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## Regional Jobs Now Provides Fuel for Regional Business

A photograph of a diverse group of people, including a woman with grey hair and a young woman, all smiling and looking towards the camera. The image is partially covered by a dark blue overlay on the left side.

Creating jobs of the  
future for NSW

The NSW Government have launched the Regional Jobs Now package to fuel job creation across regional NSW.

Regional Jobs Now, an initiative of Jobs For NSW, offers products which provide financial support to help companies grow their business and create jobs in the local community. Minister for Regional Development, Skills and Small Business, John Barilaro, said the plan would provide a boost for business.

Under the Regional Jobs Now portfolio, at least 30% of the \$190 million Jobs for NSW Fund will be allocated to supporting the growth of businesses outside of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

Regional businesses may apply for any of the grants and support services provided by Jobs for NSW subject to the eligibility requirements of each product. These include:

- [Minimum Viable Products Grants](#) and [Building Partnerships Grants](#) for high-potential startups
- Gazelle Loan Guarantees and the Accelerating Growth Loans pilot for fast-growth SMEs
- [Regional Solutions](#) for job growth in regional NSW

[Click here for more information](#)

## NSW Young Farmers Innovation in Ag Forum



**Friday 18th November | 6.00pm | Griffith Leagues Club, Bridge Road, Griffith**

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

If you have you 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.

[Click here for more information](#)

## **Free Trade Agreement Seminar**

### **SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY!**

Discover how Australia's FTAs with China, Korea and Japan can benefit your business The Australian Government is running seminars around the country to help businesses explore the opportunities created by the North Asia Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).

**Friday 18 November 2016 Wagga Wagga Mercure, 1 Morgan Street**

**Time 1.30pm registration for 2.00pm start - 4.30pm close**

[Click here for more information](#)

## **Energy Opportunity Workshops**

The NSW Solar Bonus Scheme is coming to a close at the end of the 2016 year  
In order to make the transition to un-subsidised feed-in tariffs as smooth as possible for Scheme customers, the NSW Department of Industry in collaboration with the Office of Environment and Heritage, with the support of local partners are hosting a series of Energy Opportunity

Workshops in metropolitan and regional NSW.

- Leeton- Thur 24/11/16. 12.30pm-1.30pm
- Griffith- Thurs 24/11/16 6.00pm-8.00pm
- Wagga Wagga- Mon 28/11/16 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- To book your seat visit [www.energyopportunityworkshops.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.energyopportunityworkshops.eventbrite.com.au).

For further information about the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme visit  
[www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/energy-consumers/solar/solar-bonus-scheme](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/energy-consumers/solar/solar-bonus-scheme)

[Click here for more information](#)

## Government Tenders

Is your business looking for work with the NSW Government or wanting to receive e-tendering alerts for NSW Government projects?

The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation has established a number of prequalification schemes which assist agencies to find suppliers who are prequalified to work with government. See which prequalification scheme suits you.

Suppliers can apply to become pre-approved but first must ensure they have registered their business on the NSW Government's eTenders website.

For more information, contact ProcurePoint on 1800 679 289.

Other avenues to explore include the ICN Gateway or AusTender for Australian Government tenders.

[Click here for more information](#)

## 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

## Have Your Say - Industry Skills



### Have Your Say on the Skills Industry Needs

Do you employ skilled people in your business? If so, your views will be a valuable part of the Industry Reference Committees (IRC) review.

The Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) is reviewing the structure and membership of Industry Reference Committees (IRC) and wants input from employers, employees and their representatives.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Survey - 2016 Regional Wellbeing





## The 2016 Regional Wellbeing Survey is now open.

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, each year we ask people living across Australia to take part in our survey. All survey participants aged 18 or over 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.

The survey is voluntary, confidential and anonymous, and closes on 30th November 2016, at midnight. Thank you for taking the time to participate and sharing your valuable insights.

[Click here for survey](#)

## Scholarship - Jan Cathcart 2017



### JAN CATHCART SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now open for the 2017 Jan Cathcart Scholarship for women in the rice industry who are undertaking tertiary studies, with potential applicants encouraged to apply before Friday 25 November 2016. Head to <https://careers.sunrice.com.au/scholarships> for more information.

[Click here for scholarship form](#)

## 2017 New Regional Events Conference



### Host Destination

Are you a destination based in regional NSW? Does your destination LOVE holding events? If you said 'yes' and 'yes' then we have an exciting opportunity for you!

Following on from the success of the inaugural 2016 NSW Regional Events Conference, submissions are now open for the Hosting rights for the 2017 Conference.

If you would like more information, please email Belinda (belinda@reginaleventsconference.com.au) for a copy of the hosting document.

## 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

### ARTS

#### The Ian Potter Foundation Arts Program

The Ian Potter Cultural Trust | min \$100,000 | Closes 9th December

### 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**

### **Community Litter Grants Program**

Keep NSW Beautiful (KNSWB) and the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) | \$5,000 | Closes 1st March 2017

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **CBB 21for21Community Development Program Grants**

Community Business Bureau | \$7,000 | Closes 16th December 2016

## **EDUCATION**

### **The Ian Potter Foundation Education Program**

The Ian Potter Foundation | min \$100,000 | Closes 9th December

## **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

## **Events**

### **Event Development Fund**

Destination NSW | \$50,000 | Ongoing

## **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

## **NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF SCHEME**

### **Natural Disaster Relief Scheme**

NSW DPI | low interest relief loans up to \$130,000 | 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**

### **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

## **VOLUNTEERS**

### **Families & Communities Strengthening Communities Volunteering - Volunteering**

#### **Grants 2016**

Dept of Social Services | \$5,000 | Closes 20th December 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](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 18:** NSW Young Farmers



## 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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