**Landcare Support Program 2015-19 – Riverina Region Information Sheet**

Landcare groups and networks in the Riverina Region can apply to host a Local Landcare Coordinator, as part of the $15 million 2015-19 NSW Landcare Support Program announced this month (see [www.landcarensw.org.au](http://www.landcarensw.org.au)

and <http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/about-lls/partnerships>.

Under the program, the **Local Landcare Coordinator** Initiative will provide a network of locally-based coordinators to work with local Landcare groups and networks to build capacity and connections within communities, and to increase the effectiveness of the Landcare network across the state.

The program will see up to 60 part-time Local Landcare Coordinators engaged to work with communities throughout NSW for a period of up to 3.5 years from 1 January 2016. It is anticipated that five (5) part-time Local Landcare Coordinators will be available in the Riverina Region.

Applications to host a Local Landcare Coordinator opened on 14 September and will close on October 14, 2015.

**Information Sessions, Riverina**

Riverina Local Land Services and Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc. (in association with LachLandcare) will hold aninformation sessionfor groups and organisations interested in hosting a Local Landcare Coordinator within their community. This session will explore the application guidelines and discuss an open and transparent process for the Riverina. Members of MLi, officers of Riverina LLS and the Regional Landcare Facilitators will attend to provide advice and answer questions.

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| **When:** | Wednesday, October 7 |
| **Where:** | Riverina Region, meetings at LLS Centre, off Murray Road, Griffith; and Temora Research Centre, off Trungley Hall Road, Temora |
| **Time:** | Griffith 9.30am; Temora 2.00pm  |
| **RSVP:** | No need to RSVP |

**Key dates**

**14 September 2015** Online applications to host a Local Landcare Coordinator open.

**07 September 2015** Information sessions on the application processes

**14 October 2015** Applications to host a Local Landcare Coordinator close

**01 December 2015** Contract agreements with Local Land Services and Local Landcare Coordinator hosts are finalised

**December 2015**  Recruitment of Local Landcare Coordinators

**01 January 2016** Employment of Local Landcare Coordinators begins.

**Further information** [www.landcarensw.org.au](http://www.landcarensw.org.au)

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**ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT: Proposed Riverina Landcare Support Program**. This proposal represents an early stage of an integrated proposal that is supported by MLi and Riverina LLS. Landcare/community networks and groups who wish to develop and submit their own submission are also invited to seek support.