

# Regional Roundup - Edition 41

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**Regional Roundup** is a monthly e-newsletter keeping you up-to-date with events, opportunities and information in the agriculture and Landcare space across the Murray region.

In collaboration with the Murray Landcare Collective, supported by Landcare, producer and community groups across the Murray region.

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 Section Header: Update

## Getting Back to Basics - Agriculture Workshop Series

Murray LLS Sustainable Agriculture team is hosting a series of workshops across the region throughout May and June with well renowned technical experts including Jim Shovelton, Sue Briggs, Phil Graham and Paul Blackshaw.

A total of thirteen workshops will be held at various locations with each focussing on one of three themes:

- grazing management and animal nutrition
- soil fertility and pasture species selection
- farm business management basics.

**Find out more**

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## Community Feedback Sought for Waterway Management Plans

The Refreshing Rivers Program is delivering a range of initiatives over 10 years to achieve waterway health outcomes.

Community consultation was undertaken throughout 2022 in three Target Areas (Central Billabong, Upper Billabong and the Riverina Highlands) to inform the development of Waterway Management Plans which outline management actions to be implemented over the next ten years.

Feedback from the community on the plans is welcomed and the **opportunity to contribute is open until Thursday 4 May**.

Read the summary version of your local Waterway Management Plan by clicking the relevant link below:

- [Central Billabong Waterway Management Plan](#)
- [Upper Billabong Waterway Management Plan](#)
- [Riverina Highlands Waterway Management Plan](#)

Once you have read the relevant plan you can provide feedback via the button below.

If you would like a copy of the full Water Management Plan documents, please send a request email to: [refresh@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:refresh@lls.nsw.gov.au).

The Refreshing Rivers Program is a collaboration between government, industry, research, and community organisations, led by Local Land Services. This Program has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust.

**Submit feedback**



Refreshing Rivers Program Target Areas

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## African Boxthorn Removal Program

### Expressions of Interest Open

 Western Murray Land Improvement Group  
African Boxthorn Removal Program Eligibility  
Area Map

Western Murray Land Improvement Group successfully received funding from the Australian Government's Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program to complete an African Boxthorn Removal Program.

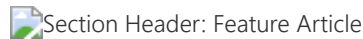
This cross-border project between NSW and VIC will directly improve the health of floodplain habitat along the Murray River benefiting the aquatic ecosystems in the river itself and nearby wetland habitat.

Expressions of interest are now open for landholders in the eligibility area to undertake African Boxthorn Control on their property.

**Expressions of interest close on 30 April 2023.**

For enquiries about the program contact: Nick Dillon, Western Murray Land Improvement Group Project Officer on 0488 204 877 or email: [nick.dillon@wmlig.org](mailto:nick.dillon@wmlig.org).

**Find out more**



## Landcare-led Landscape Resilience

### Tools and data for restoration decisions

*By Kylie Durant, Project Manager, Holbrook Landcare Network*

Holbrook Landcare in partnership with Murrumbidgee Landcare successfully gained funding through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund in 2022, to deliver the Landcare-led Landscape Resilience Project. The project involves: updating the South-West Slopes and Riverina Revegetation Guides; developing a local network of trial and demonstration sites; and establishing an Environmental Markets community of practice for Landcarers and farming communities to drive farm business resilience.

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#### Revegetation Forum

A Revegetation Forum was held in Wagga during December last year which brought together over 70 practitioners from across the catchment.


Discussions included: opportunities to build on positive experiences and lessons from the past, through sharing knowledge and experience; best practice approaches and principles to steer the update and development of key revegetation guides; and principles to guide the selection and establishment of trial sites and identify potential trial sites across the region.

A report has been written which details key outcomes and messages from the forum, with one being the need for more First Nations knowledge and language around vegetation.

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#### Demonstration Sites

The project steering group has been working on the first round of demonstration sites that will be established this season and will focus on addressing: species choice for shrub longevity; how to establish shrubs in tree-dominated plantings; experimenting with planting density to overcome Phalaris dominance; improving biodiversity value in thick Cypress Pine regrowth; and scalping and ground layer grass and forb establishment.

 People sitting around tables at the Regroup on Reveg Forum

#### Community of Practice

With Murray Local Land Services, Holbrook Landcare and Murrumbidgee Landcare have established a community of practice on Environmental Markets. This involves an online catchup for 1.5hrs every 6 weeks or so to talk about a topic of interest and share experiences.

If you'd like to find out more about the Environmental Markets Community of Practice, contact Kathleen Bartlett, Murray LLS Environmental Markets Program Manager on: 0419 839 049 or [kathleen.bartlett@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kathleen.bartlett@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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#### Revegetation Guides

A working group will be established to update the revegetation guides and create a platform to make them more accessible. To discuss the revegetation guide's email: Peter Rowland at the Holbrook Landcare Network on: [peterrowland@holbrooklandcare.org.au](mailto:peterrowland@holbrooklandcare.org.au).

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#### Find Out More

To find out more about the project contact: Kylie Durant, Holbrook Landcare via email on: [kylie durant@holbrooklandcare.org.au](mailto:kylie durant@holbrooklandcare.org.au) or Leigh Mathieson at Murrumbidgee Landcare on: [lmathieson@mli.org.au](mailto:lmathieson@mli.org.au).

 People sitting around tables at the Regroup on Reveg Forum

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 Date tile April May various dates

#### Squirrel Glider Viewing Events, Burrumbuttock

A special opportunity to come and see these elusive critters up close and in a small group. [Register here](#).

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Thursday 27 April - 5:15pm

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Thursday 4 May - 5pm


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Thursday 11 May - 5pm

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Thursday 18 May - 4:50pm

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 Date tile April 28 9am to 12pm

### **Intro to Creative Mobile Photography & Video, Hay**

Join Brett Naseby Creative & Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc to learn how to best use your phone camera for professional quality photos and videos. Begins at the TAFE NSW - Hay, before trying out your new skills at Sandy Point Reserve. [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile April 28 10.30am

### **Drone Spraying Demonstration, Tumut**

Watch a demonstration and learn about the benefits of using drones for weed spraying and spreading seed and fertiliser. Contact [riversinahighlandslandcare@gmail.com](mailto:riversinahighlandslandcare@gmail.com) or 0427 407 126 to register.


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 Date tile May 2 9am to 3.30pm

### **Being Your Best You Workshop, Deniliquin**

Red Cross is hosting this free workshop to help women discover ways to improve their health, peace of mind, effectiveness, and ability to cope around challenging situations and people. The day will be facilitated by Robyn Walters and Caroline Hayes who have a wealth of experience working in rural communities. [Find out more here.](#)


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 Date tile May 2-4 & 9 various dates

### **Nest Box Monitoring, Burrumbuttock**

Volunteers are needed to check over 145 nest boxes on farms around Burrumbuttock. This is part of an ongoing project that aims to double the local Squirrel Glider population. The population has been growing with nest boxes providing homes to Squirrel Gliders in the area. Contact Lou Bull on 0458 240 634 or email [loubullpetaurus@gmail.com](mailto:loubullpetaurus@gmail.com)


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 Date tile May 3 11am to 12pm

### **Not-for-profit Governance Webinar, Online**

Not-for profit governance specialist Megan Buntine presents this webinar covering her top 10 'need-to-knows' for any not-for-profit leader wanting to ensure good governance practices within their organisation. [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile May 3, 1pm to 2pm

### **GRDC Farm Business Update, Online**

"Money balling" the farm business – knowing your business from the inside out for easier & effective decision making. This livestream event will break open the process of utilising your own farm data to assess whole of business efficiency and capacity in terms of productivity, profit and people. [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile May 3 to 5, Wednesday to Friday

### **Native Fish Forum, Dubbo**


This Forum will showcase the work of the native fish recovery strategy and share knowledge about the ongoing activities that support native fish recovery. It will cover a wide range of topics presented by scientists, practitioners, sector experts, First Nations Peoples, community members and anglers. [Register here.](#)

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 Date tile May 5, 12pm to 1pm


### **Taking Action to Reduce Emissions, Online**

Agriculture Victoria has commenced an On-Farm Emissions Action Plan Pilot as part of its commitment under the Agriculture Sector Emissions Reduction Pledge to provide practical information, tools and services to support farmers understand and reduce emissions. In this webinar you will hear about the pilot and learn from two of the participating farmers who have begun their journey to understand their emissions profile and are taking action to reduce their emissions. [Register here.](#)

 Date tile May 7 8.30am to 3.30pm


### **Birdwatcher Training, Burrumbuttock**

This workshop is for birdwatchers who would like support to build their skills and local bird knowledge in a friendly relaxed environment. The workshop will help participants learn more about local bird species, and how to assist landholders with quarterly bird surveys. Contact Darcy Creece on 0400 949 063 or [darcy.creece@birdlife.org.au](mailto:darcy.creece@birdlife.org.au) to register.

 Date tile May 12 9am to 11am


### **A Slow Autumn Nature Walk, Baranduda**

Join passionate naturalists Sue Brunskill and Karen Retra for a slow nature walk in the Baranduda environmental lands and be inspired by their knowledge and enthusiasm for nature (wildflowers, insects, fungi, trees, birds and wildlife). [Register here.](#)

 Date tile May 12 9am to 4.30pm


### **Grassy Woodlands Forum, Wangaratta**

This North East Catchment Management Authority conservation and research forum will share the outcomes and findings from Bush for Birds, a \$5M five-year project aimed at restoring habitat for the Regent honeyeater and Swift parrot. It will examine the current state of our Grassy Woodlands ecosystem and compare them against growing trends in climate change, human activity and biodiversity decline. [Register here.](#)

 Date tile May 15 10am to 4.30pm


### **Seed Collection Workshop, Hay**

At this Hay Plains Landcare workshop learn how to identify, collect and store native seed, targeting Butterbush, Moonah, White Cypress Pine and Hopbush. There will be a future propagation workshop, so you will have the skills to become independent at revegetating your land. [Register here.](#)

 Date tile May 16 11am to 1pm


### **Foot-and-Mouth Disease information session, Wagga**

This info session organised by NSW Farmers will help participants to recognise the signs and better understand the risk of Foot and Mouth Disease. [Register here.](#)

 Date tile May 17 1pm to 2pm

### **Grazing as a Conservation Management Tool, Online**


This NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust webinar will discuss when and where conservation grazing by livestock is appropriate and how to implement a successful grazing strategy. [Register here.](#)

 Date tile May 19, 10am to 3pm

### **Rehydrating the Farm Landscape, Tumut**

Presented by The Mulloon Institute learn how to manage water and successfully implement a landscape rehydration project on your property, using a range of strategies (including natural structures) which can optimise a farm's water cycle and improve landscape function. [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile 24 May Save the Date

### **On-Farm Composting Workshop, Rutherglen**

Join this Corowa District Landcare event to learn from David Hardwick, an agroecologist with Soil Land Food, to learn how to make high-quality compost on your farm using simple, low labour methods. For more information email Courtney Young at [corowalandcarecourtney@gmail.com](mailto:corowalandcarecourtney@gmail.com). [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile May 30, 10am to 12pm

### **Grassy Ecosystem Restoration Day, Burrumbuttock**

Come along to find out what the Wirraminna volunteers and Corowa Landcare have learnt about their grassy ecosystem restoration trial sites including scalping to establish native grass and forbs. For more information contact Kylie Durant at Holbrook Landcare on 0418 198 522.

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 Date tile May June, various dates

### **Grazing and Animal Nutrition Workshops**

Murray LLS is hosting workshops with topics covering the assessment of available pasture & quality, animal nutrition & feed budgeting and grazing systems. [Register here.](#)

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**Koraleigh** - 23 May 2023, 12.30pm

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**Boooroban** - 24 May 2023, 8.00am


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**Culcairn** - 31 May 2023, 10.00am

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**Rosewood** - 1 June 2023 10.00am

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 Date tile May June, various dates

### **Soil Sampling, Pasture & Production Workshops**

Murray LLS is hosting workshops covering the topics: best practice soil sampling; plant growth constraints to monitor, pasture species selection & considerations, post-establishment management and pasture production; Farming Forecaster; and soil moisture probes. [Register here.](#)

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**Bunnaloo** - 9th May 2023, 8:00am

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**Rosewood** - 11th May 2023, 12:30pm


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**Culcairn** - 12th May 2023, 8:00am

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**Koraleigh** - 16th June 2023, 12:30pm

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 Date tile June, various dates

### **Farm Business Management Basics - An Intro**

Murray LLS is hosting workshops that will help participants develop a greater and clearer understanding of basic principles of Farm Business Management to help manage the farm business now and into the future. Participants will be provided with a range of take-home tools and have the time to begin to apply them to their own business. [Register here.](#)

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**Moulamein** - Wednesday, 14 June, 8.30am

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**Bunaloo** - Thursday 15 June, 8.30am


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**Oaklands** - Tuesday 27 June, 8.30am

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**Holbrook** - Wednesday 28 June, 8.30am


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 Date tile 13 June, 7pm to 8pm

### Getting the Most out of your Farm Data, Online

Join Riverine Plains at this webinar to learn more about how to get the most out of your farm data. [Find out more here.](#)


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 Date tile 14 June, save the date

### No Kill Cropping Workshop, Corowa Area

Bruce Maynard will present on no kill cropping at this Corowa District Landcare event. The workshop will be held in the Corowa area with exact location to be determined. Bruce has over 30 years' experience in the fields of no kill cropping, stress free stock handling, self-herding and grassland grain and has implemented these practices on his own farm as well as supported landholders across Australia. For more information email Courtney Young at [corowalandcarecourtney@gmail.com](mailto:corowalandcarecourtney@gmail.com).


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 Date tile June 21 to 22 Wednesday to Thursday

### National Renewables in Agriculture Expo, Dubbo

This event brings together farmers, agriculture and energy consultants, peak bodies and Government representatives to share stories of on-farm renewables, their business case and discuss what's driving the transformation of energy use in agriculture. [Find out more here.](#)


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 Date tile July 4 Tuesday

### ESG Goals & Target Setting, Adelaide

In October 2022, the Australian Farm Institute held its annual Roundtable event which focused on cultivating ESG (Environmental Social and Governance) capability in Australian agriculture. Join us on July 4th in Adelaide to expand upon these discussions into setting ESG goals and targets. [Register here.](#)

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 Date tile July 17 to 19 Monday to Wednesday

### Nature-Based Solutions Conference, Brisbane

Hosted by Carbon Farmers of Australia this conference builds on the National Carbon Farming Conference and Expo of Australia that has been held since 2007.

[Find out more here.](#)

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**Day 1** - Soil Carbon Summit


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**Day 2** - The evolution of carbon farming for carbon trade

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**Day 3** - Carbon farming, trading, and the carbon markets

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 Date tile August 13 to 15 save the date

### Thriving Women 2023, Wagga Wagga

This years theme, Growing and Inspiring Women Connected through Agriculture, will focus on the critical role women play in the day-to-day operation of primary production, natural resource management and rural communities. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Section Header: Funding Opportunities

## Small Grassy Ecosystem Grants, Friends of Grasslands

### Applications Close 21 April

Grants of up to \$1,500 are available for projects that promote understanding, conservation and management of native grassy ecosystems. Projects can involve education, research, surveys, monitoring,

citizen science, on-ground work, publications, awareness raising and Indigenous engagement. [Find out more here.](#)

## West Hume Erosion Project

### Expressions of Interest Close 26 April

Expressions of Interest are now open for landholders in the West Hume Landcare area who would like assistance and advice in tackling erosion on their property. This project is a partnership between West Hume Landcare and Murray Local Land Services to protect waterways through changed land management practices which will reduce sedimentation impacts. [Find out more here.](#)

## Community Conservation Grants, Birdlife Australia

### Applications Close 30 April

Grants of up to \$20,000 are available for community and capacity building projects that align with and support the delivery of BirdLife Australia's Bird Conservation Strategy. This includes funding for equipment, signage and vegetation restoration, as well as community education, training and advocacy. [Find out more here.](#)

## African Boxthorn Removal Program, WMLIG

### Expressions of Interest Close 30 April

Western Murray Land Improvement Group (WMLIG) is seeking expressions of interest from landholders to participate in an African Boxthorn Control Program. The project will involve 4,200ha across VIC and NSW, which equates to an estimated 275,000 plants. The total length of Murray River corridor treated will be approximately 18km. It is anticipated that the removal program will be conducted on properties between May-October 2023. [Find out more here.](#)

## Community Partnerships Program, Transgrid

### Applications Close 30 April

The Community Partnerships Program is designed to benefit areas where Transgrid assets are located or under development. Transgrid invests in a variety of initiatives, focusing on education opportunities, environmental sustainability, safety and wellbeing, and initiatives that energise communities. [Find out more here.](#)

## Inland Rail Sponsorships, Australian Rail Track Corporation

### Applications Close 30 April

Community groups are invited to submit applications to fund an activity, event or project that will benefit your local community. Funding of between \$1,000 and \$4,000 is available for individuals and organisations in regional areas along the Inland Rail route that contribute to local and regional prosperity, well-being and sustainability. [Find out more here.](#)

## Agrifutures Rice Program Open Call

### Applications Close 1 May

AgriFutures Australia is seeking research proposals that align with research priorities identified within the current AgriFutures Australia Rice Program RD&E Plan 2021-2026. [Find out more here.](#)

## Saving Koalas Fund - Community Grants

### Applications Close 9 May

Grants of \$50,000 to \$200,000 are available to support community-led conservation and recovery efforts to improve the trajectory of listed koala populations. Projects must be completed within two years, and must include on-ground activities in areas where the listed koala is known or likely to occur. [Find out more here.](#)

## Stronger Communities Program

### Applications Close 10 May



Grants of up to \$20,000 are available for small capital projects. The current round aims to support communities to recover from the widespread impacts of adverse weather events and current economic pressures. In consultation with their community, each Federal MP must identify potential applicants and projects in their electorate and invite them to apply for a grant. Up to \$150,000 is available for each federal electorate. [Find out more here.](#)

## Qantas Regional Grants

### Applications Close 10 May

Grants ranging from less than \$5,000 up to \$20,000 are available for community groups to help enhance the lives of people in regional communities. Projects can run for up to 12 months, with funding available as cash, in-kind flights or marketing support. Applications will be judged on the extent to which they demonstrate a measurable socioeconomic impact, maximise local community benefit, boost the profile/strength of the applicant for the future, and demonstrate innovation. [Find out more here.](#)

## Environmental Research Grants, NSW Environmental Trust

### Expressions of Interest Close 15 May

Grants of up to \$200,000 are available for collaborations undertaking applied research in priority environmental themes. Expressions of Interest for the 2023–24 round are required to focus on at least one of the following immediate funding priorities: supporting threatened species recovery; and addressing climate change impacts on the natural environment – both mitigation and adaptation. Grants are available for biophysical, social, or economic research relating to these priority areas. [Find out more here.](#)

## Producer Demonstration Site - Open Call, MLA

### Applications Close 16 May

Meat & Livestock Australia is calling for Producer Demonstration Sites for 2023/24. Funding is available for sheep and beef cattle producer groups to validate and demonstrate the business value of integrating new technologies and on-farm management practices into local production systems. [Find out more here.](#)

## Nature-Based Visitor Experience Development Grant

### Applications Close 22 May

Dollar-for-dollar matched grants of up to \$250,000 for tour, attraction and accommodation providers and landholders and businesses in regional NSW to support the development of new and enhanced nature-based tourism attractions and experiences in regional NSW. [Find out more here.](#)

## Strengthening Rural Communities grants

### Applications Close 31 May

Grants are available for a broad range of grassroots initiatives that benefit local communities. Under the 'Small & Vital' stream, grants of up to \$10,000 are available for communities with fewer than 15,000 people. Under the 'Prepare & Recover' stream, grants of up to \$25,000 are available for communities affected by the 2019/20 Black Summer bushfires. Under the 'Rebuilding Regional Communities' stream, grants of up to \$10,000 are available for projects that enhance the recovery from Covid-19 and foster more resilient regional communities. [Find out more here.](#)

## Gallagher Landcare Electric Fencing Grants

### Applications Close 15 June

Grants valued at up to \$8,000 are available for groups or individuals for use on conservation and biodiversity protection projects aligned with the priority areas of conservation exclusion/inclusion fencing, riparian protection and farm dam restoration. Grants must be used on permanent electric fencing materials that are determined in consultation with the local Gallagher Territory Manager. [Find out more here.](#)

## Macpac Fund for Good

### Applications Close 30 June

Cash or gear grants to non-profit organisations whose core focus is long-term positive impact around the protection, regeneration or monitoring of native flora or fauna; or providing adventure-based learning, therapy, or environmental education; or supporting Indigenous community projects focused on either of the above. [Find out more here.](#)

## NAB Foundation Community Grants

### Applications Now Open

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for projects that help communities prepare for natural disasters, support long-term recovery and build resilience to future disasters and climate change. Projects must be completed within 12 months. [Find out more here.](#)

## Farm Participation in Farming for the Future

### Applications Now Open


Farming for the Future are offering farmers the opportunity to take part in a national research project gathering evidence about the value of natural capital to Australian farmers. Through the project, eligible farms who are selected to participate will have natural capital accounts prepared for their farm at no cost. [Find out more here.](#)


## Foundation Community Futures Grant, Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

### Applications Now Open

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for community projects that deliver strong community benefits and result in enhanced economic and social outcomes for your community. Projects that involve collaboration between people in your town and deliver sustained and broad community benefits will be highly regarded. [Find out more here.](#)


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 Section Header: Training and Courses

 Date tile May 2, 1pm to 2pm


### Attracting and Supporting Young People on Boards

This webinar will be presented by Institute of Community Directors Australia trainer and former CEO of the Victorian Student Representative Council (VicSRC), Nina Laitala, who will discuss why it's so important to have young people on your board, how to attract more young people as board members, and what support they will need to provide a worthy contribution. Cost \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members. [Find out more here.](#)

 Date tile May 10, 8.30am to 4pm


### Rehydrating Your Farm Landscape, Bowna

This 2 day bootcamp workshop will teach landholders how to manage water and successfully implement a Landscape Rehydration project on their property. This interactive, hands-on course will empower participants to understand the water cycle to enhance the resilience and productivity of the rural landscape. Cost \$1,300. [Find out more here.](#)

 Date tile 16 June, 10am to 5pm

### Governance Training Workshop, Barham

The Business Council of Co-Operatives and Mutuals (BCCM) will be delivering a one day governance workshop for co-ops and other small businesses. This workshop is suitable for all entities or organisations with board members that are looking to help align and or improve governance skills, promoting positive decision-making processes in a transparent and accountable way. Cost is \$300 plus booking fee with lunch provided. RSVP by 7 June. [Find out more here](#)

 Date tile July to November, 8.30am to 4.30pm

### Holistic Management Training, Albury

The 8 day Holistic Management course covers Allan Savory's core thinking for managing holistically including the nature of our environment, context and decision making, holistic grazing, financial planning, ecological monitoring, and an introduction to Land Planning. [Find out more here.](#)

**Session 1** - July 26 to 27

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**Session 2** - August 16 to 17


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**Session 3** - September 6 to 7

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**Session 4** - November 1 to 2


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 Date tile August, face to face and online

### **Chemical Accreditation Courses, SpraySmart**

Training in pesticides use is required under the Pesticides Regulation 2017. Enrolments are now open for online and zoom training. Cost \$295 - \$350. Face to face training is available at **Deniliquin**, Thursday 17 August. [Find out more here.](#)

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### **NSW Fee Free Training, RuralBiz Training**

The NSW Government have announced Fee Free training for priority qualifications including;

- AHC40116 Certificate IV in Agriculture
- AHC41019 Certificate IV in Agribusiness
- AHC50116 Diploma of Agriculture
- AHC51422 Diploma of Agribusiness Management
- AHC60319 Advance Diploma of Agribusiness Management
- AHCSS00074 Agricultural Chemical Skillset (Chemical Card Plus)

[Find out more here.](#)


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 Date tile, EOI now open

### **Farm Business Resilience Program**

This program provides support to farmers to help improve their farm business acumen and achieve their business goals and is ideal for farmers, farm managers, and their employees, who are looking to upskill and learn about risk management, how to adapt to a changing climate, and improve the economic, environmental, and social resilience of their business. [Find out more here.](#)


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 Date tile, EOI now open

### **Sheep Producer Regenerative Management Training**

Participating producers will be given opportunities to work with both Australian and international Savory Institute Accredited Professionals to receive training, coaching and monitoring services. It is ideally suited to producers commencing their regenerative journey, who would appreciate input and implementation support. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Tile, online now 4 hours

### **WIRES Rescue 101, Online**

The Rescue 101 Program is designed to engage more people in wildlife volunteering, by providing the knowledge and skills needed to quickly start helping with native animal rescue and transport. Cost \$25. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Online now

### **Carbon 101 Training**

Meat and Livestock Australia has released a new module in the free eLearning platform, The Toolbox. The Carbon 101 module provides information about carbon farming, greenhouse gases relevant to agriculture – including the carbon cycle – and explains the language of carbon. This is the first of four carbon modules to be released over the next six months. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Online now

### **Woolmark Learning Centre**

The Woolmark Learning Centre has many different course available including fundamentals, sustainability and business courses. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Section Header: Scholarships and Awards

## **Fischer Community Leadership Program, Alpine Valleys**

### **Applications Close 23 April**

The Fisher Community Leadership Program is an initiative that aims to enable and empower leadership within the community from the grassroots up. The focus of the program is to develop leadership skills and create a group of community leaders that are equipped to take action and make a difference.

[Find out more here.](#)

## **AgriFutures growAG. International Immersion Tour**

### **Applications Close 26 April**

AgriFutures Australia is seeking up to 10 stakeholders from levied and emerging industries to be a part of our first growAG. Innovation Immersion Tour to the United States from Saturday, 17 June to Friday, 30 June 2023. Australian agricultural producers or related representatives are eligible to be a part of this exciting opportunity. Priority will be given to stakeholders from AgriFutures levied and emerging industries.

[Find out more here.](#)

## **National Custodians of Country Gathering, Cairns**

### **Expressions of Interest Close 28 April**

Landcare Australia invites Expression of Interest from those eligible to present at the National Custodians of Country Gathering hosted in Cairns from August 21-25, 2023. Potential presenters are invited to submit an expression of interest of no more than 500 words which concisely outlines the objectives and outcomes of their proposed practical presentation. [Find out more here.](#)

## **Peter Cullen Trust Leadership Program for Women**

### **Applications Close 30 April**

The Peter Cullen Water and Environment Trust, values women's leadership and offers this flagship Leadership Program just for women in the water and environmental management sector. This is a unique and transformative program fostering courageous leaders who will drive the sustainable and equitable management of Australia's waterways and natural environments. [Find out more here.](#)

## **2023 Churchill Fellowship**

### **Applications Close 1 May**

This fellowship allows successful applicants to travel overseas to explore a topic or issue that they are passionate about? A Churchill Fellowship can be done on any topic, provided there is a benefit to Australia and your community by you sharing your knowledge or skills. [Find out more here.](#)

## **National Mentoring Program, Australian Rural Leadership Foundation**

### **Applications Close 2 May**

The National Mentoring Program is a chance to meet someone from anywhere in Australia and share experiences and ideas. Advance each other's development goals and gain new perspectives on your focus areas over 12 mentoring sessions. Attend learning sessions to gain fundamental leadership, communication, and resilience skills. [Find out more here.](#)

## The Spirit of the Bush Photography Competition, Rural Aid

### Applications Close 2 May

Rural Aid's Spirit of the Bush photography competition is now open. This year's photograph categories include: family, community, mates, faces, eyes, tough, sunrise/sunset and all things rural. Winning entries receive a \$250 prepaid visa card and will be featured in the 2024 Rural Aid calendar, which raises funds to give back to rural communities. [Find out more here.](#)

## Resilient Australia Awards

### Applications Close 5 June

Submissions are now open for the 2023 Resilient Australia Awards. The Awards celebrate initiatives that foster community resilience to disasters and emergencies across 7 award categories: community, business, government, local government, school, photography, and mental health and wellbeing. [Find out more here.](#)

## Nuffield Scholarship Program

### Applications Close 9 June

These scholarships provide funding to travel overseas for up to 14 weeks to research a topic to add value to the Australian primary industry sector. This year, in addition to the many long-standing scholarship investors, the Future Drought Fund is investing in at least five scholarships that are specifically available to study drought resilience and support innovation. Each scholarship is valued at \$35,000. [Find out more here.](#)

## 2023 Riverine Plains Scholarship Program

### Applications Close 22 June

Riverine Plains Inc invites tertiary students working towards a degree or diploma in agriculture, agricultural science agribusiness or engineering (or who can demonstrate a passion for agriculture in another discipline), to apply for one of five scholarships being offered by the group in 2023. Each scholarship provides \$5,000 over two years to assist with costs associated with studying. The scholarships also include work experience and mentoring opportunities, as well as access to Riverine Plains' and other industry events. [Find out more here.](#)

## ICDA Diploma of Governance Scholarship

### Applications Now Open

The Institute of Community Directors Australia, Diploma of Governance is the only diploma-level course specifically designed for the not-for-profit sector. \$1000 scholarships are now available to allow prospective students to apply immediately with decisions made on eligibility within 10 business days of submission. [Find out more here.](#)

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## Community Engagement Officer, Dept of Planning and Environment

### Applications Close 23 April

Join the Water for the Environment team working with communities on a project looking to help reshape how water for the environment is managed in our inland river systems. The Community Engagement Officer will work with a variety of stakeholders to deliver audience-specific engagement opportunities that meet the needs of communities and support the objectives of the program. [Find out more here.](#)

## Production Assistant, Forestry Corporation

### Applications Close 30 April

Forestry Corporation is seeking a self-motivated and dedicated Production Assistants to join the Tumut Production team. This permanent, full-time position is based in regional town of Tumbarumba. Flexible work arrangements available. Dynamic, outdoors role with a large variety of work to build skills and further career development. Competitive salary in accordance with Level 3 of the FCNSW structure. [Find out more here.](#)

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### Podcast icon **Mouse Management Pre-sowing, GRDC**

As many Western and Southern region grain growers start preparations for sowing this year's winter crops, there are still a few areas where late sown summer crops are still standing. In this podcast you'll hear from a leading authority on Mouse behaviour and management, about the challenges facing growers yet to harvest and those needing to plan a mouse baiting strategy pre-sowing. [Listen here.](#)

### Report icon **Birds on farms: research learnings**

ANU have been monitoring birds on farms for over two decades. A recent scientific paper by Sustainable Farms' Lead Scientist, Professor David Lindenmayer, was published in Austral Ornithology and summarises some of the key learnings from two decades of ecological monitoring. [Read here.](#)

### Report icon **GRDC National Variety Trials Harvest Report**

This National Variety Trials (NVT) Harvest Report provides information to support growers and advisers with decisions on variety selection for Southern New South Wales. The information has been generated from the Grains Research and Development Corporation's (GRDC) NVT database. This publication provides a summary of the 2022 and long-term yield performance of varieties of crop species suitable for production in Southern New South Wales together with their quality and disease responses. [Read more here.](#)

### Report icon **Snapshot of Australian Agriculture 2023, ABARES**

This report describes the current state of Australian agriculture, with the aim of providing key information and statistics in one place. It covers eight key aspects of Australian agriculture: its role in the broader economy, trends in production, farm incomes, industry structure and productivity, climate change impacts and risk management, agricultural employment, sustainability and trade. [Read more here.](#)

### Report icon **Farming Carbon 2023 Presentations and Survey**

The Farming Carbon conference held in February 2023 aimed to support land managers, agriculture industry groups, Landcare participants, and industry staff in north east Victoria in building their knowledge and understanding of carbon farming systems. Speaker presentations are now available to view. [Read more here.](#)

### Tools icon **Feedback Sought for Rules for Managing Native Vegetation**

Local Land Services is leading the statutory review of the native vegetation provisions of the *Local Land Services Act* and needs to hear from landholders in the Murray region. The review will consider if the policy objectives remain effective, if the rules are working to achieve the objectives, and if any areas need to be improved. Share your valuable insights and feedback by completing the confidential landholder [survey here](#) or registering for a one-on-one [interview here](#).



## Podcast icon Dairy Australia's Farm Environmental Tracker

With the Farm Environmental Tracker tool, farmers can assess and measure their farm's performance and identify improvement opportunities. After completing the assessment, farmers can evaluate their farm by using the benchmarking tool to review performance and compare their farm to other farms that are part of Farm Environmental Tracker. This will lead to an Action Plan to help improve current on-farm environmental management, as well as gain access to learning and development resources to help make better on-farm business decisions. [Login to find out more.](#)



## Podcast icon Recovery Exercising Toolkit, NEMA

The National Emergency Management Agency in partnership with Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience launched a toolkit to help improve the ability of Australian communities to prepare for and recover from natural hazards. The Toolkit includes a range of modules to assist communities in running their exercises, including one outlining the strengths and needs of people with disability and their capability to contribute to emergency management and recovery planning. [Find out more here.](#)



## Podcast icon Carbon Calculator, Meat & Livestock Association

The new MLA [Carbon Calculator](#) will help producers baseline their emissions to help develop their emissions reduction strategies. By baselining with the carbon calculator, producers will have the data available to pursue emerging market opportunities. [Read more here.](#)



## Podcast icon Farm Diversification Decision-making

Farmers who are considering taking on diversification in their on-farm business, there are some complex issues that they need to work through before making a decisions. Agriculture Victoria have compiled this resource as a 5-step guide to help farmers make a sound judgement on whether their ideas will be profitable and work with their current on-farm business activities. [Read more here.](#)



## Website icon Not for Profit Net Zero Heroes, Institute of Community

### Directors

This new website is designed to help organisations understand, prepare for and adapt to climate change, and act to cut their own greenhouse gas emissions. Handy information is on the site including help sheets, tools and a link to a free climate change online funding search tool. [Find out more here.](#)



## Website icon Carbon for Aboriginal Landholders

"Carbon on Country" resources have been released, providing information for NSW Aboriginal landholders and managers who might be thinking about a carbon project. The resources describe the potential cultural, environmental, social and economic benefits that can be delivered alongside carbon projects. [Read more here.](#)

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