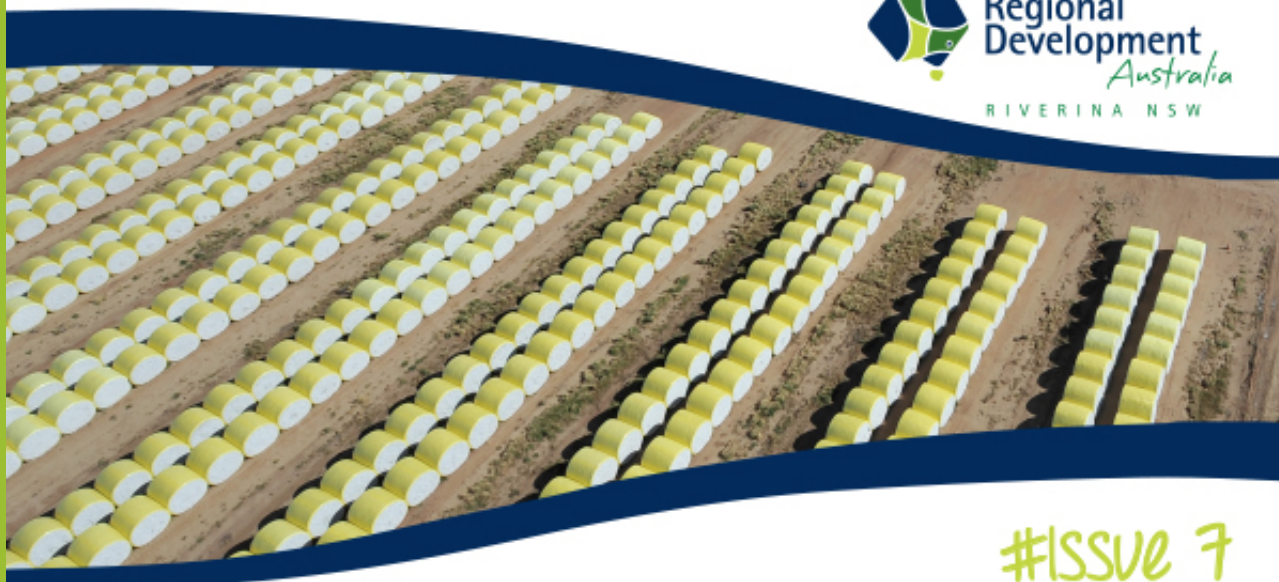


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#ISSUE 7

Welcome to RDA RiverinE-News

Welcome to another edition of RDA Riverine-news.

RDA Riverina recently hosted David Harris MP, the Shadow Minister for Regional Development and toured the Charles Sturt University National Life Sciences Hub (NaLSH) to hear first hand the significant agricultural research and innovation activities being carried out across the Riverina. Mr Harris also toured the Bomen industrial area and viewed the Riverina Intermodal Freight Logistics hub, Southern Oil refinery, the Wagga Wagga livestock selling centre and Riverina Oils and Bioenergy plant.



We gave David a first hand look at the significant value adding being undertaken in Wagga Wagga from produce across the region as well as some of the critical infrastructure issues within the local area.

RDA Riverina also ran another successful Economic Development Officers forum in Lockhart

with approx. 30 registrations from business, local government and Government Departments across the Riverina and Murray region to discuss and hear about Local Land Services programs, NBN roll out and regional climate adaption research initiatives. This issue sees us continue with our RDA Riverina committee profiles as well as energy efficiency training for Councils and Business across the region. This coincides with a solar pumping field day for irrigators in Hillston later in May. We have also highlighted grant funding available and opportunities for input into a range of submissions and inquiries currently underway. Happy reading.



Mark Ritchie

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COMMITTEE PROFILE

Meet RDA Riverina Deputy Chair - Miriam Dayhew

Miriam is the University Ombudsman of the Charles Sturt University and the Head of Wagga Wagga Campus. Miriam is a qualified mediator, and holds a Graduate Diploma in Social Administration, a Master of Business Administration, a Graduate Certificate in University Leadership and Management and a Master of Education.

She has training and experience in emergency incident and risk management, with industry qualifications and registration



as a general nurse and midwife. For more information on Miriam [Click here.](#)

NEW MAP TO TRACK MOBILE BLACK SPOT ROLLOUT

Regional communities can track the rollout of a program to fix 795 mobile phone black spots in NSW with an interactive map that uses Telstra data. The NSW Government contributed \$24 million towards a \$92 million program that will provide an extra 14,000 square kilometres of mobile coverage. [Click here for more information.](#)



CLEAN ENERGY FOR COUNCIL AND BUSINESS



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TRAINING FOR COUNCIL AND BUSINESS

Training courses are subsidised by Office of Environment and Heritage and cost just \$100 per person for training. Attendees will learn how to better manage their energy use, collect and manage data, and reduce costs through greater efficiency. Attendees can access specialist technical support after the training to implement their project. Optional post-training support is available for \$300 and includes 15 hours of one-to-one consultancy support to implement energy saving projects with a sound business case. The technical support applies to equipment upgrades and new technology including pumps, refrigeration and processing equipment as well as solar technology.

Energy Management Basics - 27 April 2016, Narrandera

Book at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/training or contact Jennifer Lee on 02 8837 6065

Jennifer.lee@environment.nsw.gov.au

DISCOUNTED AUDITS, TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS AVAILABLE TO 30 JUNE 2016

Audits capped at \$5000 are currently available for water treatment facilities, aquatic centres and heritage listed buildings using more than \$80,000 energy pa. An additional maximum of

\$10,000 is potentially available to assist with technical expertise to support the implementation of your project; as well as a financial contribution towards measurement and verification services to ensure that your upgrade is delivering you the expected savings.

Find out about NSW Government Energy Efficient Business programs:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/action-matters.htm

Contact: Kylie Walker, Regional Clean Energy Coordinator, 0477 716 757

kylie.walker@environment.nsw.gov.au

SOLAR PUMPING FIELD DAY FOR IRRIGATORS - 24 MAY - HILLSTON

Irrigators of broad acre and intensive horticulture are invited to a free field day that will showcase the renewable technology for agriculture. The focus will be on solar pumping; pump efficiency and the latest energy saving and storage technology. Farmers will visit a 200kW solar array and pump system; and learn about the process from initial design, installation and operation. The gala day will showcase solar pump technology, monitoring systems, solar batteries, business cases for solar and storage and finance options. Suppliers will have information and technology on display on the day and attendees can access one-to-one subsidised specialist technical support for pump/energy efficiency, solar and storage.

Contact: Kylie Walker, Regional Clean Energy Coordinator, 0477 716 757

kylie.walker@environment.nsw.gov.au

FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

The Riverina Business Enterprise Centre in conjunction with the Riverina Wine Grape Marketing Board is conducting a series of FREE Workshops in May and June. This unique opportunity includes two hour workshops and one-on-one meetings with the presenter. Workshops include Succession Planning, Business Contracts, Maximising Profits. [Click here for more information.](#)

GOVERNMENT SUBMISSIONS



The Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development is a current standing committee of the Legislative Assembly, established 28 May 2015.

The Committee has the following portfolio responsibilities: Premier; Western Sydney;

Treasury; Industrial Relations; Finance, Services and Property; Trade; Tourism and Major Events; Sport; Innovation and Better Regulation; Industry; Resources and Energy; Regional Development; Primary Industries; Lands and Water; Skills; Small Business; Western NSW; and the Arts.

The Committee can scrutinise laws and look at the financial performance and annual reports of government departments.

CURRENT SUBMISSIONS

Inquiry into zonal taxation

Submission closes 3 June 2016

[Click here for more information.](#)

Inquiry into water augmentation

Submission closes 19 June 2016

[Click here for more information.](#)

Inland NSW Complying Development Review - Clearer, simpler planning rules for houses, sheds and farm buildings in regional areas

Submissions close: 13 May 2016

[Click here for more information.](#)

Review of pest animal management in NSW - Consultation on draft report

Submissions close: 18 May 2016

[Click here for more information.](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY

National Parks Beekeeping Policy

Comment on the National Parks and Wildlife draft policy to allow beekeeping in NSW national parks.

[Click here to have your say!](#)



GRANTS, FUNDING, SCHOLARSHIPS

Rural and Remote Early Childhood Teaching Scholarships

The Rural and Remote Early Childhood Teaching Scholarships aim to increase the number of four year university qualified early childhood teachers in early childhood services in rural and remote areas of New South Wales. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarship

These scholarships are awarded each year to Australian farmers, with the objective of increasing practical farming knowledge and management skills and techniques generally.

[Click here to go to their website.](#)

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GRANT TIP

Evaluate Projects

Whether you're reporting on a one-off project, seeking repeat funding or planning the follow-up to a pilot program, demonstrating outputs and outcomes is vital. Build evaluation into your project plan from the beginning!

GRANT CALENDAR

ARTS

National Library | \$10,000.00 | Closes 1-Jul

[Creative Arts Fellowship](#)

ARTS

[Artist Support Funding](#)

Arts NSW | \$5,000.00 | Closes 9-May-16

DISABILITY

[National Disability Conference Initiative 2016-17](#)

Aust Govt | \$10,000.00 | Closes 27-Apr

EDUCATION & TRAINING

[Financial Literacy Aust](#)

INDIGENOUS

CUP Rural and Regional Indigenous Community Engagement Program

CSU | \$500 - \$1500 | Closes 30-Apr-16

MULTICULTURAL

Multicultural Arts and Festivals Grants 2016

Aust Govt -DSS | \$5,000.00 | Closes 28-Apr - 16

SPORT

CUP Rural and Regional Sports Development Program

CSU | \$1,000.00 | Closes 30- Apr - 16

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>

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

RDA RIVERINA DIARY DATES 2016



- **April 22:** REROC - Wagga Wagga
- **May 2- 4:** NSW Regional Events Workshop - Wagga Wagga
- **May 12:** Ag Options Workshop Griffith
- **May 20:** Industry Tour - Wagga Wagga
- **May 26:** RDA Riverina Committee Meeting - Coleambally
- **May 27:** Beyond Bank Pitch Fest - Wagga Wagga
- **June 16:** Development Officer Forum - Narrandera
- **June 28:** REROC - Wagga Wagga

- **August 23:** REROC - Wagga Wagga
- **August 25:** RDA Riverina Committee Meeting - Gundagai
- **October 1-31:** Taste Riverina
- **October 20:** Development Officer Network Forum - West Wyalong
- **October 25:** REROC - Wagga Wagga
- **October 26:** Regional Outlook 2016 Conference - Griffith
- **November 24:** RDA Riverina AGM & Committee Meeting - Junee

WHAT'S ON IN THE RIVERINA REGION?

- [Bland Shire](#)
- [Carrathool Shire](#)
- [Coolamon Shire](#)
- [Cootamundra Shire Council](#)
- [Griffith City Council](#)
- [Gundagai Shire Council](#)
- [Hay Shire Council](#)

- [Junee Shire Council](#)
- [Leeton Shire Council](#)
- [Lockhart Shire Council](#)
- [Murrumbidgee Shire Council](#)
- [Narrandera Shire Council](#)
- [Temora Shire Council](#)
- [Tumut Shire Council](#)



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