





coordination of Debbie Saunders. 6.30am start kicked off with the community breakfast prepared by the Turner family then a walk with Debbie to find the endangered swift parrot. Unfortunately the group of 20 ( travelling from Temora, Wagga, Young, Cootamundra and Narrandera) didn't see any but they were sighted earlier by Debbie and a smaller group. Group learnt about the endangered swift parrot and how to identify them, walk among the local Ironbark woodland and enjoyed breakfast with the birds. Contact Local Landcare Coordinator Brittany Turner [blandtemora@lachlandcare.org.au](mailto:blandtemora@lachlandcare.org.au) 0499 199 076

This event was preceded by a week of volunteer surveys where **25 Swift Parrots** were counted on a private property at Humula doing conservation work. The Ironbark country around Temora and Humula are new hot spots for this threatened species.

2. The **Murray Squirrel Glider LAMP** project celebrated on World Environment Day with the unveiling a new Squirrel Glider Display at the Burrumbuttock Bus Shelter on Urana Rd (near the pub). This display celebrated the vulnerable Squirrel Glider and the amazing work undertaken by Burrumbuttock Landholders, Scientists and Natural Resource Managers to conserve this species through the Squirrel Glider LAMP Project (more info [here](#)):

Contact Lou Bull LAMP Squirrel Glider Project Officer P: 0458 240 634 E: [loubullpetaurus@gmail.com](mailto:loubullpetaurus@gmail.com)

Yesterday Landcare Training organised by Murray Local Land Services in **Grant Writing and Marketing** in Albury and today in Deni. contact [Susie Buckley](#) on 03 5881 9923..

## Upcoming Events

(Today) 7 June **Holbrook Landcare** have organised a **Developing a Winter Feed Budget - Paddock walk** at Holbrook from 8.30 to 11am at "Jannine" 1142 Fellow Hills Rd, Holbrook. Discussion will be around pasture measurements and estimating dry matter for stock take. This will include how to do a winter feed budget based on current conditions to gauge if there is a feed gap in late winter and talk more about feeding and grazing strategies for winter. **RSVP:** to HLN office, T 6036 3181

(This evening) 7th June **Snowy Valleys Council** invites Adelong residents to a **Community Consultation Meeting about the Adelong Creekscape** at the Adelong Services & Citizens Club (Auditorium). Either 5pm - 6pm or 6pm - 7pm

If you can't make it, website: [www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/creekscape](http://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/creekscape)

Nothing "Landcare" over the long weekend so a good chance to get out and have a drive around the region

(Tuesday) 12 June **Rice Growers Association Environmental Champions Program** are hosting a **Keep Safe Keep Farming** workshop at Finley Rec Reserve 6-8.30pm with dinner from 6pm. contact Erika Heffer 0438 719 628 [ehaffer@rga.org.au](mailto:ehaffer@rga.org.au)

(Wednesday) 13 June **Cotton Info** is hosting a **Cotton Discussion group meeting** in Hillston. Dr Duy Le, NSW DPI Pathologist at ACRI will outline his current work on seed treatments Discussion topics: Disease yield impacts from last season, What options are available? CRDC investment in disease management All welcome. Contact Keiren O'Keefe M 0427 207 406



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(Wednesday) 13 June **Rice Extension Team are hosting a Business and Technology Forum at Deniliquin.** Series of presentations designed to improve business management and analysis skills, provide practical information about product diversification, marketing and information on the latest innovations for water and harvest management. To register, contact [Troy Mauger](#) on 0417375168. Deniliquin June 13. Note same events on in Barham June 14 (next Thursday) , Griffith June 28at the end of the month

(Thursday) 14 June 2018 Tarcutta Valley Landcare group and RLLS **Mates Gully Creek Open Day** Will look at a range of sediment control works in Mates Gully Creek. On display will be stream grade control structures gully control structures sub-catchment control works, revegetation habitat management works for endangered species such as Swift Parrots.

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm Location: "Willowean" 910 Mates Gully Rd, Tarcutta NSW 2652 BBQ lunch will be provided on the day. Contact Claudette Woodhouse 0428 287 156 or Trish Cookson [narrawaseeds@gmail.com](mailto:narrawaseeds@gmail.com)

(Thursday) 14 June – **Corowa District Landcare** Annual Sheep Producers Information Evening. Dr Shawn McGrath presenting on calcium, magnesium & vitamin D for sheep in southern NSW. From 5.00pm at the Corowa Whisky & Chocolate, \$10 for CDL members & \$20 for non-members – includes a two-course meal & presentations. RSVP Judy Kirk on M: 0417 858 533 [corowalandcare@bigpond.com](mailto:corowalandcare@bigpond.com)

**Heads up** RLLS planning to have more Feeding in Dry Times workshops. There is one planned for Cootamundra on 22nd with more locations likely in the Riverina. The presentations will be similar to the RLLS workshops given 23-25 May- participants can ask questions during the presentations and that gives farmers who are already feeding, feedlotting, using different feed mixes etc to have input. LLS have lots of factsheets on feeding cattle and sheep as well as copies of the presentation by Jim Gibbs from the first round of "Feeding in Dry Times" workshops. The 'Feeding in dry times' event held in Temora was videoed. Please get in touch with LLS in Wagga if you would like their information package, available on a thumb drive.

## PERSON OF INTEREST

#RiverinaLandcare2023

Hashtag created as part of developing the Riverina Landcare Strategic Plan with consultant Jo Eady. During April and May Landcare in the Riverina sought input about what the shape of Landcare should be in the next five years. It's obvious there is still passion, commitment and interest as evidenced in the recent responses and we want to ensure Landcare is relevant for our ever developing area and the people who live here.

- 50 attendees at focus groups across the Riverina
- 110 responses to the on line survey.
- 20 in depth one on one consultations have also occurred with key stakeholders of landcare across the Riverina.

Results due in another month will directly guide and prioritise the work of RALFs and landcare coordinators with landcarer's over the next 5 years. Many thanks to those who contributed.

Emerging issues for the Environment:

- Native Vegetation Management (or not) eg. Paddock tree loss



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- Land Management – Changing Landscape with advancing production systems and crop expansion
- Pest Management
- Water issues

#### Emerging Issues for Landcare

- Community Engagement
- Marketing
- Group revitalization
- The hashtag will be used more regularly to promote Landcare activities in the Riverina.

## Consultations, Conferences, Courses and Awards

20 June 2018 **Merinolink Conference, Dinner and Field Day** at Goulburn will present latest information in sheep research and practical application of this research into current sheep industry. Registrations [To RSVP and pay click HERE](#) phone Rachael Gawne on 0428 212 801 [merinolinklimited@gmail.com](mailto:merinolinklimited@gmail.com) The Mercure 2-6 Lockyer St, Goulburn NSW 2580, Australia

The **NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards** are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout regional and rural NSW & the ACT. Do you know an individual, group or organisation who deserves to be recognised? We would love for you to enter them into the Awards. All you have to do is [click here](#) to simply fill in their contact details and hit submit! We will then get in contact with them and have them complete the questions, it is that easy!

Great prizes are up for grabs, plus every nominee will receive a dedicated media release sent to their local paper encouraging them to write a story and will receive a certificate of achievement!

The Awards are free to enter – and completing a nomination online is easy! If you are ready to start your nomination please [click here](#) to get it underway. To find out more about the Awards please [click here](#).

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.**

Young people with an interest in agriculture can gain hands-on experience through the **Hay Inc Rural Education training program a training program**, launched in 2014 to address the Dwindling numbers of jackaroos and jillaroos training on properties.

Supported by Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), Hay Inc. gives young people the opportunity to learn the



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practical agricultural skills needed for them to get jobs on rural properties. Topics covered are based around the production calendar for sheep, wool and cattle. Funding and in-kind support keep the cost to students minimal for the 15 days training with some on farm accommodation and meals also supplied. Hay Inc is enthusiastic and focused on providing a unique and sustainable “on-farm set of skills” through a “hands on” practical mode of training and is committed to mentoring and networking and encouraging people to become involved in the agricultural industry.

The program is a three-week course, delivered in three blocks of five days', spread over a five-month period (February, March and June). It is focused on wool and livestock production (both sheep and cattle) and is delivered in partnership with local woolgrowers through trainers with extensive experience. Some of the training is also delivered by TOCAL trainers and AWI shearer trainers.

Hay Inc have also incorporated an Ag Gap placement program for those interested in working (Jackaroo/Jillaroo) on properties in the Hay district, whilst taking part in the training program - this can be for 3, 6 or 12 months (this is worked out between the employer and worker). There can also be traineeship opportunities within this program.

Hay Inc. is a great opportunity for school leavers who want to gain skills, learn with a group of other liked minded young people, gain industry networks and mentoring from people with vast industry knowledge and skills. Along with those that may want to transfer to work in agriculture from other industries.

It is also suitable for those back working on the family farm who may want to enhance their skills and expand their networks. University students have also enjoyed taking part in the program to add to their knowledge and gain benefits from the mentoring and networking.

The program has built an Alumni network of the 52 participants that have taken part in the program. Keeping them informed of opportunities in agriculture and continue support and mentoring.

Some of the students who completed a traineeship on farm in the Hay district have now gone onto study Agriculture at University. They Hay Inc training giving them a good grounding in the everyday hands on happenings on farm as well as a network of contacts within the industry. There are also past participants working on farms and moving through from overseers to manager positions. One of the past participants is now on the Hay Inc committee.

Hay Inc is now taking expressions of interest for the next intake of the rural education program to commence in February 2019. For more information [www.hayinc.com.au](http://www.hayinc.com.au) Email: [info@hayinc.com.au](mailto:info@hayinc.com.au) Ph: 0439 938 119

**Nominations are now open for the 2018 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll.** Women are so often the backbone of our communities and work tirelessly and quietly behind the scenes to ensure crucial community groups and services survive. The NSW Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) Rural Women's Network initiated the Hidden Treasures project in 2010 as a special way of acknowledging and celebrating the work of these remarkable women.

We are seeking your help to uncover female volunteers within NSW rural communities to be included in the 2018 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll. You can nominate anyone who is making a difference in your community. This year we are extremely proud to welcome our Aboriginal Ambassador Ms Ann Weldon, who is encouraging nomination and recognition of indigenous women throughout the state.

All rural women nominated will be included in the Honour Roll which will be unveiled at the NSW Rural Women's Gathering in Merimbula from 19-21 October. You can nominate a Hidden Treasures' volunteer online or call 02 6391 3612. Tell us a short 'story' about why your nominee is worthy. Don't forget we need these **completed nominations by Monday 30 July 2018!**



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## 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)

2018 AgriFutures™ **Rural Women's Award Gala Dinner & National Announcement** confirmed for Monday, 15 October 2018. The seven inspiring women recently announced as 2018 AgriFutures™ Rural Women's Award state and territory winners will gather in Canberra for the announcement of the National Winner and Runner Up during a gala dinner in the Great Hall, Parliament House on Monday, 15 October 2018. The Gala Dinner & National Announcement will be hosted by 2017 AgriFutures™ Rural Women's Award National Winner Tanya Dupagne. The black tie event will be attended by alumni, industry and private sector leaders, government officials, parliamentarians and media. For the second year in a row, the event is open to the public to purchase tickets [online](#).

The [2018 state and territory winners](#) vying for the National title are:

- Linda Blackwood, NT
- Allison Clark, TAS
- Melissa Connors, VIC
- Darrylin Gordon, WA
- Jillian Kilby, NSW/ACT
- Alex Thomas, SA
- Krista Watkins, QLD

Tickets to the 2018 AgriFutures™ Rural Women's Award Gala Dinner are on sale until 5.00pm, **Friday 28 September** (unless sold out prior) at [agrifutures.com.au](http://agrifutures.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:



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- **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 \(link is external\)](#) -

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

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>

21 June National Farmers Federation RoundTable 2030 [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/talking-2030-roundtable-wagga-wagga-nsw-tickets-46279136142?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTQ0OTM3MzEvZWR3aW5haGF5ZXNAaG9sYnJvb2tsYW5kY2FyZS5vcmcuYXUvMA%3D%3D&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm\\_term=eventpage](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/talking-2030-roundtable-wagga-wagga-nsw-tickets-46279136142?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTQ0OTM3MzEvZWR3aW5haGF5ZXNAaG9sYnJvb2tsYW5kY2FyZS5vcmcuYXUvMA%3D%3D&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=eventpage)

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>



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Jul 26 - 27 Agribusiness Today Forum, TBC venue and location

Friday 27 July 2018 APCC12 Early-bird Registrations are now open!

Join us for a week of exciting presentations, local field trips and a 1-day threatened plant translocation workshop! One of our plenary speakers, Dr Jen Silcock from the Threatened Species Recovery Hub, will talk about the 60,000 year history of plant translocations in Australia. Download Jen's conference abstract here. There will be a night tour to Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary, and a Field Trip to Barrer Hill Woodland Restoration Project with Greening Australia to view a variety of restoration and translocation techniques including the endangered Button Wrinklewort (*Rutidosis leptorrhynchoides*). There will also be free tours of the Herbarium and the Australian National Botanical Gardens, and you'll be able to take home free copies of the 2019 ACT Threatened Plants Calendar and the new 3rd Edition of the ANPC's Translocation Guidelines! The APCC12 Call for Abstracts is also now open - submissions close Friday 27 July 2018. Download the APCC12 registration form here. NB. Online registration will be available very soon! And join the ANPC today to receive considerable discounts on your registration fees!

**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>

Nominations for the **2018 NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards are opening on Wednesday 30th May!** Including the **Prime Super Agricultural Innovation Award**, Great prizes are up for grabs, plus every person or group nominated will receive a certificate of achievement. To find out more please [click here](#). **Nominations Close 16 August**

**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



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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 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](#)



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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](#)

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)

10th - 13th September: 68th Australasian Grain Science Conference: Grain Science Transforming our future (Wagga Wagga). The conference themes of market intelligence, capacity building and value adding technologies align with GRDC's aim of investing in RD&E that creates enduring profitability for Australian grain growers

17 & 18 September Australian Regional Development Conference at Tweed Heads

**SER Australasia Conference 2018 - Brisbane, 25-28 September 2018**

The Society for Ecological Restoration Australasia (SERA) is pleased to announce the 2018 conference '*Striving for Restoration Excellence*' to be held at the University of Queensland, Brisbane. SERA is a collaborative effort. If you are a scientist, practitioner, manager, policy maker, planner or someone who cares about our bush, seas and waterways you do not want to miss this conference! If you are interested in restoration planning and management or want to ensure restoration really makes a difference then this is the conference not to be missed. The proposed themes for SERA 2018 are focused around four pillars: Principles & Practice – *doing it right in restoration*; Biomes - *rainforests, woodlands, grasslands, seagrasses and beyond*; Impact – *making a change*; Specialist Disciplines – *seed technologies*,

*provenance, marine restoration and more. **Final call for Abstracts - deadline extended to 31 May!** [Click here for more information and submission details.](#)*

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**, to be held at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre from 10-12 October 2018. Themed 'Landcare – Building a Better Tomorrow', the 2018 National Landcare Conference and Awards is your opportunity to contribute to, engage with, and learn from your community and peers. Held over three exciting days, the event will deliver an engaging program with keynote speakers, informative presentations, social events, and educational field trips within close proximity to Brisbane's CBD. Recognising the hard work and innovation of the Landcare community, the Landcare Awards gala dinner is a chance to let your hair down and celebrate the achievements of peers with the announcement of the National Landcare category winners and the People's Choice Award winner. We officially welcome you to join us for what promises to be the leading knowledge-sharing event for the Landcare movement in 2018.

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 & 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.

**Funding available with Greening Australia for superb parrot habitat** on properties in the South west slopes area – Yass, Boorowa, Young, Harden, Jugiong. Assistance is available for landholders who wish to plant or direct seed trees and shrubs or erect fencing to protect woodland habitat greater than 10 hectares for the Superb Parrot. Nicki Taws (02) 6253 3035, [ntaws@greeningaustralia.org.au](mailto:ntaws@greeningaustralia.org.au)



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.

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](#)

The **NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards** nominations open.... are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout regional and rural NSW & the ACT.

Do you know an individual, group or organisation who deserves to be recognised? We would love for you to enter them into the Awards! Good news...we have made things nice and easy for you this year! Everyone knows someone worthy of recognition but we received feedback that people just don't have the time to complete the nomination. All you have to do is click here to simply fill in their contact details and hit submit! We will then get in contact with them and have them complete the questions, it is that easy! Great prizes are up for grabs, plus every nominee will receive a dedicated media release sent to their local paper encouraging them to write a story and will receive a certificate of achievement! The Awards are free to enter – and completing a nomination online is easy! If you are ready to start your nomination please click here to get it underway.

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>



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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:

- 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)



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**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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