

# Regional Roundup - Edition 42 - May 2023

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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: Feature Article

## Landcare State Gathering

### **Celebrating achievements and looking to the future**

***By Sandy Dellwo, Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator***

The 2023 NSW Landcare State Gathering was held on Gumbaynggirr land in Coffs Harbour from Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 May. Twelve Murray region delegates attended the gathering including, Landcare coordinators, host organisation representatives and the Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF).

The gathering was a great opportunity for Landcare representatives from across the state to connect and learn from each other, hear about achievements and lessons learnt from the current program, and begin discussions towards the new program. The Honorable Tara Moriarty, MLC - Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional NSW, and Minister for Western NSW attended the gathering and [confirmed the NSW Government's record \\$59m investment in Landcare](#).

## Murray region representatives


Back: Roger Knight, Janet Manzin, Nick Dillon, Rachael Daniel, Alison Southwell, Meredith Mitchell, Brendan Christy, Neil Bull, Judy Kirk, Julie-Ann Mills. Front: Sandy Dellwo and Paula Sheehan.

Landcare gathering participants including LLS & Landcare NSW Program team, Landcare coordinators, host organisations and RALFs.

Some of the NSW Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitators (RALFs) at the gathering.

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### Section Header: Upcoming Events


 Date tile May 8.15am to 12.30pm

#### Natural Hazards Workshop

This workshop will help farming and small businesses to understand risks associated with local natural hazards, learn the risk management process, utilise risk management tools and understand the importance of incorporating risk management into business planning.


**Moama** - 25 May 2023, 8.15am - 12.30pm. [Register here.](#)

**Corowa** - 26 May 2023, 8.15am - 12.30pm. [Register here.](#)

 Date tile May 26 9.30am to 12.30pm


#### Can I Get Paid to Plant Trees?, Wagga Wagga area

The carbon market provides an opportunity to fund large scale revegetation and conservation projects on private land. At this Greening Australia event, participants will be able to see examples of historical planting projects, hear from landholders how it fits within their farm plan, and from Greening Australia staff on how the carbon market works and the types of projects that might be suitable for your land. [Register here.](#)

 Date tile May 30 8am to 10.30am


#### Stock Management Area Demo, Boomanoomana

Join Riverine Plains to learn about stock management area design, nutrition and animal management. Host farmer, Tom Marriott, will discuss his site, how he uses it, the construction, pros, cons and ideas for improvement. Other speakers include Garry Armstrong and Rebecca Stacey from Murray LLS, and Rob Inglis (Elders Wagga Wagga) [Find out more here.](#)

 Date tile May 30 9am to 10.30am


#### Irrigation Efficiency, Online

This Grains Research and Development Corporation webinar will focus on irrigation efficiency with three researchers looking at the latest hardware and software. [Register here.](#)

 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.


 Date tile 30 May 10.30am to 11.30am

#### More than just dirt: Our living soils, Online

This free Women Together Learning (WoTL) webinar will cover the importance of soils in our systems, what role the biology plays, the ecosystem services provided by soil, what is a functioning soil and

how to measure it. For more information contact Kim Blenkiron on [eo@wotl.com.au](mailto:eo@wotl.com.au) or 0427 592 243. [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile May 30 1.30pm to 2.30pm

### **Soils Network of Knowledge, Online**

In this webinar Jason Hill from the Department of Environment Parks and Water Security will cover the topic of "Northern Territory Agricultural Soils - What we've learnt from 50 years of soil surveys". [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile May 31 11am to 4pm

### **Climate Essentials for Farmers Workshop, Online**

This invitation only short course is designed for farmers who want a rapid overview and discussion with researchers on the latest developments around climate change and farming. To participate in this Australian National University event, [express your interest here.](#)

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 Date tile 1 June 10am

### **Grazing and Animal Nutrition Workshop, Rosewood**

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


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 Date tile June 2 9am to 3pm

### **Fire Preparedness Workshop, Tumbarumba**

Join Holbrook Landcare, Rural Fire Service and Biodiversity Conservation Trust for this workshop to understand fire and landscapes, learn about important species for conservation, gain confidence and skills to map strategic areas on your property, and learn how to be prepared for fire. [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile 3 June 10.30am to 1.30pm

### **Salami Making Demonstration, Deniliquin**

Murray Local Land Services invites pig owners to a salami making demonstration and presentations. Topics include how to make salami from scratch, which meat cuts are good to use, the salami smoking process, key regulations you will need to know, managing the risk of exotic diseases, what should and shouldn't be fed to pigs and requirements for selling and buying pigs. [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile June 6 9am to 10.30am

### **Interpreting Weather and Climate Forecasts, Online**

This Grains Research and Development Corporation webinar will focus on advances to assist growers to interpret weather and climate forecasts including MetEye, Long-range forecasts and Climate Services for Agriculture. [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile 6 June 9am to 1.30pm

### **Stock Management Areas for Cattle, Table Top**

Join Holbrook Landcare Network at this cattle focused, stock management areas workshop to hear from Greg Meaker, former DPI Livestock Officer and Tanisha Shields from Agrista. [Register here.](#)


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 Date tile June 6 to 8 Tuesday to Thursday

### **Science to Practice Forum, Online**


The Future Drought Fund's annual Science to Practice Forum brings together farmers, researchers, government, industry and the community to explore the innovative tools and practices helping our regions prepare for future drought. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Date tile June 13 9am to 10.30am


### **Managing Satellite Outages, Online**

This Grains Research and Development Corporation webinar will focus on what happened in April when satellite GPS enabled systems failed & options to manage future outages. [Register here.](#)

 Date tile June 13 12.30pm to 1.30pm


### Annual Forage Mixes, Online

Get an update on the performance of single and mixed species forages in experimental and on-farm situations in southern NSW from recent work conducted by the DPI pasture research team. [Find out more here.](#)

 Date tile 13 June, 7pm to 8pm

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

Join Riverine Plains at this webinar for farmers and learn how to get the most out of your farm data and understand your rights in relation to ownership and sharing of farm data. [Find out more here.](#)

 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 - 4.30pm

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**Bunalo** - Thursday 15 June, 8.30am - 4.30pm

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**Oaklands** - Tuesday 27 June, 8.30am - 4.30pm

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**Holbrook** - Wednesday 28 June, 8.30am - 4.30pm


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**Tumbarumba** - Thursday 29 June, 8.30am - 4.30pm

 Date tile June 13 9am to 4pm


### No Kill Cropping Workshop, Corowa Area

Join this Corowa District Landcare event to hear from Bruce Maynard who 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).

 Date tile June 14 7pm


### Self Herding with Bruce Maynard, Corowa

Self-herding is a behaviour-based livestock management approach that provides farmers with strategies and tools to positively influence grazing distribution and help livestock adapt to new surroundings. It also leads to easier yard work and better performance of animals after transportation. For more information email Courtney Young at [corowalandcarecourtney@gmail.com](mailto:corowalandcarecourtney@gmail.com).

 Date tile June 15 12.30pm to 1.30pm

### Farming Forecaster, Online


Farming Forecaster brings pasture production, soil moisture, local weather, and livestock performance information to your fingertips. This webinar is brought to you by Local Land Services Murray region and will cover an introduction to Farming Forecaster, how to read and interpret the information, how the pasture forecast is generated and looking ahead - what can I expect to see in the paddock in the next 4 months? [Register here.](#)

 Date tile June 16 12.30pm

## Soil, Pasture & Production Workshop, Koraleigh

Murray LLS is hosting a workshop 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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 Date tile June 20 9am to 4.30pm

### Listening to the Landscapes, Bowna

The planet is inundated with ideas on how to manage different landscapes. This workshop aims to investigate the intricacies of observation and decision making to build a healthy regenerating environment. [Register here.](#)


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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 24-25 June Saturday and Sunday

### NCC Regional Conference, Thurgoona

The Nature Conservation Council Regional Conference shines a spotlight on a different region in NSW each year. Capitalising on Charles Sturt University's sustainability campus, this year's conference offers an opportunity to explore how groups remain healthy and vibrant, build connections and be effective agents for change. [Register here.](#)

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 Section Header: Funding Opportunities

## Murray Irrigation Annual Sponsorship Program

### Applications Close 29 May

Sponsorship of up to \$5,000 are available for community groups across the Murray Irrigation footprint for projects that support healthy, viable and vibrant communities through safety and wellbeing initiatives and deliver outcomes and benefits to communities. [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.](#)

## Wellbeing and Resilience Grants

### Applications Close 5 June

Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network is accepting applications from community groups that have been affected by the 2022 flooding events. Grant funding can be used for grassroots community activities that aim to strengthen social connectedness, emotional wellbeing and resilience, assisting communities to recover and heal. [Find out more here.](#)

## ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants

### **Applications Close 7 June**

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for communities across Australia to adopt, adapt and act on the ideas generated at the Heywire Summit. The Heywire Project Ideas are developed by young Australians on issues that matter to regional, remote and rural youth. [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 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.](#)

## **Rural Recovery Authority Grant**

### **Applications Close 30 June**

Flood and storm-impacted primary producers and landholders have until 30 June 2023 to apply for a number of Rural Assistance Authority grants. This includes the Special Disaster Grants, Rural Landholder Grants and the Critical Producer Grant made available in response to storm and flood disaster events that occurred throughout 2022. [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.](#)


## **Event and Capacity Building Sponsorship, GRDC**

### **Applications Now Open**

Sponsorship is now available from the Grains Research and Development Corporation for grower and advisor study tours to explore issues relevant to participants and events that bring together stakeholders to develop industry capacity. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Section Header: Training and Courses

 Date tile 5-7 June, 8.30am to 3.30pm

### **Financial Skills Workshop, Various Locations**

This complimentary workshop series is a collaboration between Rabobank, the Rabo Client Councils and content and facilitator partner, Tony Hudson of Hudson Facilitation. This module takes an enterprise focused approach, separately considering grains and livestock enterprises and considers both cash flow implications of a variety of enterprise choices.

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[Swan Hill - 5 June, 8.30am - 3.30pm](#)


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[Wagga Wagga - 6 June, 8.30am - 3.30pm](#)

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[Albury - 7 June, 8.30am - 3.30pm](#)

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 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](#)


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 Date tile July 22 to 23  
Saturday and Sunday

### **Fellow Hills Working Dog School, Morven**

Holbrook Landcare Network and the Holbrook Working Dog Club are excited to hold a two-day training weekend with expert trainer Ben Coster from Wandabar Stockdogs. To register contact Jess Armstrong on [jessarmstrong@holbrooklandcare.org.au](mailto:jessarmstrong@holbrooklandcare.org.au) or 0498 683 152. [Find out more here.](#)


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 Date tile 24-25 June  
Saturday and Sunday

### **Working Dog Training Day, Deniliquin**

The Deni Yard Dog Association are holding a working dog training weekend for dogs and handlers of all abilities at the Deniliquin Showgrounds. [Find out more here](#) or contact Marc Braybon on 0419625815.


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 Date tile EOI Closes 30 June

### **PROGRAZE Training, Expression of Interest**

Murray Local Land Services is currently taking expressions of interest to develop PROGRAZE groups across the region. Groups will be formed in local areas based on registered interest. PROGRAZE consists of 8 x 1/2 day workshops held 4-6 weeks apart, on participants properties, with in-paddock activities and discussion for hands-on learning and skill development. Expressions of interest close June 30. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Date tile July August 7.30pm to 9pm

### **Making Biofertilisers on Farm,**

Soil Land Food present a 5 session online course exploring how to make cultures, biostimulants and biofertilisers on farm using a range of methods. This course will cover manufacturing biologicals on farm at different scales. A free workbook with open source recipes and an Action Plan will be provided as well. Cost \$300.

[Register here.](#)

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 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.](#)

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**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 July August various dates

### **Reboot your grazing with Dr Judi Earl, Online**

Judi Earl is one of Australia's leading grazing specialists and has worked around Australia on planned grazing extension projects

and research. She has a PhD in pasture ecology and is a Certified Holistic Management Educator. By the conclusion of the course participants will have developed a grazing plan for their property. Cost \$600. [Register 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

### Towards 90 Lamb Survival Training, Holbrook

Holbrook Landcare Network in collaboration with Jim from JM Livestock are currently seeking interest from farmers to participate in the Towards 90 (T90) training. The T90 program aims to assist producers achieve over 90% lamb survival across single and twin bearing ewes, through best practice. To find out more about T90 [click here](#). If you are interested in participating in the training contact Jess Armstrong at Holbrook Landcare Network on [jessarmstrong@holbrooklandcare.org.au](mailto:jessarmstrong@holbrooklandcare.org.au) or 0498 683 152.


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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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 Online now

### Monitoring Your Farm With Agtech

This course focuses on the process of developing a monitoring plan for your business including a farm map, identification of pain points and addressing connectivity and agtech device needs. It aims to develop skills in addressing connectivity needs; planning agtech devices for your farm; and identifying how agtech can save you time and labour. [Register 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

### Recovery Exercising Toolkit, Online

Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience has developed a toolkit to help communities recover from natural disasters. This toolkit contains a suite of modules that focus on important recovery issues, identified through lessons from recent disasters and evidence-based research. The modules contain foundational concepts and links to helpful resources to provide a base level of understanding that will equip participants to undertake further recovery planning and action. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Online now

### Feedlot TECH Courses, Online

The Feedlot TECH Training Hub provides access to online training covering core practical feedlot skills that can be completed at any time or location and can be easily integrated into daily operations and onsite training. [Find out more here.](#)

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 Section Header: Scholarships and Awards

## Soils for Life Case Study

### Expressions of Interest Close 2 June

Soils for Life is contributing to the Soil CRC Project 'Defining the economic and social benefits of regenerative farming systems' by creating case studies to investigate the benefits that different farmers are seeing from a regenerative approach to farming. Soils for Life would like to hear from farmers pursuing a regenerative approach to agriculture that want to share their views and inform the future directions of soil research. [Submit your expression of interest here.](#)

## Australian Rural Leadership Program - Cohort 31

### Applications Close 2 June

The Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP) supports individuals who want to respond to regional, rural, and remote Australia's most complex challenges, as well as the opportunities that arise. The ARLP is a 15-month program including 4 face-to-face sessions between 5-10 days in length, online sessions and independent project work. Program costs are covered by funding partners. On average, 30-35 sponsored places are available each year and each scholarship is valued at \$60,500. Fee for each program participant is \$5500. [Register your interest 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.](#)

## **Farming and Agriculture Sector Women's Leadership Scholarship**

### **Applications Close 9 June**

To encourage more women to increase their impact at work and step into leadership roles across the farming and agriculture sector, Women and Leadership Australia is offering scholarships for four leadership development courses. Partial scholarships of \$1,000-\$5,000 are available to help women in select industries participate in our world-class leadership courses. Courses are available for women at all levels. Delivered part time over 10 weeks, the Impact Program provides game-changing strategies for women who are dynamic, passionate and ambitious but not in formal management positions. [Find out more here.](#)

## **Global Footprints Scholarships**

### **Applications Close 15 June**

A Global Footprints Scholarship is a self-directed career development opportunity for young Australians in agriculture, trades and horticulture. Successful applicants receive an AUD \$8,000 grant to travel overseas for industry experience, professional development workshops, networking opportunities and mentoring.

[Find out more here.](#)

## **2023 Volunteer of the Year Awards, The Centre for Volunteering**

### **Nominations Close 16 June**

Thank your volunteers and teams for their community contributions by nominating them for a Volunteer of the Year Award! Categories include: Young, adult and senior Volunteer, Volunteer team, Volunteer leader and Not-for-profit Voluntary Governance Award. [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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## Applications Close 28 May

This role will: assist the implementation of The Living Murray (TLM) program in the Koondrook and Perricoota State Forests by taking responsibility for the administration of external funding agreements and delivery of annual water projects; deliver an appropriate flooding regime, demonstrated by robust science, and with community support, to achieve a healthy Koondrook-Perricoota forest; and assist the delivery of an ecological monitoring program lead by TLM Field Ecologist. [Apply here](#).

## District Vets, Murray Local Land Services

### Applications Close 4 June

Two District Vet roles are currently open within the Murray Local Land Services region, an ongoing position in Albury and temporary position in Holbrook. As a District Veterinarian with LLS you'll be part of a supportive and experienced team of veterinarians and Biosecurity Officers who undertake in the field prevention, preparedness, detection and response activities for animal biosecurity and animal welfare. These positions are based both in the office and the field, requiring some strenuous physical activity. The successful applicant would service producers within a 2.5hr radius of Albury, the eastern half of the Murray LLS region. [Find out more here](#).

## Non-Executive Directors, AgriFutures Australia

### Applications Close 4 June

The AgriFutures Australia Board consists of seven Non-Executive Directors including a Chairperson and one Executive Director (the Managing Director). Working under our Statutory Framework, the Board is responsible for ensuring AgriFutures Australia fulfills its statutory functions in a proper, efficient, and effective manner, including by determining the objectives, strategies and policies to be followed by it. [Find out more here](#). [Apply here](#).

## Board Positions, Meat and Livestock Australia

### Applications Close 11 June

The Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) Board provides strategic guidance and effective oversight of the management and performance of MLA in delivering its strategy. The Board operates under mature corporate governance and risk management frameworks to ensure producer levies, government matching dollars and partner funds are invested effectively and in the right areas to ensure the continuing prosperity of the Australian red meat and livestock industry. [Find out more here](#).

## Board Director Positions, Murray Dairy

### Expressions of Interest Close 6 July

The Murray Dairy Board is seeking directors to fill three upcoming vacancies (two farmer Directors and one specialist skills Director) to formally commence in October 2023. An independent selection committee has been tasked with overseeing the recruitment process. Murray Dairy encourages a diversity of applications for the advertised positions. [Find out more here](#).

## Manager - Emerging Industries, AgriFutures Australia

### Now Open

A diverse and fluid role, the Manager, Emerging Industries will be responsible for initiating, developing and managing programs to help establish Australian agricultural industries with a high growth potential. This involves working closely with a small team, managing the whole project life cycle across a wide variety of investments relevant to more than one industry, and designing & delivering further RD&E extension of project outcomes. The successful applicant will have excellent project management skills, strong stakeholder relationship management ability, and an affinity for the agricultural industry and/or RD&E experience. [Apply here](#).

 **Podcast icon** Extension Today - Chat with Paula Sheehan

As part of the Extension Today series, Dr Wes Ward (aka The Comms Doctor) has a chat with Paula Sheehan, an experienced and passionate Regional Landcare Coordinator for the Murray region. [Listen here.](#)

 **Tools icon** Public Submission - Review of Commonwealth Disaster

### Funding

Do you have any thoughts on how disaster funding could better support Australians before, during and following a disaster? The independent Review of the Commonwealth Disaster Funding is **open for public submissions until 14 July**. The review includes consultation across all levels of government, business and community sectors, with the final report expected in April 2024. [Have your say here.](#)

 **Tools icon** Public Submission - Murray Darling Basin Plan Review

Under the Water Act 2007 (Cth), the Australian Government Productivity Commission is required to undertake an inquiry every five years into the effectiveness of the implementation of the Basin Plan and water resource plans. This is the second such inquiry conducted by the Commission – the previous assessment was conducted in 2018. Participants are encouraged to provide evidence to support their views, including data and specific examples where possible. **Submissions are due by Monday 31 July**. [Have your say here.](#)

 **Report icon** National Farmer Wellbeing Report 2023

This report commissioned by the National Farmers Federation and Norco, looks into the rise of mental health issues in farmers, barriers to support of these issues, and recommendations to combat the crisis. [Read here.](#)

 **Report icon** A Guide to Confinement Feeding Sheep & Cattle in NSW

This publication developed by Central Tablelands Local Land Services aims to provide producers with best practice management protocols and recommendations when confinement feeding stock on-farm. Principal authors Geoff Duddy (Sheep Solutions), Jeff House (Jeff House Livestock) and Brett Littler (Central Tablelands Local Land Services) have over 85 years' experience between them working with producers in prolonged dry periods and through this publication are able to provide practical tips and tools common to both sheep and cattle confinement feeding systems. [Read here.](#)

 **Podcast icon** Australia's Environment 2022 Report

This annual report released in March 2023 created by analysing data, covers the changing condition of our natural resources and ecosystems. While 2022 saw an improvement in vegetation condition, soil moisture condition and river flows, biodiversity continues to decline. [Explore here.](#)

 **Podcast icon** Smart Farming Virtual Classroom

Australian Good Meat and MLA have put together resources for lower (F-2) and upper (3-6) primary school students to learn about Australian farming directly from the farmer. This includes virtual classroom sessions from 13-15 June. [Find out more here.](#)

 **Podcast icon** Article - Five tools for improving grazing land

### management

Upgrade your feedbase toolbox to drive long-term productivity with tools from Meat and Livestock Australia's Grazing land management hub. [Read article here.](#)

## **Video icon Ruminati - Emissions Estimates for Agricultural Operations**

This Landcare Farming Program webinar recording showcases Ruminati's streamlined digital platform. Watch to learn about the Ruminati pilot platform and how it currently supports Australian cattle, sheep and grain producers to generate accurate, detailed and personalised emissions estimates for their farm enterprise. [Watch here](#).

## **Video icon Dairy Innovation Webinar Recording**

In this Dairy Innovation webinar series hear about the latest sensor-based technology that can assist farmers to make better pasture management decisions. [Watch here](#).

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