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Meet the Committee - Dean Hawkins

Dean Hawkins is the Fibre and Forestry Manager for Visy Pulp and Paper Pty Ltd located at Tumut. He grew up in the Riverina completing his education in Wagga, graduating from Charles Sturt University with a Bachelor of Business.



[Click here for more information on the Committee Members](#)

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

To register for the FREE breakfasts by March 3, 2017

www.eventbrite.com.au

[Click here for more information](#)

Boosting Australian Innovation



Make your idea a reality with a slice of the CSIRO's new \$200 million innovation fund -

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) has unveiled a new \$200 million innovation fund for universities, research institutions and startups, and their SME partners.

[Click here for more information](#)

Skills in demand list for the Riverina region of NSW

RDA-Riverina welcomes overseas skilled workers to apply for regional sponsorship. Skill shortages exist in many parts of Australia, in particular regional Australia, which allows RDA-Riverina to sponsor skilled workers to come to the Riverina. This is just one way the organisation is committed to addressing skill shortages and to enhance business development in the region. RDA Riverina Inc. is the certifying body for the Riverina region of NSW and is inviting applications from qualified applicants who hold a degree, diploma, masters or trade certificates in the listed ANZSCO occupations for sponsorship through the Skilled (Provisional) Regional Sponsored Visas program.

For further information contact RDA Riverina Skilled Migration Officer Faye Anderson

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[Click here for more information](#)

Taste Riverina included in Top 10 Australian Food and Wine Festivals



The Taste Riverina Festival has been listed as one of Australia's top 10 Food and Wine Festivals in the latest issue of the *Time to Roam* travel magazine.

The month-long Festival in October which was held for the fifth time in 2016 was named alongside long-running and nationally-renowned festivals including Orange F.O.O.D. Week, Barossa Gourmet Weekend and Noosa International Food and Wine Festival. Read more..

[Click here to read full article](#)



Community Investment Stream is Now Open for Applications

The Community Investments Stream will fund community building activities including new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, and leadership and capability building activities.

Applications for the Community Investments Stream close on 31 March 2017.

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

How can RDA Riverina help?

Before you apply, you should read and understand the guidelines, the online application form and the sample grant agreements that will apply to your project.

You are encouraged to seek the support of your Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committee for your project. Your RDA Committee can:

- assist you to identify and develop a strong project proposal that will contribute to long term economic growth and is a priority within your region,
- work with you to prepare a competitive application, supporting documents and evidence.

For further updates contact eo@rdariverina.org.au or po@rdariverina.org.au

RDA Riverina Support Guidelines are available here

Agdraft

"connects agricultural businesses to skilled, reviewed workers"

AgDraft connects prospective agricultural workers to relevant agricultural jobs.

It is an online marketplace for farmers to post jobs to an extended network of workers that are effectively "referenced checked" by their peers, making hiring quick and reliable.

[Click here for more information](#)

NDIS Community Information Sessions

National
disabilityinsurance
Scheme



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

These information sessions are designed to offer people general information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The session will cover topics such as:

- What is the NDIS and how does it work?
- Who is eligible and when can the scheme be accessed?
- What kind of support can be accessed through the NDIS?
- Where can I get more information?

Gundagai March 2

Junee March 2

Tumbarumba March 1

Tumut March 1

Wagga 28 February

Temora February 27

RSVP Essential:

Email nswsouth.actengagement@ndis.gov.au or go to the NSW events page on the NDIS website
Please provide notification of any accessibility requirements.

[Click here for more information](#)

Scholarships for Women's Leadership Development



All women currently employed in the Australian horticulture sector are invited to apply for scholarship funding that has been provisioned for participation in a range of leadership development courses.

The scholarship grants are co-funded by Horticulture Innovation Australia (Hort Innovation) and Women and Leadership Australia (WLA) and cover almost 60% of the program fee.

The scholarships are applicable for emerging leaders, women with mid-level management and leadership experience, and women working

Places on the co-funded scholarship program are limited and Expressions of Interest close Friday, March 10, 2017.

[Click here for more information](#)

Grants Calendar

ARTS

Career Development Grants for Individuals

Australia Council of Arts | \$5,000 - \$25,000 | Closes 6th June 2017

ARTS

Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups

Australia Council of Arts | \$10,000 - \$50,000 | Closes 6th June & 3rd October 2017

ARTS

Arts Projects - Organisations

Australia Council of Arts | \$10,000 - \$100,000 | Closes 6th June & 3rd October 2017

ARTS TOURING

Contemporary Music Touring Program

Australia Council of Arts | \$15,000 | Closes 3rd October 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

Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC) - Round 31

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

COMMUNITY

Building Better Regions Fund Community Investment Stream

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

CONSERVATION

NSW Private Land Conservation Grant

Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife | \$5,000 - \$15,000 | Closes 17th March 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

INFRASTRUCTURE

ClubGRANTS for Arts and Cultural Infrastructure

Justice, Liquor & Gaming | \$100,000 - \$300,000 | Closes 10th 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

Holden Home Ground Advantage

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

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
- 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>
- 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

You can also Like us on Facebook to get regular updates

Further information on grants and grantwriting www.rdariverina.org.au

Calendar Dates



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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Website

"RDA Riverina builds partnerships that facilitate the development of a sustainable region."

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