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**Meet the Committee - Karen Hutchinson**

Karen Hutchinson is part of the senior management team at Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited, one of the largest private irrigation companies in NSW. She has been involved in the irrigation industry in policy and advocacy positions for the past 15 years.



[Click here to read more](#)

## **Workforce Futures Breakfast Forums:**

Grow Our Own - Learn, Work & Live Locally



The Grow Our Own initiative aims to attract and retain young people by developing learning pathways into business and industry in the Western Riverina region.

Join us for a breakfast in Griffith or Leeton to hear and learn of successful workforce pathway programs from the managers and employees of some local businesses.

[13 September 2016](#) [Griffith](#) [7am – 8.30am](#)

[14 September 2016](#) [Leeton](#) [7am – 8.30am](#)

Breakfast is included.

To register your attendance and more information contact:

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[Click here for more information](#)

## Workforce Pathways Scholarships - Western Riverina

### Casella Family Brands Scholarship

Thanks to Casella Family Brands eligible students have the opportunity to apply for a \$5000 scholarship which provides financial assistance towards any study expenses. The purpose of the scholarship program is to further reduce the financial barriers to higher education for rural and regional students enrolling in undergraduate/pathway studies at TAFE Riverina to progress to studies with Deakin University. The program will preference capable students in Western Riverina regional communities, who choose not to leave their communities for further study.

*HURRY... applications close 9 September 2016. For more information, please download the application form*

[Click here to find out if you are eligible!](#)

## Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival



Taste Coleambally – Farm and Food Festival 2016 is all festival showcasing what farmers in the Riverina do – that is grow food and fibre sustainably, using minimal chemicals and water.

Coleambally Irrigation is one of the most water efficient delivery systems in Australia. Each year an average Coleambally Irrigation farm feeds an amazing 4,516 people. In total the

487 farm units in the area feed 2.2 million people for an entire year, for each year they receive their full water entitlement.

In 2012, the first Festival was born leveraging off the 'Taste Riverina' Food Festival in October.

In 2016 the festival will be showcase and celebrate Coleambally's food and farming heritage from 21 – 23 October. For program updates: [www.farm2food.net](http://www.farm2food.net)

[Click here to visit the Taste Riverina website](#)

## Farm Link Open Day



Showcasing the research behind the projects which will benefit farmers throughout Southern New South Wales is the thrust of FarmLink's Annual Open Day to be held on September 2, 2016

This year's themes are -

**WHEAT** - Agronomic Innovations in Wheat

**CANOLA** - Overcoming Production Barriers

**SOILS** - Managing Moisture and Nitrogen

**LIVESTOCK** - Profitable and Sustainable Production

**DRONES** - Applying Drones in Agriculture

**LADIES AGRONOMY TOUR** - a return of last year's popular

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## Aquaculture Conference and Trade Show

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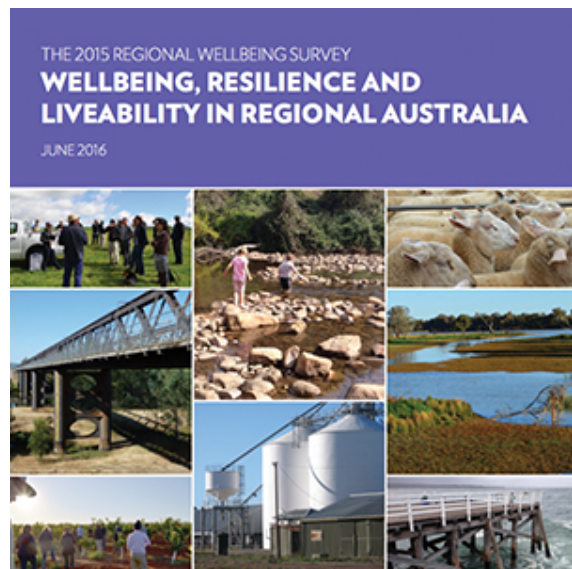
The NSW Aquaculture Association in partnership with FNFA is holding an Aquaculture Conference and Trade Show on 2-3rd September, 2016. Featured topics include:

- Murray Cod Farming and water quality
- Recirculation Systems
- Silver Perch farming
- Nutrition and Diet for Murray Cod
- Notifiable Diseases and procedures
- Research and development needs for Murray Cod in Australia

[Click here to read more](#)

## National Well Being Survey

The results of the University of Canberra 2015 Regional Wellbeing Survey have been released. The annual report measures the subjective wellbeing of people and communities living outside Australia's major cities. It also examines the resilience of rural and regional residents and the liveability of their communities, and looks at how rural and regional Australians are experiencing a wide range of changes occurring in their communities.



This is the first report examining the results of the 2015 Regional Wellbeing Survey to be released, and focuses on wellbeing, liveability, and resilience. Further reports will be released from the 2015 survey, including reports focusing on experiences of drought, the wellbeing of farmers, natural resource management, and water reform.

[Click here for more information](#)

## **The Secret is Out - MIA is Investment ready!**

### **The Secret is Out - Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA) is Investment ready .**

The MIA is the nation's food bowl and boasts everything from fertile soils, reliable water supply and thriving services centres, through to affordable housing, a laid back lifestyle, and fantastic, shops, schools and entertainment options. MIA is the area of choice for investment, and also a great place to live.

[\*\*Learn more about whats on offer in the MIA\*\*](#)

## **Populations in regions - International migration is the most viable solution to rural population decline**



The Regional Australia Institute (RAI) has released a new report exposing an untapped opportunity for regional areas to fight declining populations and economic adversity. It's a regional solution that could also reduce congestion and employment issues in our major cities.

Talking Point: The Missing Migrants, the third report in the RAI's population dynamics series, found regional Australia's lower growth rates are explained by low international migration to areas outside major capitals.

International migration is responsible for over half of Australia's population growth, yet only 20 per cent settled in rural areas between 2006 and 2011.

The RAI argues international migration should be the number one priority for rural communities looking to address population challenges, instead of being the last resort.

[\*\*Click here for more information\*\*](#)



## Champions of Change - Farmers and their Paddock Trees



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The humble paddock tree is a familiar sight across the farming landscape. Often hundreds of years in age, these landscape giants provide valuable shelter for livestock, crops, pastures, and wildlife. Unfortunately, the number of paddock trees is declining across Australia, due to age, isolation, fire damage, and other stresses.

However, many farmers are seeking to address this decline, by protecting their existing trees, and encouraging the growth of new paddock trees on their properties.

[Click here to learn more](#)

## Grants Projects



**Pioneering Projections workshops**, funded by the Country Arts Support Program,

brought the bright lights of an event like Vivid to the dark paddock of Griffith Pioneer Park Museum. It raised the profile of an emerging medium and demonstrated how the granite sculptures produced for the centenary of the city could be used as a springboard for dazzling animations with sound.

[Click here to read more](#)

## Grants Calendar

### ARTS

#### Plus 1

Creative Partners Australia | 50,000 matched funding | Closes 26th August 2016

### ARTS

#### 2017 NSW Arts Fellowship (Emerging)

Arts NSW | \$30,000 | Closes 22nd August 2016

### AGED

#### Caring for Ageing Australians (CARA)

FRRR | \$10,000 | Closes 19th August 2016

### AGED

#### 2017 NSW Seniors Festival Grant

Dept of Family & Community Services (NSW) | \$1,000 - \$5,000 | Closes 2nd September 2016

### COMMUNITY

#### Aussie Cotton Farmers Grow Communities

Monsanto Fund | \$5,000 | Closes 31st August 2016

### COMMUNITY

#### ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program

ANZ/FRRR | \$15,000, Lenovo tablets & laptops | Closes 26th August 2016

### COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

#### The Community Resilience Innovation Program (CRIP)

NSW State Emergency | Closes 26th September 2016



## **CULTURE & RECREATION**

### **EPIC Australia Community Grant**

EPIC | \$500 - \$10,000 | Closes 31st August 2016

## **EXPORT**

### **Export Market Development Grants (EMDG)**

Austrade | 50% of eligible expenses above \$5,000 provided that the total expenses are at least \$15,000 | Closes 30th November 2016

## **FARMING**

### **Farm Innovation Fund NSW**

Rural Assistance Authority | Loan | Ongoing

## **FARMING**

### **FIAL Project Fund**

Food Innovation Australia | \$100,000 matched | Closes 30th September 2016

## **LANDCARE**

### **How can we help you? 2016 - 2017 Funding Program**

Local Land Services Riverina | Expressions of Interest | Closes 30th September 2016

## **LANDCARE**

### **Riverina Local Land Services**

Local Land Services Riverina | Up to \$20,000 matched | Closes 30th September 2016

## **MULTICULTURAL**

### **Unity Grants**

Multicultural NSW | \$30,000 | Closes 9th September 2016

## **MULTICULTURAL**

### **Celebration Grants**

Multicultural NSW | \$5,000 | Closes 9th September 2016

## **RURAL WORKPLACE**

### **Quad Bike Rural Safety Program**

Safework | \$500 | Closes 30th June 2017

## **SOCIAL CHANGE**

### Social Change Fellowship

Westpac Bicentennial Foundation | \$50,000 | Closes 19th August 2016

## **SMALL BUSINESS**

### Small Business Employment Incentive

NSW Office of State Revenue | \$2,000 | Ongoing

## **SMALL BUSINESS**

### Jobs Action Plan Rebate Scheme - Payroll Tax

NSW Office of State Revenue | \$6,000 | Closes 19th June 2019

## **SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR**

### School for Social Entrepreneurs Accelerator

School for Social Entrepreneurs Australia | Mentoring | Ongoing

## **WINE INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP**

### 2017 Sydney Royal Wine Scholarship

Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) Foundation | \$2,500 - \$5,000 | Closes 30th  
September 2016

**The following websites have information about many grant  
and funding opportunities**

- 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: [www.grantslink.gov.au](http://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>

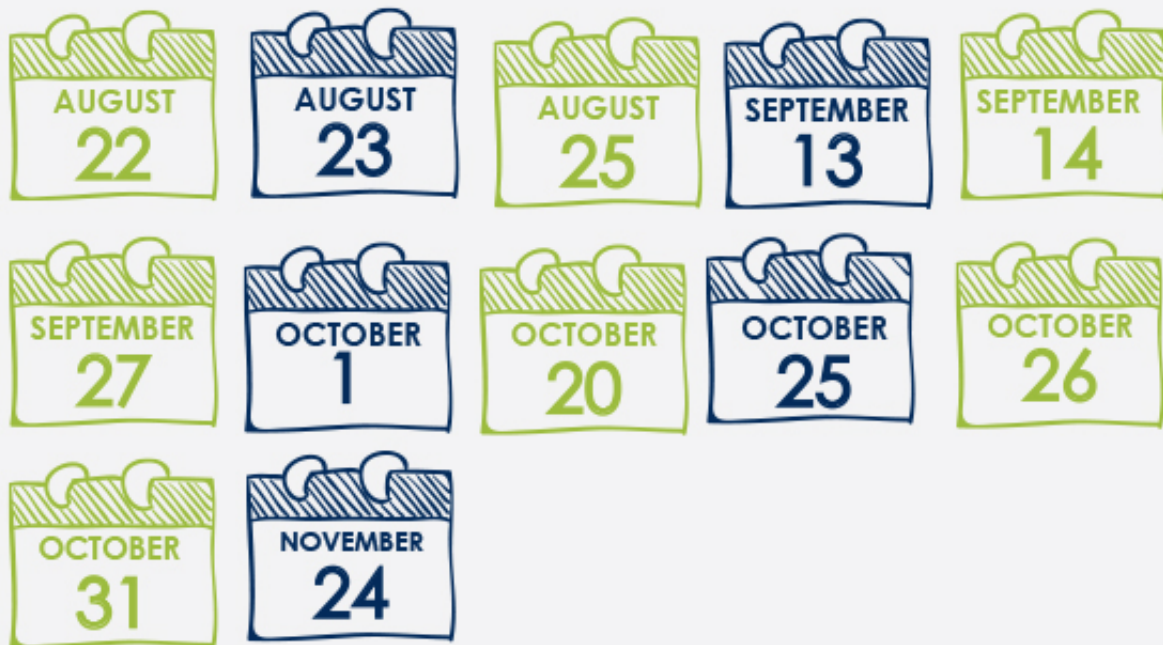
For further assistance in locating grants for your projects

Email: [po@rdariverina.org.au](mailto:po@rdariverina.org.au)

You can also Like us on Facebook to get regular updates

Further information on grants and grantwriting [www.rdariverina.org.au](http://www.rdariverina.org.au)

## RDA Riverina Diary Dates 2016



- **August 23:** REROC - *Wagga Wagga*
- **August 25:** RDA Riverina Committee Meeting - *Gundagai*
- **September 13:** Workforce Futures Breakfast Forums - *Griffith*
- **September 14:** Workforce Futures Breakfast Forums - *Leeton*
- **September 27:** RDA Riverina Industry Tour - *Tumut*

- **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](#)
- [Snowy Valleys Council](#)
- [Wagga Wagga City Council](#)



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