

## School Holiday Activity: Seed Bomb Making Workshop.

Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc



### Key facts

- A school holiday activity, aimed at school aged children
- Over 20 participants
- Collaborative event that had participants from our local area, visitors to the region and the home-school community
- All promotion was through Facebook and word-of-mouth

### Project Partners



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## Plant propagation workshop for school-aged children during the April school holidays.

### The issue

It is known that there is a gap in knowledge and local engagement between our long-term volunteers and the younger generations within the community. Opportunities to pass down knowledge and skills are often few and far between and require external facilitation. Without this imparting of skill and experience, the knowledge of native plant propagation and conservation will be lost. Through growing community awareness of the local nursery and cementing our value as a community asset, we aim to foster community engagement by bringing together organisations like Riverina Highlands Landcare Network, Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc, and Riverina Local Land Services with residents, holidaying families and the local home school community.

### The solution

With the support and resources provided by Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc, Local Landcare Services and Riverina Highlands Landcare Nursery, we were able to host a Seed Bomb Making Workshop, aimed at educating young people about native plants and environmental conservation through hands-on activities. The afternoon was hosted at the local nursery, where an influx of children and their carers gathered excitedly. We had the nursery staff on hand to provide a tour of the nursery and talk them through plant propagation techniques. Then came the fun part- where we made clay balls, mixing them with native seeds, and discussing the benefits of seed bomb making. Materials and staff time were funded by the Bushfire Local Recovery Fund and Riverina Highlands Landcare Network. Riverina Local Land Services generously provided a plant for each attendee to take home on the day.

### The impact

We had an incredible turn out, with over 20 participants. Teaching children about native plants and environmental conservation is crucial! It fosters an early appreciation and respect for natural resource management, helping them understand the importance of biodiversity and the role of native plants in supporting local ecosystems. Hands-on activities make learning engaging and practical, allowing children to see the real-world impact of their actions. This education also instils a sense of responsibility and stewardship, encouraging sustainable practices that can be passed down to future generations. It also helps develop practical gardening skills, attracts new volunteers, and raises public awareness about the Landcare Nursery's role in providing native plants for local projects and the community. Ultimately, it empowers children to make informed decisions that positively affect the environment.

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