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Message from the EO

Welcome to another edition of our Riverina fortnightly e-newsletter.

This will be my last newsletter as RDA Riverina Executive Officer. I am leaving the Riverina to take up a position with the WA Department of Agriculture and Food as part of the Northern Beef Futures program early next month. I have enjoyed working with a broad cross section of business and industry across the Riverina community over the 12 months I've been in this position. I would like to thank everyone I've worked with for their support, friendship and advice and I wish you all the very best into the future. A few farewell drinks will be held at the Thirsty Crow in Wagga on Monday 10 October from around 5.30 pm.

In this edition we're delighted to outline a range of initiatives and activities. The next RDA Riverina Economic Development Forum will be held in West Wyalong on the 20 October with a theme centred around attracting and driving investment into the region. Other topics will include State of the Riverina and Capitalising on Opportunities in the Region.

RDA Riverina also recently hosted a very successful industry tour across the Snowy Valleys Council looking at innovation, jobs and technology in the horticulture, manufacturing and tourism industries, I think everyone who attended enjoyed the day. Congratulations to all the winners at the recent NSW Business Chambers' Murray-Riverina Regional Business Awards. Riverina winners included Lisa Cameron, Tilma Group Coolamon (Young Business Executive), long time wool industry champion Marty Moses, Moses and Son Temora (Business Leader), Ron Crouch Transport, Wagga (Excellence in Business Ethics), Truckie Gear, Cootamundra (Excellence in Innovation), Glenrock Country Practice, Wagga Wagga (Employer of choice), Casella Family Brands, Yenda (Excellence in Export) and the Wagga Wagga Business Chamber (Local Chamber of Commerce). All the winners will represent the region at the state finals later in the year.

RDA Riverina have also partnered with ABARES for the upcoming Griffith Regional Outlook conference on 26 October. This one day conference will focus on investing in rural industries, growing our future with a range of local Riverina producers across the aquaculture, grains, livestock, wine, viticulture, citrus and organics industries joining speakers from ABARES, Austrade and the Bureau of Meteorology. The forum will be opened by the Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP, the Federal Member for Cowper and Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister. I encourage everyone to come along to this free, informative and regionally specific event.



Mark Ritchie

Recruiting for a new Executive Officer

We're recruiting for an Executive Officer



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Full time contract position until 31 December 2017
- Wagga Wagga NSW, Salary \$90,000 plus superannuation

RDA Riverina is seeking a dynamic full time Executive Officer who is passionate about regional economic development and managing a not for profit organisation. This exciting opportunity is responsible for all operational, strategic and financial management, leadership, communications and support to the RDA Riverina committee. Working closely with partner organisations and a wide regional network, this position supports Commonwealth and State priorities and programs.

The successful candidate will be a great communicator and networker, and possess sound business development, financial and project management skills. You will be tertiary qualified, be politically aware and possess a sound understanding of regional development issues and opportunities.

For a copy of the Job Description visit www.rdariverina.org.au or email eo@rdariverina.org.au. For further information contact Diana Gibbs, Chair RDA Riverina at chair@rdariverina.org.au or Mark Ritchie on 0429 444 213.

Applications close 5pm, 7 October 2016



An Australian Government Initiative



A NSW Government Initiative

Industry Tour Tumut



Over 15 representatives from federal and state departments and non government organisations gathered in Tumut last week to gain insight into the emerging challenges of successful business and industry in the expansion phase. RDA Riverina in partnership with Snowy Valleys Council showcased 9 small to medium businesses to industry stakeholders. Presentations from Visy, Carter Holt Harvey, V Southern Transport, Michael Lucas Transport and National Parks and Wildlife provided those assembled with a deeper understanding of logistics and skills issues experienced across the valley. A visit to the Tumut Broom Factory, Tumut Brewing Company, Kell & Denson Stonemasons and the Batlow Apple Cooperative also equipped officials with first hand experience in efforts to deepen their understanding of the needs of business to expand and prosper. The inter organisation networking also established a platform for business and industry stakeholders to work together in solving a number of these issues.

For more information on these industry tours please contact

Marg Couch E: po@rdariverina.org.au

Innovative Technologies Seminar - Leeton October 18th

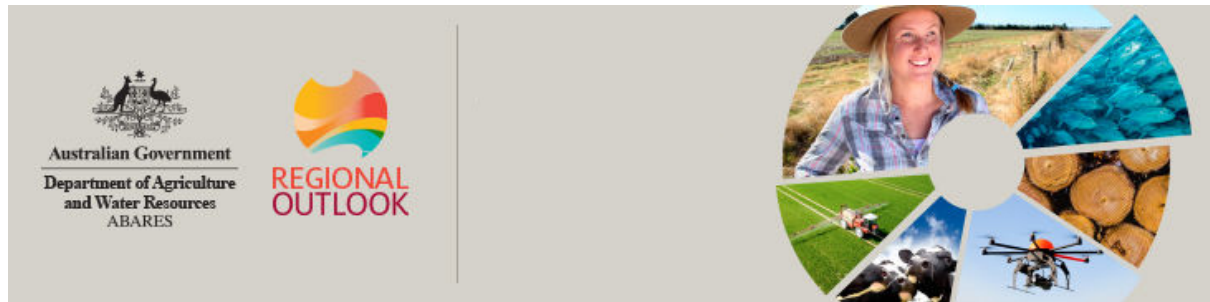


Energy and energy management are becoming an important focus areas for industry. The Riverina region has significant of biomass which can be utilised provided the right

technologies can be implemented. This seminar is aimed at industry and is the first of a series being organised jointly by ICN, OEH, RDA Riverina and Riverina Shires.

[See attached flyer](#)

2016 Regional Outlook Conference - Griffith



ABARES is pleased to announce the 2016 Regional Outlook conference will be held in Griffith on October 26, 2016.

This one day conference is an essential part of their delivery of commodity forecasts and research results directly to regional communities. The conference program is tailored to our region and ABARES has been partnering with RDA Riverina to develop the conference program.

At the Regional Outlook 2016 Griffith conference, senior ABARES economists will present the economic overview and forecasts for key agricultural commodities and farm financial performance. A range of regionally based speakers and producers cover topics such as industry opportunities and challenges, natural resource management, labour and water issues, and case studies from regional business people who are taking innovative approaches.

[Click here for more information and registration details](#)

Flooding Assistance

Natural Disaster Relief Scheme

The Natural Disaster Relief Scheme assists communities and individuals directly affected by

flood, fire, storm damage or any other declared natural disaster.

To support relief and recovery following a declared Natural Disaster a range of measures are made available by the NSW Government. These measures include low interest rate [loans](#) to primary producers, small businesses, non-profit organisations and sporting clubs and [transport assistance](#) for primary producers.

Additional assistance in the form of [Recovery Grants](#) may also be made available following extreme and widespread disaster events.

To report damage following a severe weather event Primary Producers are encouraged to contact their closest Local Land Services (LLS) office or telephone on 1300 795 299.

[Click here for more information](#)

Farming Together



***Farming Together* - a resource for primary producers to help you value-add, build marketplace strength and boost returns.**

The \$14.9m *Farming Together* initiative is a national, two-year campaign for primary producers and processors to collaborate and claim marketplace power. This Federal Government initiative aims to build financial and societal sustainability across Australia's smaller primary producers.

Huge opportunities exist for any Australian citizen who farms within the ATO recognised.

[Click here for more information](#)

Quad Bike Training - Yanco

Subsidised Quad Bike Training - Safe Work Australia

Tocal College, in partnership with SafeWork NSW, is offering subsidised quad bike training to eligible farmers and farm workers.

Get quad safe with a one-day practical course to help farmers and farm workers apply safety measures around the use of quad bikes on farms. The course is mapped to the national unit of competency AHCMOM212 - Operate quad bikes and is tailored to the experience level of attendees.

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Export Essentials



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Your complete export toolkit

[Download now](#)



Export Essentials - A free app to help Australian Small Businesses

Export Finance & Insurance Corporation (Efic) and the Export Council of Australia have released an app designed specifically with new and less experienced small and medium exporters in mind. The first of its kind, Export Essentials, fills the export information gap for Australian SMEs, providing key details often overlooked by businesses when planning to export.

[Click here for more information](#)

Regional Online Heroes



Are you a Regional Online Hero?

The hunt is on for Australia's Regional Online Heroes! Are you a regional business owner? If you're using the internet to grow, Google and the Regional Australia Institute (RAI) want to hear your story!

Google Australia and the RAI have partnered up for the Regional Online Heroes competition to showcase and support regional businesses that are leading the way. They are seeking the next wave of regional businesses who are using digital tools to grow.

Visit the **Regional Online Heroes website** for more information and to register, or contact Shannon, E: shannon.rennie@regionalaustralia.org.au, P: 02 6260 3733

[Click here for more information](#)

Grants Calendar

ARTS

NAVA Visual Arts Fellowships

National Association of Visual Arts | \$20,000 | Closes 8th October 2016

COMMUNITY YOUTH

2017 Ansvar Community Education Program Grant

Ansvar | Up to \$50,000, Lenovo tablets & laptops | Closes 14th October 2016

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Community Support

Essential Energy | \$200 | Closes 11th November 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

HOMELESSNESS

Grants to End Homelessness

Mercy Foundation | Up to \$50,000 | Closes 14th October 2016

LANDCARE

Community Landcare Pop-up Grants

Australian Government National Landcare Programme (NLP) | Up to \$20,000 matched | Closes 30th September 2016

RURAL WORKPLACE

Quad Bike Rural Safety Program

Safework | \$500 | Closes 30th June 2017

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

WOMEN

Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship (WISE) Programme

AusIndustry | \$5,00 - \$250,000 | Closes 6th October 2016

YOUNG WOMEN

Aim for the Stars Scholarship

Layne Beachley Foundation | \$4,000 + Leadership Workshops and Mentoring | Closes 24th November 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>

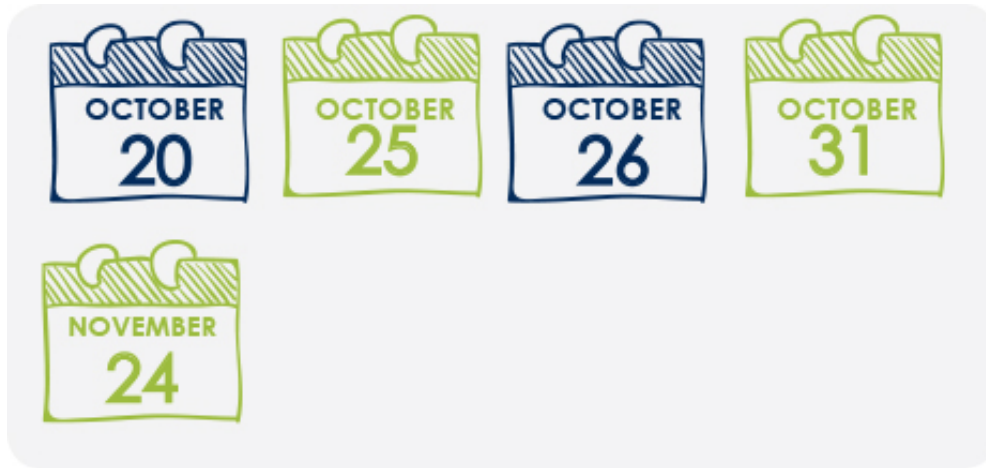
For further assistance in locating grants for your projects

Email: po@rdariverina.org.au

You can also Like us on Facebook to get regular updates

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

RDA Riverina Diary Dates 2016



- **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 Gundagai Regional Council](#)
- [Griffith City 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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Website

"RDA Riverina builds partnerships that facilitate the development of a sustainable region."

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