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Message from the Chair

I hope you have all had a relaxing festive and feeling recharged as we commence another exciting new year supporting innovative projects that develop a progressive Riverina region in 2017.

I welcome our new Executive Officer to the team. Rachel Whiting, who has replaced Mark

Ritchie, has joined our team, starting work on January 16 based in our Wagga Wagga office. We have been most fortunate to have found someone with the skills and expertise to lead RDA Riverina in an environment of change for RDA Committees in NSW.

In 2017 RDA Riverina will be developing a new business model, moving away from a dependence on government funding, and finding a sustainable future for our unique organisation. In a previous role, Rachel has done exactly that, when she acted as CEO of The Business Centre Pilbara, in Karratha WA.

Thankyou to Lani Houston who has been acting as Interim EO of RDA Riverina part time for the past three months and has been able to assist in a smooth transition for Rachel. Your deep understanding of the position has been invaluable.

Finally, we welcome the recent announcement by Minister Barilaro that our State funding is to be continued until the end of 2017. With a new EO, and secure funding for 12 months from both the State and Australian governments, we look forward to an exciting time working with regional businesses to continue to stimulate strong growth in the Riverina.

Best Wishes for a prosperous New Year 2017

Diana Gibbs
RDA Riverina Chair



Building Better Regions Fund Information Session

BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND

The BBRF will invest \$297.7 million over four years in infrastructure projects and community investments to create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities into the future.

Do you need to know:

- how the regional investment program can support regional and remote communities
- the Building Better Regions Fund - the grant funding available and how to apply.

Information sessions in the Riverina Murray regions are:

[2 February 2017 10:00 – 11.30 am Wagga Wagga, NSW](#)

Location: **Wagga City Council Chambers**

If you're unable to make the session in your area, a webinar is available on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tc-LvopmvM8>

You can also learn more about the fund on our [Building Better Regions Fund](#).

Need help with your application?

Applications that are supported by economic and community data are encouraged. Riverina Regional Profile is currently being updated and can be found on

<http://www.rdariverina.org.au/our-region/regional-profile.aspx>

It provides both economic and community data for the LGAs of the Riverina for your use. For further updates contact po@rdariverina.org.au

You can also learn more about the fund by clicking this link.



The NSW Skills List 2017 has now been released and identifies the qualifications eligible for a government subsidy under Smart and Skilled.

The Skills List enables people in NSW to make more informed choices about their training, knowing that Smart and Skilled courses can give people the skills they need to get a job, advance their career or continue onto further study.

[Click here for more information on Smart & Skilled](#)

[Click here for more information about the NSW Skills List](#)

Back-toBusiness Week 2017



Supporting small business success

Back to Business Week is a NSW Government initiative that celebrates small to medium businesses and promotes and supports the critical role they play in local communities. The event series will provide a range of quality and personalised support services from 26

February – 4 March 2017

[Call for local events](#)

Expressions of Interest Open for Cotton Young Farming Champions



The Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC) is calling for expressions of interest from young people in agriculture to apply for a place as a cotton Young Farming Champion in the 2017 Art4Agriculture Young Farming Champions program.

[Click here for more information](#)

LawAccess NSW



LawAccess NSW is a free government service that provides legal help as a starting point for people who have a legal problem in NSW. The service is provided through telephone and website.

This communications toolkit can assist you. The toolkit provides organisations with materials to help spread the word about LawAccess NSW across a range of channels, including websites, intranets, social media platforms and electronic and printed newsletters.

[Click here for the toolkit](#)

Grants Calendar

ARTS

A New Approach

The Myer Foundation, the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation and the Keir Foundation | \$20,000
| Closes 5th February 2017

ARTS

2016 NSW Young Regional Artist Scholarship

Arts NSW | \$10,000 | Closes 20th February 2017

COMMUNITY

Community Litter Grants Program

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

COMMUNITY

2017 the RASF Community Kitchen Grant

Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation (RASf) | \$20,000 | Closes 12th February 2017

COMMUNITY

Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC) - Round 31

FRRR | \$5,000 | Closes 31st March 2017

COMMUNITY - CHILDREN

St George Foundation Funding

St George Foundation | \$50,000 | Closes 10th February 2017

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT

Case Management for supported employees with very low productivity

Dept of Social Services | Closes 24th January 2017

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CITY OF WAGGA

Economic Development Grants Program 2016 - 2017

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

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

40-50% Discount on Fridge or TV

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage | Closes 30th June 2017

FARMING

Aussie Farmers Foundation Grants

Aussie Farmers Foundation | \$5,000 - \$30,000 | Closes 28th February 2017

INFRASTRUCTURE

Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Projects Stream

Dept of Infrastructure and Regional Development | \$5,000 - \$10,000,000 | Closes 28th February 2017

INFRASTRUCTURE

Building Better Regions Fund Community Investment Stream

Dept of Infrastructure and Regional Development | \$5,000 - \$10,000,000 | Closes 31st March 2017

RURAL WORKPLACE

Quad Bike Rural Safety Program

Safework | \$500 | Closes 30th June 2017

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

SPORT

Holden Home Ground Advantage

Holden | Up to \$250,000 | Closes 31st March 2017

VET SCHOLARSHIPS

RASNSW VET Scholarship Program

Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) Foundation | \$5,000 f/t, \$2,500 p/t | Closes 12th

ONGOING

ABORIGINAL

Aboriginal Benefits Foundation Grants

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

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

Community Led Grants

Dept of Prime Minister & Cabinet | Undisclosed | Ongoing

AGRICULTURE

Farm Management Deposits Scheme

The farm management deposits (FMD) scheme is a risk-management tool to help primary producers deal with uneven cash flows | ATO | 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

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Employment Assistance Fund

Australian Government | \$ Undisclosed | Ongoing

EVENTS

Event Development Fund

Destination NSW | \$50,000 | Ongoing

EXPORT

Export Capability Program

Series of Workshops | NSW Department of Industry Skills and Regional Development | Ongoing

FARMING

Farm Innovation Fund NSW

Rural Assistance Authority | Loan | Ongoing

FARMING

Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program

NSW Dept Primary Industries Rural Assistance Authority | \$9,000 | Ongoing

FARMING

Agriculture Farm Management Deposits Scheme

The farm management deposits (FMD) scheme is a risk-management tool to help primary producers deal with uneven cash flows | Australian Tax Office | Ongoing

GREEN ARMY

Green Army Project

Dept Environment | \$10,000 | Ongoing

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

SMALL BUSINESS

Small Business Employment Incentive

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

SMALL TO MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SME'S)

Jobs for NSW Fund - Gazelle Loan Guarantees

NSW Dept of Industry | \$500,000 - \$5.0M | Ongoing

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

School for Social Entrepreneurs Accelerator

School for Social Entrepreneurs Australia | Mentoring | Ongoing

YOUNG PEOPLE

Matana Foundation for Young People Grants

Matana Foundation for Young People | \$1,000 - \$10,000 | Ongoing

**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

Calendar Dates



24 January - Building Better Regions Fund
Information Session Jerilderie
2 February - Building Better Regions Fund
Information Session Wagga Wagga
6 February - Taste Riverina Meeting --
Teleconference

9 February - RDA Riverina Committee
Meeting
23 March - Economic Development Officer
Forum West Wyalong
14 – 16 June - Regional Events Conference
Wagga

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

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