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## Message from the Interim EO

The end of the year is fast approaching and as always everyone is frantically trying fit remaining activities into their busy schedules.

I am enjoying being back (in an interim capacity) to assist RDA Riverina while they recruit a new EO. It's fantastic to see and hear about many new business initiatives and young entrepreneurs starting up in the region.

Congratulations to Mark Ritchie for the work and relationships developed during his time at RDA Riverina. The RDA Committee, staff and I'm sure all in the Riverina network wish him well in his new role in WA.

RDA Riverina hope to announce the new Executive Officer very soon. In the interim I will do my best to assist with keeping the wheels turning at this busy time of year.

The New Energy Technology for Industry Workshop on 8th November should be great so I encourage those businesses interested in energy efficiencies to attend.

The RDA Independent Review is underway and the closing date for written submissions has been extended to 4th November 2016. For further information visit [www.rda.gov.au/review](http://www.rda.gov.au/review)

I encourage you to read the diverse range of information in the newsletter and start preparing for 2017.

Lani Houston

RDA Riverina EO (Interim)

## 2016 Segra Challenge People's Choice Winners

**Grow Our Own Western Riverina wins People's Choice at SEGRA 2016 Challenge**

**Challenge 1 - *How might we develop the human capital of regional communities?***

Grow Our Own Western Riverina the National Pilot project of Deakin University and Bendigo Bank formed 2015 to address skill shortage in the Riverina has taken out the People's Choice Award at Australia's

premier regional development conference Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia - SEGRA 2016. Congratulations to presenters, Jacqui Bramwell Deakin University, Lauren Andrews Bendigo Bank and Diana Gibbs RDA Riverina for your inspiring presentation at the 2016 Segra Challenge.

“Presentations were grouped around challenge themes with the intention that delegates self select into challenge areas and nominated presenters gave a 10 minute overview of the challenge and their innovative ideas to address the challenge. Grow Our Own Western Riverina were then selected to pitch the project at the final plenary session, said Diana Gibbs, RDA Riverina Chair.

Grow Our Own is now a partnership with representatives from 16 local organisations including RDA-Riverina, Griffith Business Chamber, Leeton Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Yenda Producers Co-op, Casella's Wines, Councils in Griffith, Leeton and Carrathool, GetSet Inc., Western Riverina Careers Advisors Network, NSW TAFE Riverina Institute, Western Riverina Community College, and the Catholic Schools Office, Wagga.

## Innovative Technologies Workshop



Innovative new technologies in waste management bioenergy and renewables will be on show at the New Energy Technologies for Industry Workshop in Leeton on Tuesday 8th November.

The workshop aims to inform industries, businesses and individuals about opportunities to tap into technologies which could reduce energy costs, provide waste management solutions and contribute to a low carbon economy.

**Close of registration has been extended to Friday November 4, 2016.** Contact Marg Couch E:

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[Click here for full flyer](#)

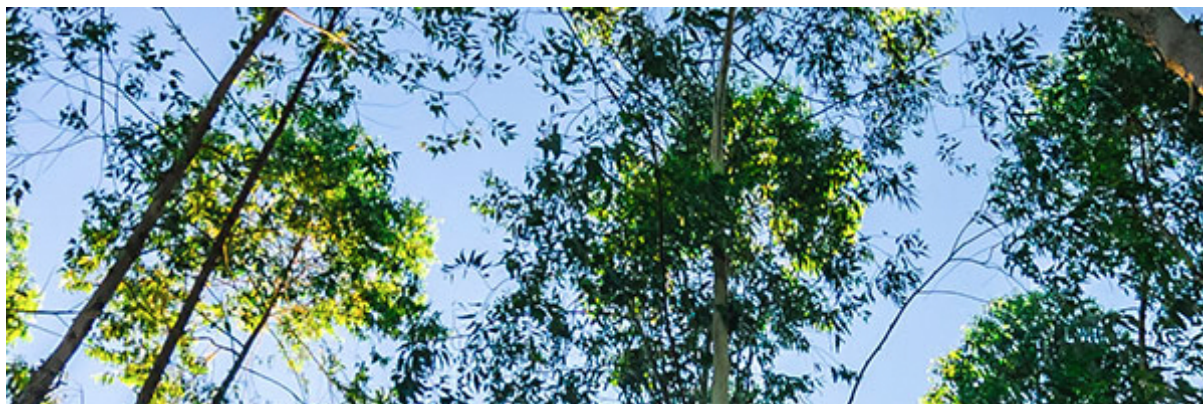
## Building Better Regions

The Australian Government announced the new Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) to replace the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) in July. The BBRF will 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. Those interested in applying under the new fund are encouraged to monitor the [Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's website](#) for future announcements regarding the new fund

## 2016 Green Globe Awards



### Celebration of Sustainability Leaders at the 2016 Green Globe Awards

After years of sustained effort, months of anticipation, and amongst a very competitive calibre of finalists, [fifteen deserving winners](#) were announced at the Green Globe Awards ceremony held at the Art Gallery of New South Wales last week. The [Regional Sustainability Award](#) went to **Charles Sturt University**. Professor Andrew Vann, Vice Chancellor & President said he "hoped that we can inspire other organisations, both regional and national, to reduce their own carbon footprint and do their bit for the planet."

Also in the mix were successful recipients Murrumbidgee Landcare for their Cross Property project and winner of the "Natural Environment" Award

[Click here for more information](#)

## NSW Young Farmers Innovation in Ag Forum



RDA Riverina and NSW Young Farmers South West Riverina Branch have partnered to present  
Innovation in Ag Forum.

If you have ever wondered what grants are available in the Riverina or are interested in what young growers are doing in the local agriculture sector then this forum is for you. More info..

[Click here for more information](#)

## High Impact Teams Program

### New High Impact Teams to Help Business

A new state government program to help better coordinate support for businesses in regional NSW has been launched.

The Department of Industry's new **Business High Impact Teams (HIT)** program will bring together and better focus the services currently provided by the Office of Regional Development, Small Business Operations, Industry Development and Training Services NSW.

The new delivery model will give regional businesses improved opportunities to grow, prosper and create jobs with easy access to a full suite of government support.

## 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](#).

## Australian Rural Leadership

### Next Programs:

Course 23, August 2016 - October 2017

Course 24, August 2017 - October 2018

54 days | Six sessions | 15 months - *for established leaders*

**APPLICATIONS FOR COURSE 24 OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM  
ARE NOW OPEN**



### What is the ARLP?

The Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP) is rural Australia's iconic leadership development program.. It follows a leadership model that reflects current thinking and practice in the areas of adult education, leadership and capacity building.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Young Achiever Awards



Nominations are now open for the 2016-17 NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards!

The purpose of the NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards is to acknowledge, encourage and most importantly promote the positive achievements of all young people up to and including 29 years of age as of 31st December 2016.

Please click link below to view list of categories that are now open for nomination!

[Click here to nominate!](#)

## Workplace Seminar

### Workplace Update Seminar - Albury, Wagga Wagga & Leeton

NSW Business Chamber Workplace Updates guide business through the complex maze of workplace laws. This is a must attend event for anyone responsible for the supervision of employees.

**Event** For more details or to register, click your desired location below:

**Details** [Tuesday 8 November 2016 3.00pm - 5.00pm \(Wagga Wagga\)](#)

[Wednesday 9 November 2016 9.00am - 11.00am \(Leeton\)](#)

**Cost** Complimentary

**RSVP** Please click on your desired location above or phone 13 26 96 to register.

## Sales Secrets for Small Business



An interactive, engaging and dynamic seminar in which you and your team will discover effective ways of building trust and rapport with your customers. Understand the importance of being yourself and working with your personality strengths.

#### **Bookings, Seminar Venues & Further Info**

Contact Fiona Webb

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#### **NOVEMBER**

28 Gundagai

29 Cootamundra

30 Coolamon

#### **DECEMBER**

1 Junee

## **Grants Calendar**

### **ABORIGINAL**

#### **Aboriginal Benefits Foundation Grants**

Aboriginal Benefits Foundation | \$500 - \$5000 | Ongoing

### **ARTS**

#### **Arts Projects - Organisations**

The Australia Council | \$10,000 - \$100,000 | Ongoing

### **ARTS**

#### **Australia Council of the Arts - Grants Program**

The Australia Council | \$ Various Options | Ongoing

### **ACCELERATING COMMERCIALISATION**

#### **Accelerating Commercialisation**

AustIndustry | \$250,000 | Ongoing

### **BUSINESS GROWTH**



### **Business Growth Grant**

AustIndustry | \$20,000 | Ongoing

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Australian Communities Foundation Grants**

Australian Communities Foundation | \$5,000 - \$10,000 | Ongoing

## **COMMUNITY HALLS**

### **Community Support**

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

## **EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**

### **Employment Assistance Fund**

Australian Government | \$ Undisclosed | Ongoing

## **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

### **40-50% Discount on Fridge or TV**

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage | 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

## **GREEN ARMY**

### **Green Army Project**

Dept Environment | \$10,000 | Ongoing

## **HERITAGE**

### **NSW Heritage Grants**

Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW) | \$10,000 - \$150,000 | Closes 12th December 2016

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Black Spot Program**

Dept Infrastructure & Transport | \$ Undisclosed | Ongoing

## **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



- **November 8:** New Energies Technology Workshop - *Leeton*
- **November 15:** CSU Civil Engineers Dinner - *Griffith*
- **November 18:** NSW Young Farmers Innovation in Ag Forum - *Griffith*
- **November 24:** RDA Riverina General & AGM - *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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