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**REGIONAL BUSINESS ACCELERATOR**  
*Program*



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**Building Better Regions Fund**

# BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND

## ***Are you ready to apply?***

If you are unsure about your project being grant ready the Am I ready to Apply document <https://www.google.com.au/#q=building+better+regions+fund+-+are+you+ready+to+apply> will help you to decide if you are ready to submit an eligible, competitive and investment-ready application for funding under the current round of BBRF.

A table of key information has been prepared for you – if the information statements do not apply to your organisation or project, you may not be ready to apply for funding under this BBRF round.

If you are not ready to apply this round, we would encourage you to strengthen your application and undertake further planning on your project and look to apply for funding in a future round of funding.

If you were 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?**

You are encouraged to seek support from RDA Riverina for your project in the process of application. We can:

- Assist you to identify and develop a strong proposal that will contribute to long term economic growth and is a priority in our region.
- Work with you to prepare a competitive application, supporting documents and evidence.

**RDA Riverina Support Guidelines are available here**

## Riverina Regional Business Accelerator



RDA Riverina invites business owners and managers to a Riverina Regional Business Accelerator Breakfast designed to present a roadmap to growing your business and investing in your future.

With the help of the Riverina Regional Growth Team you will gain insight into the growth status of your business.

After the breakfast you can choose to apply to be part of the twelve week, six step accelerator program. The program includes 1:1 time with a trained and experienced business mentor.

The program culminates in a one day showcase with experts and potential investors.

Join us if you are a small to medium business seeking to develop more innovative products, new markets, new processes and new people. The breakfast is **free** and a great way to learn how to find the support you need to grow your business.

Wagga March 8, 2017 7.30am – 10am

Griffith March 9, 2017 7.30am – 10am

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

## Vocational Education & Training (VET) Scholarships



### **CLOSING SOON!**

The RAS Foundation is calling for applications for our Vocational Education & Training (VET) Scholarship Program. Scholarships are available to rural-minded students studying at registered training organisations including TAFE and local colleges, and are designed to support NSW students seeking a career based in rural and regional NSW. Scholarships support a wide range of studies including Agriculture, Community Services and Wool Classing to name just a few.

**Applications close on 12 February 2017**

For scholarships of up to \$5,000 for full-time study or up to \$2,500 for part-time study in 2017.

[Click here to apply today](#)

## **NSW DPI: Performance, Data and Insights 2016**



### ***Primed for Growth***

With the agriculture sector in the Riverina riding a wave of prosperity and optimism, the NSW Department of Primary Industries has released the 2016 Performance, Data and Insights Report which outlines a new record value of \$13.9 billion for the NSW sector.

[Click here for full report](#)

## Telstra Business Awards



### Celebrating Brilliant Business

Now in their 25th year, the Telstra Business Awards are renowned for showcasing and celebrating the achievements and entrepreneurial spirit of Australia's most brilliant small and medium-sized businesses.

Lets celebrate and support our Riverina small and medium businesses

and charities by nominating their achievements for the 2017 Telstra Business Awards. Entries are now open until 16 March 2017 and you can find out more by visiting the link below or call 1800 292 737.

[Click here to go to website](#)

## Regional Events Funding

Six events across Regional NSW, have been selected to receive funding from Round One of Destination NSW's 2017 Incubator Event Fund.

The Riverina successful events of Round One of the 2017 Incubator Event Fund are:

The **Incubator Event Fund** is one of three funding opportunities under the umbrella title of the **Regional Flagship Events Program**.

Round 2 of the Incubator Event Fund opens on 6 February 2017 and closes on 27 February 2017.

The fund provides first or second year events with one-off annual grants of up to \$20,000 for activities that are likely to establish the event as a driver of visitation.

The **Event Development Fund**, also part of the Regional Flagship Events Program, offers one-off annual grants of up to \$50,000 to grow existing events across Regional NSW. The fund supports the strategic development of proven flagship events as drivers of tourism

## Rural Women's Network Free Training E-Course

## Free Training E-Course: How To Weave A Wonderfully Wealthy 2017!

Registrations close this Friday 10th February.

Rural Women's Network have developed a FREE 2 week E-training specifically for rural women which Incorporates simple action steps, unique and easy to use tools and videos delivered by email

You will learn:

- who is the wealthy you
- your financial past doesn't equal your financial future
- you can't fix cashflow with cash
- decide what determines your outcomes (systems and beliefs)
- financial reporting scorecards

If you want to:

- feel empowered around money and realise you are not alone in barriers, blockages and limiting beliefs around money
- have a sense of regaining control and direction and optimism about money
- realise that whatever has happened up to now doesn't determine your future and you can start NOW from wherever you are
- discover the wealthy you, in all it's forms - financial and otherwise

**Register for the Free training by clicking here**

## Jobs for NSW grant for Gundagai Meat Processor

### Regional Solutions

Jobs for NSW is supporting regional businesses expand and create jobs through a dedicated suite of products. 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. In December 2016 Gundagai Meat Processors (GMP) were successful in their application for a \$4 million loan guarantee from the "Jobs for NSW" program to upgrade its operations, creating an additional 76 full-time jobs in the next five years. GMP has operated as a lamb processor for more than 40 years and is the largest employer in Gundagai.

Want to know more about Regional Jobs Now Portfolio

<http://www.jobsfornsw.com.au/how-we-help/support-for-the-regions>

**Click here for more information**

# Grants Calendar

## ABORIGINAL

I encourage local aboriginal artists and arts organisations to apply for NSW Government funding to support local projects that encourage Aboriginal people to explore and express their cultural identities. The NSW Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund offers up to \$5,000 for individual professional artists and up to \$20,000 for organisations. Applications close on 27 February 2017 and for more information visit [www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au).

## 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

## BUSINESS

### Business Connect

NSW Dept Industry | Service & Subsidy | Closes 30th June 2020

## 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

### **EVENTS**

#### Incubator Event Fund

Destination NSW | \$20,000 | Closes 27th February 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 February 2017

## **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 | On-going

## **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](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>
- Business: <https://www.business.gov.au/search?q=&c=assistance&c=events&c=advice>

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)

## Calendar Dates



6 February - Taste Riverina Meeting --

Teleconference

9 February - RDA Riverina Committee Meeting

8-9 March - Regional Accelerator Workshops  
Wagga and Griffith

23 March - Economic Development Officer  
Forum West Wyalong

25 May - RDA Riverina Committee Meeting

14 – 16 June - Regional Events Conference  
Wagga

24 August - RDA Riverina Committee Meeting

23 November - RDA Riverina Committee Meeting

## 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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