swift Parrots and Regent Honeyeaters, two of the most endangered birds in Australia.** the upcoming surveys provide us with an opportunity to head out bush and see where we can discover these birds. Dr Debbie Saunders Ecological Researcher Mob: +61 487 902 204 Email: [debbie.saunders@anu.edu.au](mailto:debbie.saunders@anu.edu.au)



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Sunday 27th May **Wagga Wagga Urban Landcare Group -Stroud Homes Planting** pound Flat TSR Phone: Ed Maher @ 0408 771 750

Monday 28th May **Corowa District Landcare Group present, If it Doesn't Rain, it Pours – Coping with extreme weather at Urana**, with guest speakers John Harper, Coping with the stress of change, & Michael Cashen, Managing uncertainty on farms. RSVP 25th May to Courtney at [corowalandcarecourtney@gmail.com](mailto:corowalandcarecourtney@gmail.com) or 0418 303 091

May 28 & 30 Victorian No Till Farmers Association and LLS are holding a workshop on soils in Marrar and at Pine Grove in Victoria (SW of Echuca) . It will focus on **RETHINKING MINERALS & MICROBES** and include a paddock walk with soil pit assessments. Presenter is **Joel Williams**, a healthy soils advocate and passionate presenter on soil biology & plant nutrition. Specialising in plant & soil dynamics, microbial ecology & soil nutrition to optimise plant immunity, soil function & carbon sequestration. Joel has worked throughout the UK & Europe.

- 28th -Marrar Hotel, NSW, followed by paddock walk and soil pit at Brendan Pattison's farm 9.30am start Book online [www.trybooking.com/VRWU](http://www.trybooking.com/VRWU)
- 29th Pine Grove CFA Shed, VIC, followed by paddock walk and soil pit at Grant Sims' farm 9.30am start Book online [www.trybooking.com/VRXI](http://www.trybooking.com/VRXI)

Tues 29 May **Holbrook Landcare Network** and Murray Local Land Services are running a **Erosion Control Workshop**. It will be a practical workshop to show landholders how to manage small scale erosion head cuts and prevent them from developing further. The workshop is 10am-2pm at The Park TSR cnr Holbrook/Tumba and Jingellic Rd intersection. Contact 0428217271

31st May to 1st June, **Murrumbidgee Landcare and LachLandcare** are hosting four workshops across the Riverina with Cam Nicolson. Cam is a Victorian farm consultant, teacher and farmer renowned for his expertise in the psychology behind decision-making. The workshops are aimed at helping farmers strengthen the awareness of, and approaches to decision making, taking into account risk, personalities and farm business basics. Cam will provide practical tips and approaches to improve decision making in a thought provoking but relaxed environment.

KYEAMBA: Thursday 31st May 9:00am-12:00pm Nicole 0438 452 814 [nmaher@mli.org.au](mailto:nmaher@mli.org.au)

HAY: Thursday 31st May 5:30-8:30pm, RSVP to Annabel on 0428 549 647 [alugsdin@mli.org.au](mailto:alugsdin@mli.org.au)

GRIFFITH: Friday 1st June 9:00am-12:00pm Kathy on 0428 396 826 [irrigationarea@mli.org.au](mailto:irrigationarea@mli.org.au)

TEMORA: Fri1st June 3:30-6:30pm RSVP Britt 0499199076 [blandtemora@lachlandcare.org.au](mailto:blandtemora@lachlandcare.org.au)

29th-31st May, **Destination Riverina Murray has launched their Tourism Industry Marketing Development Program** with 3 sessions to choose from and attendance is FREE. The workshop delivers real-world training and is designed to equip our region's tourism operators with digital and traditional marketing knowledge and skills. Albury - 29 May, <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/drm-marketing-development-program-albury-tickets-44821736019>

Griffith - 30th May <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/drm-marketing-development-program-griffith-tickets-44821773130>

Wagga Wagga - 31 May :

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/drm-marketing-development-program-wagga-wagga-tickets-44786381272?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



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# Person of Interest

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers

## #NVW2018

From 21–27 May 2018, thousands of events will be held across the country to say thank you to the 6 million Australians who volunteer their time. The week-long celebration will include breakfasts, morning/afternoon teas, and luncheons, as well as open days, award ceremonies, picnics, forums and training sessions.

The National Volunteer Week theme: Give a little. Change a lot.

This year's theme represents the millions of volunteers who make a profound impact in their communities and on society, through giving a little time.

## 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](http://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

**Nominations close at 5pm Friday 8 June 2018.**

## Gen Ag Future fund launched



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The 2018 NAB Agribusiness Rising Champions Initiative applications are now open. The NAB Agribusiness Rising Champion Initiative provides young people (21-35) who are passionate about the beef industry with the opportunity to network with some of Australia's key beef industry leaders and provide contacts that will contribute to participant's career progression within the beef industry. National Gala Dinner attendees will be given an insight into the Australian beef industry, Cattle Council of Australia operations, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) operations and network with industry representatives, sponsors, state farming organisations and parliamentary figures. The professional development workshop will broaden attendees' interpersonal skills. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The application form and terms of conditions are available to download from the website. Applicants are required to submit their applications directly to Cattle Council via the email address [applications@cattlecouncil.com.au](mailto:applications@cattlecouncil.com.au). **Applications close on 29 June 2018.**

### 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](mailto: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>

### 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/>

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



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

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](mailto: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 \(link is external\)](#)

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

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

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



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**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](mailto: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'

**17 August to 2 September for 'NSW Sustaining Landcare Week', supported by the NSW Parliamentary Friends of Landcare (PFL).** Sustaining Landcare is about securing the services and support Landcare groups need to carry out their valuable projects and activities. We need to raise awareness of the consequences if Landcare does not have access to core infrastructure such as Local Coordinators and central support services. Landcare NSW has advised the NSW Government and all political parties that the cost of Landcare support over four years is \$32.5 million. Because of your hard work, Members of Parliament (MPs) are beginning to understand the issues. But there's more work to do, hence we hope you will read this email and take action.

Our State Minister, the Hon Niall Blair, has received a copy of the **Progress Report on the NSW Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative**. We encourage all Landcarers to read this report and share it among your networks. It highlights the positive difference Landcare is making with the support of the NSW Government and Local Land Services. Educating our elected representatives about Landcare is an ongoing challenge and a great opportunity. For this reason, Landcare NSW is coordinating a statewide event to reach out to MPs and



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raise awareness of Landcare. While national 'Landcare Week' would seem the obvious opportunity, this is held in September when the NSW Parliament is in session making it impossible for MPs to attend events in their electorates.

Our aim is to encourage Landcare regions to hold an event to showcase your group and activities to your local Member of Parliament and other candidates in your electorate. This will assist groups to form a relationship with their local MP and other key stakeholders, including Local Land Services. If you already have this relationship, inviting them to an event will help to keep it alive. By holding activities statewide over the course of a week or 10 days we aim to increase our impact and raise awareness of Landcare.

This event may be something you already have planned: a tree planting, a field day, a working bee, a guided walk, an education session...the key is to make sure you invite your local MP! Please invite your Federal MP, too, as we also want to build relationships with representatives in Canberra. The PFL will send a notice to all NSW Members of Parliament encouraging them to accept the invitation to attend a local Landcare event in their electorate and will also encourage them to get in touch with the Local Landcare Coordinator in their region to find out about upcoming events. The PFL Chair Kevin Anderson, Member for Tamworth, has committed to organising a debate (a Notice of Motion) in the Legislative Assembly of the NSW Parliament the week beginning **17 September** which will enable all MPs to speak about Landcare in their electorate and the events they attended. In order to ensure the likelihood of your MP being able to attend your event, can you please send out an invitation to the MPs' offices ASAP and at the latest by mid-June.

#### 14<sup>th</sup> September **FarmLink Open Day 2018**

25 August - 29 August 2019 **19th Australian Agronomy Conference (Wagga Wagga)**  
National conference for agronomists to network and share research results.

[View full details](#)

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

The annual John Ralph Essay Competition was established in honour of John Ralph, the inaugural Chairman of the Australian Farm Institute. John made a major contribution to the Australian Farm Institute during his six years of chairmanship, and always insisted that comprehensive and objective research should be the basis for policy decisions, particularly for a sector such as agriculture, which has a wide diversity of different commodity groups and business arrangements

The topic for the 2018 John Ralph Essay Competition is: Society should determine the right to farm.

There are two categories for this competition:

- The Open category is open to anyone, including students, farmers, agribusiness participants, policy-makers, consultants, researchers, etc.
- The Novice category is open to persons 25 years of age or under, on Saturday 31st of December 2018.

The two winning entries will be selected by a panel of judges and these will be published in the Summer 2018 edition of the Farm Policy Journal, to be released in December, 2018.

Visit the Australian Farm Institute website for more information.

**Entries close 5pm on Monday, 3 September 2018.**

All September [National Biodiversity Month](#)



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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](http://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](http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au)
- Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal: [www.frrr.org.au](http://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.

Applications open for **Solar Communities Program Grants** The [Solar Communities Program](#) provides funding for community groups to install rooftop solar photovoltaic, solar hot water and solar-connected battery systems to reduce emissions, reduce their electricity costs and support renewable energy. Applications for Round 2 of the Solar Communities Program close on 31 May 2018, with funding of up to \$12,500 still available in selected regions.



**Threatened Species Children's Art Competition 2018** The 2018 Threatened Species Children's Art competition will be open for entries between **June 4 and August 3 2018**. Children from 5-12 years old in NSW are invited to unleash their creativity while learning about our threatened species. Each child chooses one of over 1000 threatened species in NSW, researches, then draws or paints it, and writes a short explanation of their work. Photographs of artworks and written explanations can be submitted on our website. Fifty finalists will be chosen for an exhibition in Sydney in September, with winners announced at Parliament House Sydney on September 7, Threatened Species Day. In 2018 there will be great prizes offered in different age categories: 5-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds, 11-12 year olds; and special prizes for Most Unusual Entry, Best Group Work Entry and Best Written Explanation. Best Plant Entry is a new category for prizes! Some of the entries will be posted on Facebook as they come in and teachers will receive a certificate by email that they can print and hand out to every child who enters. Last year over 1600 children entered the competition. Sixty three primary schools got involved as well as numerous after school programs and private art schools. More information is available on the website or you can email or call on 0414958714 for flyers to be sent to you.

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

<http://suezcommunitygrants.com.au/> **8 June 2018**

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

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

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

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

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

Scholarship to assist female apprentices in NSW who are residing or working in New South Wales. Thanks to the Sarah Lloyd Scholarship Fund, which was set up in loving memory of Sarah Lloyd by her family, the scholarship of \$2,000 assists female apprentices in non-traditional trades with the purchase of tools and other expenses. In conjunction with ATEL the Scholarship is now open and accepting applications for 2018. If you can kindly distribute this information to your networks that would be greatly appreciated. All the information can be found on the link below including the downloadable Application. **Applications close at 5:00 p.m. AEST, 16 June 2018.** Form. <https://www.atel.com.au/supporting-the-community/SLSF>

**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:



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- 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](mailto: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 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](http://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](#)

**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.

**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](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/professional-development-program)

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



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