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**National Stronger Regions Fund Announcement**

## **National Stronger Regions Infrastructure Fund (NSRF Rd 3) Successful Projects Announced.**

On 7 October 2016 the Australian Government announced 67 infrastructure projects to receive \$126.5m under Round Three of NSRF.

The National Stronger Regions Fund invests in infrastructure projects which deliver economic benefit and address disadvantage.

Successful Riverina projects were:

- **Kurrajong Waratah (\$1,200,000)** - The construction of a multi purpose facility at the Hildasid farm will create a range of skill development opportunities, meaningful lifestyle activities and employment for disadvantaged members of the community. A total of 40 FTE jobs will be established during construction and 17 FTE jobs post construction, 6 for people with disabilities. An additional \$12 million will be injected into the local economy.
- **Tumbarumba Shire – (\$125,000)** Redevelopment of the Khancoban pool. The accessible and supervised pool will increase patronage and employment, assist in retaining existing and attracting new residents, employees and business, improve health outcomes averting a declining population, incidence of chronic disease and socio-economic disadvantage.
- **Other successful projects**

There will be no further funding rounds under this programme.

During the 2016 Federal election, the Australian Government announced the new Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF), to support infrastructure and community initiatives in areas outside of major cities.

The new fund will assess projects in three categories depending on the size of the project. This will mean applications for smaller grants will not be competing with large projects for funding. Guidelines for the BBRF are currently being developed. Interested parties are encouraged to monitor the Department's website for future announcements regarding the new fund.

**2016 Regional Outlook Conference - Griffith**



## Two weeks to go until ABARES Griffith Regional Outlook conference – REGISTER TODAY!

Register today for the ABARES Griffith Regional Outlook conference on 26 October – an informative and valuable event for those working in the agriculture sector. Throughout the conference delegates can hear from a range of knowledgeable local and ABARES speakers at sessions on:

- Investing in rural industries – growing our future,
- Innovation in broadacre cropping and beef production
- Intensive and irrigated farming in the Riverina.

To ensure motivated delegates can attend, there's no registration fee to attend but pre-event enrolment is essential.

[Click here to download the program and register](#)

## NSW Export Awards



The Premier's NSW Export Awards is an annual program which aims to recognise excellence in the export of goods and services by NSW business. The Awards acknowledge the important contribution of businesses to the economy through job creation and increased prosperity for the community and for the state.

Premier's NSW Export Awards winners from the 12 industry categories automatically progress as national finalists to the Australian Export Awards. The Australian Export Awards

is a national program where industry winners from all states and territories compete for an Australian industry award, including the coveted Australian Exporter of the Year. NSW Winners will be announced at a prestigious gala presentation dinner on Wednesday 26 October 2016 at The Star, Pyrmont.

Congratulations to the following Riverina Finalists :

- Agribusiness Category: Australian Grain Link (Wumbulgal)
- Manufacturing Category: Riverina Oils & Bio Energy (Wagga)

### Other NSW Finalists

## Cotton Gap

The Cotton Gap program launched by Cotton Australia provides a unique opportunity to connect school-leavers with cotton enterprises seeking operational staff. The program has received strong interest from cotton growers to date, and Cotton Australia is calling for interested students and school-leavers to submit an expression of interest.



[Click here for more information](#)

## 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.

For details of the current flood situation please visit the [Department of Primary Industries website](#).

## National Landcare Network

\$2 million announced for National Landcare Network by Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP Minister for the Environment and Energy

The Turnbull Government will invest \$2 million in the National Landcare Network over the next two years to continue its support for volunteer operations across Australia.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Regional Wellbeing Survey



**REGIONAL  
WELLBEING  
SURVEY**

The 2016 Regional Wellbeing Survey is now open – please consider taking part!  
The Regional Wellbeing Survey's mission is to support research that improves the wellbeing and quality of life of people living in rural and regional Australia. To achieve this, we need to hear the views of all people living in rural and regional Australia.

Everyone aged 18 or over who takes part in the survey can enter the draw to win one of 20 prizes worth a total of \$9,000. You can choose to do a short or long version of the survey.

People who choose to do a longer survey receive additional entries into the prize draw.

Your participation helps produce data your community can use, as we produce results for every community from which we receive more than 100 responses. Many communities are now using the Regional Wellbeing Survey's results to help inform their planning and decision making processes.

[Click here for survey](#)

## The Young Rural Women's Muster



The [National Rural Women's Coalition and Network](#) will be taking 16 young rural women to an exciting leadership program in Canberra for the Young Rural Women's Muster. They are looking for young women (18-30 years) living in rural, regional or remote areas who are looking to develop their leadership skills and learn about how to better improve their local community. Applications are now open for young women 18 – 30yrs.

[Click here for survey](#)

## Grants Calendar

### ARTS

#### [NSW Artists Grants](#)

NAVA | \$1,250 - \$2,500 | Closes 22nd October 2016

## **ARTS - PERFORMANCE**

### With One Voice

Creativity Australia | \$10,000 | Closes 23rd November 2016

## **CONSERVATION**

### Bjarne K Dahl Trust Small Grant Program

Eucalypt Australia | \$15,000 | Closes 25th November 2016

## **COMMUNITY HALLS**

### Community Support

Essential Energy | \$200 | Closes 11th November 2016

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

### Economic Development Grants Program 2016-2017

Wagga City Council | \$3,000 | Closes 30th June 2017

## **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

## **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

## **SCIENCE**

### NSW Regional Science Program

The University of Sydney | \$7,000 | Closes 7th November 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

## SPORT & RECREATION

### Local Sports Grant Program

NSW Office of Sport | \$250 - \$25,000 | Closes 11th November 2016

## SPORT & RECREATION

### NSW Asian Cup 2015 Legacy Fund

NSW Office of Sport | \$50,000 - \$150,000 | Closes 24th February 2017

## SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

### School for Social Entrepreneurs Accelerator

School for Social Entrepreneurs Australia | Mentoring | Ongoing

## 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](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



- **October 20:** Development Officer Network Forum - *West Wyalong*
- **October 25:** REROC - *Wagga Wagga*
- **October 26:** Regional Outlook 2016 Conference - *Griffith*
- **October 26-28:** SEGRA Conference - *Albany*

- **October 27:** ABARES Graduate Industry Tour
- **October 28:** 30 Artlands National Regional Arts Conference - *Dubbo*
- **November 18:** Regional Outlook 2016 Conference - *Griffith*
- **November 24:** National Young Farmers Forum - *Griffith*

## 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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