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Meet the Committee - Marg Andreazza

Margaret, originally from Central West NSW, moved to the Riverina 16 years ago, and quickly came to know and love the region by working for RDA Riverina's

predecessor, Riverina Area Consultative Committee, travelling around assisting small businesses with the transition to the GST in 2000. Since then, Margaret has worked as an advocate for the rice industry, organised a national citrus conference, run her own



administration business and managed a Family Support Program on behalf of the Federal Government. Margaret currently works as Grants and Administration Officer for Griffith Regional Theatre and Art Gallery.

[Click here to read more](#)

Budget NSW 2016 - 2017 Regional Overview

NSW
BUDGET 2016-17



The New South Wales budget has been released. Highlights include:

- \$20.6 billion for health services, an increase of \$972 million from 2015-16
- A boost of \$959 million on education spending
- \$1.3 billion for implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in NSW

- \$300 million over the next four years towards specialist domestic violence initiatives
- \$158 million for renewable energy and efficiency programs
- \$175 million for tourism and events programs
- \$570 million over four years for community safety, court processes and to reduce reoffending

[Click here to see how the budget might affect your organisation](#)

Funding Announcements

Last Thursday RDA Riverina hosted the winter Riverina Economic Development Officer Forum in Narrandera. Some highlights of the day included the announcements of Fixing Country Roads Funding and Energise Enterprise Funding by Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP and a snapshot of the future of the Narrandera Flour Mills.

Fixing Country Roads is a program to provide targeted funding to local councils for road projects that will eliminate connectivity constraints on local roads in NSW and reduce the cost to market for local businesses. The program is helping fund vital road and bridge upgrades to better connect local and regional roads to state highways and key freight hubs such as silos, saleyards, rail heads, supermarket distribution centres, industrial parks and depots.

Fixing Country Road Funding

Energise Enterprise Fund The Energise Enterprise Fund provides grants to NSW local councils and not-for-profit organisations for the delivery of economic development and diversification projects. Through the Energise Enterprise Fund, a total of \$4.1 million is available to eligible applicants for projects in the Murray-Darling Basin (within NSW). Types of projects include:

- small economic development projects which support small business initiatives
- skills capability building projects
- economic development studies with clearly actionable and supported outcomes

Application closing date for the third and final assessment round: 2pm AEST Thursday 21 July 2016.

Energise Enterprise Funding

Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund, Arts

NSW. Western Riverina Arts was one of the successful applicants in 2016 and the non-profit organisation has been awarded \$15,000 from the Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund, Arts NSW. "This funding will be used for skills development workshops across the region." says Regional Art Development Officer Derek Motion. "Over the next 12 months we will employ Aboriginal artists to run a series of workshops across all of our local government areas - Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera & Murrumbidgee." [Click here](#) to learn more.



Riverina Industry - Snapshot



Guest Speaker – Aaron Hall – Manildra Flour Mill Manager Narrandera

The Manildra Group contributes significant economic activity to Australia and is a major contributor to regional output and employment. In the last 60 years it has become the largest user of wheat in Australia and diversified major agribusiness adding value to wheat, canola, sugar, beef and lamb.

There are four modern state-of-the-art flour mills operated by Manildra Group in the heart of the Australian wheatbelt (Gunnedah, Manildra, Narrandera and Nowra in NSW) producing a full range of wheat flours, bakery mixes and associated specialist products such as durum semolina for pasta, for domestic and export markets.

These four mills together process over one million metric tonnes of wheat per annum (almost one-sixth of NSW's total annual production) – enough flour to make over 100 loaves of bread every second.

The Narrandera Mill draws over 150,000 tonne of quality wheats from both dry land and irrigated crops in the MIA (Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area). This enables them to produce quality flour for biscuit manufacturers, bakery and specialty flours as required, to competitively service customers in NSW and Victoria.



The reputation for quality, reliability, service and innovation has made Manildra a trusted and preferred supplier to a number of Australia's most famous brands. This reputation extends globally, as they export speciality flours to over 28 countries for numerous applications including bakery, pasta and noodle, tortilla, batters and breadings, and breakfast cereals.

[Click here to watch a video](#)

NSW residents can now renew their driver's licences online at their own convenience through the Service NSW web and mobile sites

Eligible customers can renew their licence online for up to five years using their existing photo and may only need to visit a Service NSW centre as often as once every 10 years to update their photo or sit an eye test.

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2016 Graham Centre Sheep Forum

Friday 8th July, 2016

*Charles Sturt University Convention
Centre, Wagga Wagga*

The Graham Centre Sheep Forum has become a key event in the diary of sheep producers across the Riverina and surrounding regions.

The forum showcases the latest research from the Graham Centre and industry.



Program

The program includes keynote speakers followed by a Question and Answer Panel. View [Program](#)

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Young Farmer Business Project Initiative

Survey asking Young Farmers about their agricultural business goals

Young Farmers have a unique opportunity to have their say on achieving their agricultural business goals by completing a survey before June 30, which will be used to develop a business information hub as part of the Young Farmer Business Project initiative.

The Young Farmer Business Project is a joint initiative between the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), NSW Young Farmers Council and NSW Farmers Association, which aims to increase the number of young people in agriculture across NSW.

As part of the initiative, an information hub is being developed to provide business support resources using digital platforms that meet the needs of our younger generation of farmers.

DPI's Young Farmer Project Officer, James Leigo, urged farmers aged between 18 to 35 years to complete the survey.

We invite you to take this survey to help create an online Young Farmer Business Hub. The aim is to provide an easy way to connect with others, find information and use tools to develop your farm business. This survey is open until the 30th June 2016.

[**Click here to take part in the survey**](#)

Griffith City Council Community Survey

It is important that from time to time Council asks residents about their levels of satisfaction with Council and the community of Griffith so as to develop a measure of how this satisfaction has improved or declined from the last time a survey was conducted.

[**If you are interested in participating in the survey click here**](#)

2015 Grants in Australia Survey Report

Our Community and the Australian Institute of Grants Management (AIGM) recently released the full 2015 Grants in Australia Survey report.

The report saw nearly 1350 grantseekers from right across the sector share their experiences of grantseeking, as well as their interactions with grantmakers and grantmaking systems. The survey is the biggest of its type in Australia.

Among the survey's key findings are:

- Grantseekers feel the number of multi-year grants, as well as grants towards groups' core operating costs, have reduced over the past 12 months.
- A growing majority of grantseekers (61.5%) now apply for five grants or fewer each year. This figure is up from the 55% recorded in 2013-14.
- A significant portion of grantmakers remain unhappy with how grantmakers communicate application results.
- A growing number of grantseekers value pre-application briefing or information sessions staged by grantmakers.

[Click here for full report](#)

Grants Calendar

ARTS

[Country Arts Support Program](#)

Regional Arts NSW | \$3,000 | Closes 28th July 2016

COMMUNITY

[2016 Community Building Partnership Program](#)

NSW Government | \$2,500 min | Closes 22nd July 2016

COMMUNITY

[NIB Community Grants](#)

NIB Foundation | \$5,000 - \$50,000 | Closes 30th June 2016

ENVIRONMENT

[Norman Wettenhall Small Environmental Grant Scheme](#)

Norman Wettenhall Foundation | \$ Open | Closes 28th June 2016

FARMING

[Farm Innovation Fund Loan](#)

Dept Primary Industry Rural Assistance Authority | Closes: Ongoing

INNOVATION

Collaborative Solutions

Collaborative NSW | \$100,000 | Closes: Ongoing

ROAD SAFETY

Community Road Safety Grants Program

Transport for NSW | \$5,000 - \$30,000 | Closes 31st July 2016

TECHNOLOGY

Google Impact Challenge

Google | \$750,000 | Closes 13th July 2016

YOUTH

Youth Opportunities

NSW Dept Family and 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



- **June 28:** REROC - Wagga Wagga
- **August 2:** Digital Skills for Community Groups - Griffith
- **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](#)
- [Cootamundra Shire Council](#)
- [Griffith City Council](#)
- [Gundagai Shire Council](#)
- [Hay Shire Council](#)

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



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