



## Riverina Murray Landcare Update Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### What's Been Happening

Eastern Riverina Landcare Group in conjunction with Riverina LLS & Petaurus Education Group Inc held its **Junior Landcare Day and Community Evening** at Fiveways TSR near Henty. 70 kids from 3 schools involved doing -catchment kids and cultural activities. Also unveiling a taxidermied squirrel glider that was found dead on the barb wire fence at the TSR. This became the motivation to commence tree and shrub plantings, erect nest boxes and promote the value of tree hollows. Until the SG had been found no one knew this threatened species existed there. Paula Sheehan • M: 0407 873 396 • E: paulasheehan@holbrooklandcare.org.au

Erika Heffer our Deniliquin based Landcare Coordinator hosted by Rice growers has been flying the regional flag at RAS in Sydney. Erika was one of 8 young people selected across NSW by RAS for its annual Rural Achievers program. The Rural Achievers will participate in a 12-month program that provides a range of networking and professional development opportunities. Other local reps Tim Green, Wagga Wagga DPI, Joseph Murphy originally from Bribbaree now in Wagga doing internship as a Junior Medical Officer at the local Rural Referral Hospital.

### Upcoming Events

Underway through March-April 2018 is Birdlife Australia **Birds in Backyards** surveys. A 20 min survey, held every quarter. Head over to Birddata and to submit survey

(Tomorrow –Monday) 6 - 9 April Friends of Grasslands and Kosciuszko to Coast (K2C ) tour to the **Rick Farley Reserve, beside Mungo National Park**. The weekend will explore ways of bringing Aboriginal culture and threatened species and ecological communities together. Geoff Robertson [geoffrobertson@iprimus.com.au](mailto:geoffrobertson@iprimus.com.au) or 02 6241 4065).

(Early Saturday) 7 April From 7am to 10am WWCC is hosting a **Birdwatching with Peter Menkhorst at Marrambidya Wetland**: Grab your binoculars and get ready for a one-off bird watching experience with distinguished Australian Ecologist. Peter Menkhorst\*. The three-hour walking tour will be informative and interactive, with intermittent breaks. This activity is designed for ages 16 and above. Cost: \$35

(Saturday arvo) WWCC **Birdwatching for Beginners: Tips & Tricks - Public Talk: 1pm to 2pm** If you are a 'birding' beginner, or just want to know more about the hobby, join Peter for an afternoon session of practical tips and tricks to bird watching. The one-hour public talk will be held in the Council Meeting Room, Civic Centre,. Cost: \$10 per person

\*Alongside two other authors and three artists, Mr Menkhorst has compiled The Australian Bird Guide — a 566-page compendium containing detailed descriptions and more than 4,500 paintings of 900 bird species.



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(Saturday) 7 Apr **Erin Earth open Day** ErinEarth's first Open Garden Day for the year will focus on recycling, to help us all navigate Wagga's new waste service arrangements 9.30- 1pm 1 Kildare st. wagga. admin@erinearth.org.au www.erinearth.org.au 69 257 150

(Saturday) 7th April: Wagga Wagga Urban Landcare Group is hosting the second of three free **outdoor movie nights** for 2018. Movie is: E.T. The extra-terrestrial, Apex Park Lake Albert Free event. Grab a rug and bring the family! There will be a BBQ to buy your dinner, and we will All proceeds from sales will support Wagga Wagga Urban Landcare. Venue will open at 6.30 pm. In the event of bad weather, events will be cancelled. Ed Maher @ 0408 771 750

(Sunday for a week) 8–15 April 2018 **Wild Pollinator Count Week**. An opportunity for anyone to help build a database about wild pollinator activity and species. Easy to get involved= watching *any flowering plant for just ten minutes* sometime during the week. Australia has around 2000 native bee species, all of which are important pollinators, along with a couple of thousand butterfly, wasp, fly, moth, beetle, thrip and ant species.

(Monday) 9<sup>th</sup> April – 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

(Wednesday) 11<sup>th</sup> April - **RESCHEDULED** Corowa District Landcare Group Information Session **Farm Management Practices during times of flood Workshop** 6.00pm at Saverlake Hall. Contact Joanne M:0412985 501 corowalandcare2@bigpond.com

(Wednesday) 11 April **West Hume Landcare Sheep Producer Group** is having their third soil health session with Sue Briggs, Murray Local Land Services. 10am "Springfield", 395 Jindera-Walla Rd, Walla Walla BYO lunch. Kathie LeBusque at the West Hume Landcare/Petaurus – email her if you have questions Kathie@petaurus.net.au or phone on 0408 443 261

(Wednesday) 11th April Join Young District Landcare hosting a “**Growing the Bottom Line Field Trip**” A bus tour showcasing local and innovative producers that are regenerating the land through sustainable and ethical practices, and delivering their produce straight to the consumer. Free event- Free feed and bus. Mikla Lewis on 0499 199 016

- Grass-fed beef and pasture-raised pork enterprise that uses regenerative agriculture techniques (Boxgum Grazing' - Sam and Claire Johnson)
- A Certified Biodynamic vegetable farm and fruit orchard, and Certified Organic beef and lamb farm. (Green Gables' - David and Gwen Fairey)

## **PERSON OF INTEREST** for anyone who overdosed on chocolate!

Ginny Stevens @ActiveFarmers on Twitter and Facebook.

Ginny is from Mangoplah and started Active farmers. It's a Not For Profit Organisation and Healthy Charity, that brings together farmers and other locals in small farming communities through group fitness in a fun and interactive environment. Designed especially for farmers with limited or no local access to fitness expertise and equipment, Active Farmers suits all levels of fitness and experience. 12 locations in Riverina. Groups also in Tas and Qld.. Ginny is a finalist in the 2018 NSW-ACT AgriFutures *Rural Women's Award*



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## Consultations, Conferences, Courses and Awards

Murray LLS Pest Animal Strategy Consultation Information sessions are being held in the region to explain how the plan was developed, what it means for the region and how provide input into the final plan. Deniliquin: Tuesday, 27 March 2018, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Deniliquin RSL Club, 72 End St. Albury: Wednesday, 28 March 2018, 11.00am – 1.00pm, Albury City Council office (Robert Brown room, ground floor), 553 Kiewa St. Anyone who has a concern about pest animal management is encouraged to attend an information session and comment on the draft plan. For more information, download a copy of the plan and have your say: <https://murray.lls.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/pestplan>. The plan will be on public exhibition until 5.00 pm, **Friday, 20 April**.

**Rivers of Carbon - Riparian Retreat** 10-12 April at Cuppacumbalong ACT The Rivers of Carbon – Riparian Retreat is a three day retreat spent with ‘people who know stuff’ examining the many reasons ‘Why Riparian Restoration’ produces multiple benefits. We will be exploring river form and function, ecological recovery, protecting and creating native fish habitat, stakeholder engagement, the wider social context within which we work, and community involvement. The retreat will take the shape of a mix of formal presentations, river ‘walk and talks’ and full day field trip (including canoe/kayak trip into Bredbo Gorge) [More Info](#).

**Healthy Country Planning Training** registrations now open for a 3-day course from Friday, the **27<sup>th</sup> of April to Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April**, in Blackheath, New South Wales, Australia. This course is offered in conjunction with the Conservation Coaches Network (CCNet) Rally in neighbouring Katoomba in the week starting the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. The training uses the well proven interactive adult learning approach developed by the Conservation Coaches Network over many years - groups working together using either their own, or supplied case study materials, and exposing their work to other groups for feedback. Aimed in particular at Indigenous Conservation Projects, this course focuses on Healthy Country Planning elements that have been well accepted in a cross-cultural context. To register follow the prompts and we will send you a confirmation and invoice. You need to pay the invoice to secure your place. [http://www.conservationmanagement.com.au/ccnet\\_rally\\_hcp\\_2018](http://www.conservationmanagement.com.au/ccnet_rally_hcp_2018). Conservation coaches: Stuart Cowell +61 427 508 308 [scowell@conservationmanagement.com.au](mailto:scowell@conservationmanagement.com.au) Frank Weisenberger +61 408 397 984 [frankweisenbergerconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:frankweisenbergerconsulting@gmail.com)

**AgriFutures™ startup:** Applications now open for secondary schools around Australia to apply for a unique entrepreneurial learning program for Year 9 and 10 students. An education program that teaches school kids in rural and regional Australia to solve the problems facing agriculture using innovation and an entrepreneurial mindset. AgriFutures Australia will sponsor seven schools across the country to receive a \$7,000 education program that will take secondary students on an immersive journey into the entrepreneurial startup scene to help solve the problems facing agriculture in Australia. Applications are now open. Teachers or school representatives are encouraged to apply online at: [www.agrifutures.com.au/people-leadership/agrifutures-startup-business/](http://www.agrifutures.com.au/people-leadership/agrifutures-startup-business/)

**"Food & Fibre - the original STEM"** is the theme of [PIEFA's 2018 conference](#) to be held at the Realm Hotel, Canberra from 29 April to 1 May 2018. PIEFA is the peak body for primary industries education in Australia. We inform schools and the community about the primary industries and the careers available.

**2018 Nuffield Scholarship:** applications open 1 April 2018



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4-6 April 2018 **Fenner Conference on the Environment: Urban Sustainability and Conservation** Each day of the [conference](#) will focus on one of three broad themes: Conservation and Sustainability, Climate Adaptation and Sensory Pollution. Canberra, ACT

18 - 19 April 2018 [Climate Smart Innovations Conference](#) will be held in the central west town of Cowra.

29 April - 2 May 2018 **Australasian Network For Ecology And Transportation Conference Connecting Nature Connecting People.** The conference will focus on the intersection of people and linear infrastructure, specifically how both people and nature are connected through the ecological interactions with and impacts of transportation infrastructure, and the many and varied solutions. <http://www.ecologyandtransport.com/>

6 May – 12 May 2018 International Compost Awareness Week Australia  
[Better Soil, Better Life, Better Future](#)

10 to 11 May 2018 Inaugural **South-east Australia Aboriginal Fire Forum** to be hosted by ACT Natural Resource Management (ACT NRM) and ACT Parks and Conservation Service (ACT PCS). The Forum, titled Cultural Burning: Evolving with community and Country, will give participants the opportunity to network, learn, and establish collaborations with others committed to cultural burning and caring for Country. The Forum will be held on Ngunnawal Country at the Ann Harding Centre, University of Canberra, Bruce, ACT. [Bookings and more info](#)

19th May National Parks Association of NSW and Eastern Riverina Landcare 10am-12pm **Riverina 'Who's living on my land?' workshop.** Come along to our free workshop to find out what species are on your property and what they get up to at night! We are looking for landholders in the Eastern Riverina to participate in a citizen science survey of the wildlife on their property. We will teach you how to set up a camera trap and then lend you a camera for two weeks so you can find out what animal species are on your land. When: Saturday, 19th May, 10am-12pm. Where: Yerong Creek Bowling Club Hall, 33 Cole Street, Yerong Creek 2642. Registration Essential RSVP: [whoslivingonmyland.org/](http://whoslivingonmyland.org/) easternriverina or call 9299 0000 and ask for Margot

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

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

On 22 May 2018 [#CEEDTC2018](#). Aligned with World Biodiversity Day, CEED will host the inaugural online Twitter Conference (#CEEDTC2018) with a focus on Environmental Decisions.

The primary objectives are to strengthen our inter-node network using new technical platforms, keeping abreast of research developments and impact, and identifying new opportunities for inter-node collaboration. In addition, #CEEDTC2018 may provide additional outreach and engagement to a broader lay person audience and highlight CEED's international standing.

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



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30-31 May 2018 **National Science Exchange 2018** [2018 Plant Biosecurity CRC National Science Exchange](#). Science Exchange 2018 'Biosecurity built on science for agriculture and the environment' brings together the Cooperative Research Centre family to share knowledge and ideas and lead to innovative and cooperative research that will deliver impact for end users. Melbourne

- 5th June [World Environment Day \(link is external\)](#)

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>

7-9 Aug 19th Australian Cotton Conference [cottonshippers@bigpond.com](mailto:cottonshippers@bigpond.com) <http://www.australiancottonconference.com.au/>

11 August 2018 **Citizen Science: Challenges and Benefits for Biodiversity Conservation**

[The Citizen Science Forum](#) will explore a wide range of issues relating to the challenges and benefits of Citizen Science (CS) in biodiversity conservation. Presentations will be 15-20 minutes duration, with a panel Q&A session at the end of each thematic segment. Those interested in presenting should contact The Hut Environment and Community Association. Registration opens 1 May 2018. In Brisbane

13-14 Aug in Canberra for [Crawford Foundation](#) 2018 Annual Conference "Reshaping Ag for Better

14 - 16 August Australia New Zealand **Biochar Conference (ANZBC18)** will be held on Tuesday at Southern Cross University Gold Coast Campus, Bilinga, Qld, Australia.

15-16 August **CSIRO AgCatalyst** at Melbourne Park, VIC At AgCatalyst, attendees can examine the latest in digital technologies, data science and next generation genomics, delve into biologicals, materials science and new bioproducts, and discuss the latest developments in food science, precision agriculture and robotics.

**Serving up value** is the theme for 2018 with live demonstrations of cutting edge agriculture technology, latest food products and unique networking opportunities. 500-600 attendees are expected from agribusiness, peak industry bodies, rural research funders and providers, universities, CSIRO and policy-makers in innovation. <https://www.csiro.au/en/Research/AF/Areas/AgCatalyst>

**2018 New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Biosecurity Roundtable, Sydney on Thursday 30 August 2018.** This event is presented by the National Biosecurity Committee, and co-hosted by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and the Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate. PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE NSW/ACT BIOSECURITY ROUNDTABLE BY CLICKING [HERE](#)

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



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Conference in the popular Sydney beach side suburb of Manly from 9 - 12 September 2018. This biennial conference carries on a long tradition of bringing the weed management community together to discuss new developments and share information about cutting-edge and best weed management practices. The conference attracts over 250 delegates from across Australasia and globally. Delegates will come together to network with peers, engage with industry sponsors, listen and participate in presentations and field trips on a variety of topics including; More information: [www.21awc.org.au](http://www.21awc.org.au)

17 & 18 September Australian Regional Development Conference at Tweed Heads

10 – 12 October 2018 National Landcare Conference and Awards

22 November 2018 **National Biosecurity Forum (held in Canberra)**

5th December [International Volunteer Day \(link is external\)](#)

5th December [World Soil Day \(link is external\)](#) -

## Grants, Funding, Scholarships and Opportunities

Locations to find grants

- Community builders: [www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au](http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au)
- Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal: [www.frrr.org.au](http://www.frrr.org.au)
- Grants Link: <https://www.grants.gov.au/>
- Regional Arts NSW: <http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants>
- Business Projects: <http://ausindustry.gov.au>
- Our Community: <http://www.ourcommunity.com.au>
- Philanthropy: <http://www.philanthropy.org.au>
- Business: <https://www.business.gov.au/search?q=&c=assistance&c=events&c=advice>
- Equity Trustees administers a number of other charitable trusts and foundations which provide grants across a range of areas beyond our [five pillars granting program](#) areas.

### Expressions of Interest are open in the Murray-Riverina region of NSW

Are you interested in diversifying your income by earning annual conservation management payments for conserving biodiversity on your property?

We're calling for expressions of interest (EOIs) from landholders in eligible areas. Check the [map](#) to see if your property is eligible.

EOIs will be prioritised (on a first-come first-served basis) and are open in eligible areas within the Local Government Areas of Berrigan, Edward River, Federation, Murray River and Murrumbidgee .

Interested landholders are invited to submit an EOI for a site assessment by the BCT, by lodging a completed [EOI form](#) or by calling 1300 992 688. Interested landholders are encouraged to submit early as EOIs for site assessments **close by 13 April 2018**.

Located within the Murray-Riverina Region, the tender area supports a great diversity of landscapes and ecosystems. Read more about the [Murray-Riverina](#).

Read the [Guide to Conservation Tenders](#). Read more about pathways to [Private Land Conservation](#).



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**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](#)

### **Diversity in Ag Leadership Program.**

- Women over 25 years of age, who have already started their leadership journey, are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants are required to provide an up-to-date CV.
- Applicants should address the required selection criteria (see below).
- The names and contact details of three (3) referees are required.
- Applicants must, except in approved exceptions, be available to travel to Canberra for two one-day events during May 2018 and October 2018 (dates to be confirmed) and commit to dedicating a cumulative additional 75 hours to the program.
- The NFF will cover the approved costs of travel and associated expenses to a cap of \$4500.
- Applications **close 12 April, 2018.** [Click here to apply.](#)

### **Regional Growth Fund - applications open**

1) Do you have a transformational infrastructure project that could create jobs, drive growth and increase community resilience across the NSW Central West?

2) Does the project cost more than \$20 million, and can you provide at least 50% of the funding?

We want to hear from you. Call to chat through your project on 02 6360 1600

Applications **close 27 April 2018.**



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There is only one round of the Regional Growth Fund. For more information visit our website <http://www.rdcentralwest.org.au/funding/regional-growth-fund-australian-government>

**The Investing in Women program** funds organisations to develop and implement projects that support economic opportunity, participation, empowerment and leadership. Minister for Women Tanya Davies said the NSW Government wants to further support gender equality in all industries and at every level. Eligible organisations are encouraged to apply by **22 April 2018**. [Find out more about the grants program](#)

**Wagga Wagga city council annual grants program** Council invites community organisations, groups and in some categories, individuals, in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area to make an application for funding as part of Council's Annual Grants Program. \$186,000 will be available for the [Annual Grants Program 2018-19](#) to help support our local communities. **CLOSE: 14 May 2018**

### SEEKING A BUSINESS OF TOMORROW

Westpac is seeking 200 businesses to help fund, mentor and grow. You can nominate a business or self-nominate. Deadline April 8. <https://businessoftomorrow.com.au/>

**POTTER FOUNDATION FUNDING** Applications for the community wellbeing, education, environment/conservation and science rounds of funding from the Ian Potter Foundation open 26 March 2018 and **close 20 April**. **More?** <http://www.ianpotter.org.au/how-to-apply-for-a-grant>

**INSURANCE REBATES** Rebates of up to \$2.5K are available for 50% of advice/assessment costs to help farmers prepare and apply for a new insurance policy helping to management of drought and other production and market risks. NB: Receipt of funding from this program might mean you will be ineligible for support from other government program and funding might also have taxation implications. Seek independent taxation and financial advice from a qualified professional. **Deadline 15 May 2019**. More? Managing Farm Risk Programme, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, GPO Box 858, Canberra, ACT 2601

**Regional Flagship Events Program** [The Regional Flagship Events Program](#) identifies and supports events in regional NSW that have the potential to act as a 'cornerstone' or flagship tourism event for their area by attracting overnight visitation and delivering long term benefits to the region. The name "*Regional Flagship Events Program*" will remain as the umbrella title under which the three funds will sit:

- Incubator Event Fund - supports the establishment of new events (see [terms and conditions](#)).
- N.B.: *Applications for Round 2 of the 2018 Incubator Event Fund are now open and will close on Sunday 18 March 2018. Events held in July – December 2018 are encouraged to apply.* To learn more watch the [Incubator Event Fund webcast](#)
- Flagship Event Fund - supports the marketing of emerging events to increase their profile and encourage visitation (see [terms and conditions](#)). N.B.:
- *Expressions of interest for the 2018 Flagship Event Fund have now closed.* To learn more watch the [Flagship Event Fund webcast](#)
- Event Development Fund – supports the strategic development of proven flagship events as drivers of tourism (see [terms and conditions](#)).

**DRONE PROJECTS SOUGHT** US\$500K investment funding to develop drone technology. Open to individuals, teams and start-ups. **Deadline 12 April 2018**. More? <https://kryptolabs.com/contest/>



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**Investing in Women** program funds organisations to develop and implement projects that support economic opportunity, participation, empowerment and leadership.

Projects should address at least one of the seven focus areas:

- women's economic opportunity and advancement
- equitable workplaces for women and men
- women in small business
- women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers
- women in male-dominated trades
- women in leadership roles
- leadership pathways for young women.

Minister for Women Tanya Davies said the NSW Government wants to further support gender equality in all industries and at every level. "We want this funding to have a renewed focus on supporting proven projects that are sustainable, as well as helping new initiatives come to life," Mrs Davies said. Eligible organisations are encouraged to **apply by 22 April 2018**.

[Find out more about the grants program](#)

**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.

**Apply now for a Churchill Fellowship** Travel overseas to investigate inspiring practices that will benefit Australian communities on a Churchill Fellowship! This prestigious award offers Australian citizens the opportunity to travel overseas to investigate a topic or an issue they are passionate about. It is for anyone who, after examining alternatives within Australia, would now like to see what other countries are doing successfully in a similar field to inspire new ideas and innovation. The Churchill Fellowship is awarded to more than 100 Australians each year, enabling them to travel to countries around the world to meet and work with leaders, influencers and innovators that will see them gain knowledge and experience for the betterment of themselves, their industry or community and Australia. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 27 APRIL** <https://www.churchilltrust.com.au/>

**TRAIL** helps participants develop a strong platform of skills, attributes and knowledge enabling emerging leaders to engage more effectively in their organisations, communities and industries. [Training Rural Australians In Leadership \(TRAIL\)](#) is a seven-day cross-sector leadership program set in Canberra and region, for Australia's future emerging rural leaders. It is a challenge based TRAIL will run from Monday 30 April until Sunday 6 May program to develop key leadership skills.

**Aid for NSW Farmer Upskill** NSW farmers can take subsidised [pre-approved courses](#) through the State Government's \$45m Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program. Or farmers can [apply](#) for other professional development activities. Participants can [claim reimbursement](#) of up to 50% (GST-exclusive) up to \$5000/farmer or \$9000/farm business. For further information [www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/professional-development-program](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/professional-development-program)

**Indigenous Advancement Strategy Community Led Grants** enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and service providers to seek grant funding to address emerging needs and/or



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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](#)

