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Meet the RDA Riverina Committee - Paul Pearsall

Paul is the Managing Director at Grain Link

Paul and his business partner established The Grain Link group of Companies in 2000 which is located in Griffith. Grain Link's unique combination of companies and shareholder investments has resulted in a privately owned company that has achieved a high degree of vertical integration within the Australian Grain Industry. The Group provides a "One Stop Shop" from Farm Gate to the export customer for a wide range of specialty grains.



[Click here to read more](#)

Wagga Industry Tour



RDA Riverina took Government to Business in Wagga last week. The Wagga Industry Tour co-hosted by RDA Riverina and Wagga City Council showcased successful innovative and progressive businesses to government departments and agencies, who can provide support and opportunities to assist growth. Discussions with business owners highlighted the need for cheaper supply chain costs to enable further growth and development and provided further insight into the skilled workforce requirements with changing technology and ways of doing business. Industries visited included Kurrajong Waratah Recyclers, TECS – Total Electrical Control Systems, Enirgi, Southern Oil and Flipscreen.

Ministerial Visit to Western Riverina

\$880 million investment over the next

3-5yrs in Western Riverina

RDA Riverina Chair Diana Gibbs and Executive Officer Mark Ritchie attended the Western Riverina Development Forum held in Griffith last Friday which was

hosted by local member Adrian Piccoli, the State Member for Murray and Education Minister. Also in attendance were the Deputy Premier, Hon Troy Grant, the Minister for Regional Development,



Hon. John Barilaro, the Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Regional Planning, the Hon Rick Colless and the Minister for Early Childhood Education, the Hon. Leslie Williams. This forum drew together a range of business leaders, local government and Government officials to discuss the significant economic growth opportunities currently being experienced in the Western Riverina, particularly in the value added sectors of agriculture, horticulture and manufacturing. The good news is western Riverina expects to see investment of more than \$880 million over the next 3-5 years resulting in an increase in more than 1100 new jobs. The forum identified a range of impediments to regional growth common across these sectors including transport logistics, infrastructure, energy and communication needs, skills, training and finding suitably qualified employees and discussed these constraints that are currently impeding economic growth, development and employment.

Digital Skills for Community Groups



Digital Skills for Community Groups have proven very popular in West Wyalong, Tumut , Cootamundra and Wagga in the

For further information on upcoming workshops click the below links:

[Gundagai](#) - May 30

past 3 weeks. These workshops have been designed and developed in partnership with TAFE Riverina Institute, RDA Riverina and local shire councils who work together to build the capacity of volunteers in the Riverina region's community based organisations.

[Leeton](#) - June 14

[Hay](#) - June 7

[Temora](#) - June 16

[Griffith](#) - June 23

Riverina Economic Development Forum

RDA-Riverina hosts Riverina Economic Development Forums quarterly throughout the Riverina, bringing together development officers from across the region. These forums are designed for community & economic development officers from local government, government departments and agencies, business/industry representatives (arts, culture, tourism, health, education, environment), regional organisations, NGO's and community members.

The Forums provide an opportunity for these groups and organisations to showcase successful business models, promote programs, services and funding. The next forum will be held in Narrandera at TAFE Riverina Institute Narrandera Campus on June 16, 2016. Presentations include Developing an Events Unit, Business Accelerator Program, Right to Farm Policy, Manildra Flour Mill Expansion and Smart and Skilled Update.

[Click here for agenda details](#)

Tourism Product Development Workshop

create / grow / enhance

Do you have an idea for a new tourism product, a work in progress, a dream or a vision?

Do you have an existing tourism product that needs a revamp, growth or motivation?

Riverina Regional Tourism invites you to attend a Tourism Product Development Workshop to help you create a working foundation for a viable, thriving business. Whether it's the development of a new product or refreshment of an existing product, this workshop is for you.

Keynote Speaker Amanda Whitley

2016 ACT Woman of the Year, founder of highly successful HerCanberra online network, boasting a monthly unique readership of 100,000 + quarterly magazine, podcast and event series.

Workshop topics include:

Location and dates

- Tourism marketing
 - Business planning + analysis
 - Accessing finance + funding options
 - Insurance and compliance
 - How your local tourism network can help
 - Local champions
- Cootamundra Tue 21st June
 - Griffith Wed 22nd June

[Click here for further information](#)

Funding Announcement Updates for Riverina

Congratulations to the following applicants who were successful in the following funding rounds.

- **Murray Darling Basin Economic Diversification Fund Round 2 – \$1.2M**

- **McWilliam Wines Hanwood**

- Construction of an 8000 pallet warehouse and installation of a bottling line and centralised distribution facility.

- **Tourism Infrastructure Funding – \$2.0m**

- **Wagga Wagga Regional Airport**

- Expansion of airport terminal building including internal baggage claim carousel and additional passenger amenities

- **NSW Government discretionary grant - \$5,000**

- New South Wales State Emergency Service (NSW SES) The Rock Unit

- Infrastructure improvements of the Unit's facilities to upgrade response operations.

Meet the new business.gov.au



The new business.gov.au website has been launched making finding information for your business easier. The team at business.gov.au have been testing new ideas and gathering feedback through a beta website. The new website has been built based on what users have asked for and has less clutter, clearer content and features to help find business information quickly.

The new website includes:

- a clean, user tested design
- an easier way to find Grants & Assistance, Events and Advisory Services relevant to you
- user-friendly icons to help you quickly spot the information relevant to your business.

[Click here to check out the new business.gov.au](#)

Intereach 'Have your Say 2015' Report on Quality of Services in the Riverina Murray Communities

Intereach has published Have Your Say 2015, a report on the availability and quality of services for people in the communities of the Riverina Murray. This is the third year that Intereach has led a series of community consultations to find out what stops people getting the help they need and what services and supports are not available to them. In late 2015, 608 people in 24 of the 28 local government areas of the Riverina Murray responded to a series of questions asking them to rate the availability and quality of services.

[Click here to view report](#)

Short Course Training for Business

Take advantage of these great Riverina Institute courses to build the capacity of your organisation or just upskill your staff.

- [Health Safety Representatives \(HSR\)](#) (5 day course) 23-27 May - Wagga Wagga Campus
- [HSR \(Refresher\)](#) 16 June - Wagga Wagga Campus
- [HR Mentor](#) – Employment Law: Where do I stand? – 31 May - Wagga Wagga Campus
- [Frontline Customer Service](#) – 1 June - Lake Cargelligo, Tumut, West Wyalong, Corowa, Deniliquin, Albury. Griffith, Temora, Cootamundra, Leeton, Young, Coomealla, Finley, Wagga Wagga campuses

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Grant Tip

The Grants Team

Although grantwriters can secure grant awards without a grant team in place they cannot be successful long term if they work in a silo. So who should be on a grants team and what should they do?

The team should have representation of the following roles within an organization:

- Grant Professional
- Leadership
- Finance
- Programs
- Evaluation/Data
- IT
- Marketing

Some of the common roles and activities include:

- create and implement a grant calendar.
- plan the process before grants formally open.
- assist the grant writer gather information related to program design, evaluation and budget.

- review and edit the application components to ensure that what has been written is aligned with what the organization can implement if funding is awarded.

Grants Calendar

COMMUNITY

Annual Grants Program 2016-2017

Wagga City Council | Various | Closes 30th June 2016

FOOD

Love Food Hate Waste

Dept Environment & Heritage | \$70,000 | Closes 14th June 2016

HERITAGE

Heritage Near Me Incentive Program - Heritage Activation Grant

NSW Dept Environment & Heritage | \$100,000 | Closes 27th June 2016

MULTICULTURAL

Celebration Grants

Multicultural NSW | \$5,000 | Closes 17th June 2016

YOUTH

Future 2 Grants

Foundation of the Australian Financial Planning Association | \$10,000 | Closes 1st August 2016

YOUTH

Youth Opportunities Program

NSW Dept Family & Community Services | \$50,000 | Closes 27th June 2016

The following websites have information about many grant and funding opportunities

- Community builders: www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au
- Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal: www.frrr.org.au
- Grants Link: www.grantslink.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>

For further assistance in locating grants for your projects

Email: po@rdariverina.org.au

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Further information on grants and grantwriting www.rdariverina.org.au

RDA Riverina Diary Dates 2016



- **May 27:** Beyond Bank Pitch Fest - Wagga Wagga
- **June 16:** Development Officer Forum - Narrandera
- **June 23:** Digital Skills for Community Groups - Griffith
- **June 28:** REROC - Wagga Wagga
- **August 23:** REROC - Wagga Wagga
- **August 25:** RDA Riverina Committee Meeting - Gundagai

- **October 1-31:** Taste Riverina
- **October 20:** Development Officer Network Forum - West Wyalong
- **October 25:** REROC - Wagga Wagga
- **October 26:** Regional Outlook 2016 Conference - Griffith
- **November 24:** RDA Riverina AGM & Committee Meeting - Junee

What's on in the Riverina Region?

- [Bland Shire](#)
- [Carrathool Shire](#)
- [Coolamon Shire](#)

- [Junee Shire Council](#)
- [Leeton Shire Council](#)
- [Lockhart Shire Council](#)

- [Cootamundra Shire Council](#)
- [Griffith City Council](#)
- [Gundagai Shire Council](#)
- [Hay Shire Council](#)

- [Murrumbidgee Shire Council](#)
- [Narrandera Shire Council](#)
- [Temora Shire Council](#)
- [Tumut Shire Council](#)
- [Wagga Wagga City Council](#)



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