

## Hello from Community Skillsbank



The Centre, Chisholm Street

Well we have seen another winter go by and now we are watching the bloom of spring and feeling a little bit warmer. Now is the time when we start to look around and see what needs to be done and take some action to make our world a little better. When we think about our spring cleaning this year, think also about the broader picture and how we can spring clean our contribution to the broader

community. How can we best benefit our community and in return get the most out of our volunteering experience. There are so many fabulous opportunities out there to create new experiences and enrich our lives while we enrich the lives of others, take this opportunity to have a look around and see what might inspire you to try something different or maybe something you hadn't thought of before.

Our community is full of opportunities for you to embrace so take a look around, get on our web site, talk to people and find out what's out there you will be so glad you did and so will all the people you support and assist.

Cheers,

**Linda Phillis**  
Volunteer Community  
Skillsbank Coordinator



## Taste of Life

Well for all of those who weren't here and there can't have been many, you missed out on a great evening. We had a great time and there was a terrific representation of different organisations from around the area so everyone could find out about what they would like to get involved with.



It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase different organisations and how to get involved as well as sampling different activities you might have thought about trying. We had music, food, activities, demonstrations and even roller-skating as well as the presentation for the winners of the awards for Act Belong Commit. Everyone had a fabulous time and we have had a lot of positive feedback and requests for a similar event perhaps in the New Year.



# Pathways to Volunteering

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the next Pathways to Volunteering course to be held on Tuesday November 13th. This course is designed to set out the rights and responsibilities for the volunteers and the not-for-profit organisation as well as other relevant volunteering information. It will give you a good basis to start your volunteering journey or strengthen your knowledge if you already volunteer. Don't hesitate to contact us at the Skillsbank to book 57210258 or 57210256 or [csb@thecentre.vic.edu.au](mailto:csb@thecentre.vic.edu.au).

# Helping the Environment

WSN Restoring Our Waterways group needs volunteers who care about the Environment & our Waterways, to work with School students and members of our community. If you enjoy fishing and want to share your knowledge, have an interest in caring for the environment, artistic in poster and flyer design, writing, have a couple of hours or half a day's free time a week and would like to help supervise and help educate all members of the community to enjoy the pleasures of the great outdoors by Helping to restore the Environment then this volunteering position could just be what you are looking for.

# Event

On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November this year we will be running an All-inclusive Event a Carp Muster where we will be encouraging all members of the community to help remove this Invasive and introduced species fish in One Mile Creek. There will be several prizes given out for their efforts. Registering for this event will be a must. This will take place at Bachelors Green Tone Road. This new Event is part of the ABC program Active-Belong-Commit that is promoted by The Centre Active Recreation Network (CARN) in association with Wangaratta Urban Landcare.

On the day there will also be a Bio-diversity walk, a chance to learn how to fish, removing rubbish to improve the environment along the creek which registered community members can also receive a prize for.

During the day there will be information stands at Bachelors Green about aboriginal heritage, the environment, Landcare, Native Fish, Invasive Fish & Plants, animals that live in and beside our waterways in the North East and children's craft activities. All children will receive a prize for registering and enjoying any of the activities.

Between 12 noon and 2pm there will be a FREE BBQ for all registered participants. Volunteers will be required to assist with all activities on the day so if you are interested

please contact Di Farmer. The idea of this great Event is to get Active and you will soon feel you Belong in our community then you will know you just want to Commit to helping our waterways and its Environment.

If there is something that interest you about any of volunteering activities and you would like to assist in our schools program, assist with the Croaker Newsletter, Carp Muster Event or you have some qualification, ideas that would enhance WSN Restoring Our Waterways group please contact Diane Farmer on 57223823 Mobile 04 390 20448 email [diane.farmer@bigpond.com](mailto:diane.farmer@bigpond.com).

We meet 5.30pm at the Centre Chisholm St Wangaratta on the first Monday of the month (except January) during spring and summer and every second month during winter. Our next meeting is on Monday 5th November which you are most welcome to come along and talk to us.

Regards  
Diane Farmer  
Coordinator  
Wangaratta Sustainability Network  
Restoring Our Waterways Group



# Schools Program

For the past two years WSN Restoring Our Waterways has been working with students from Local High Schools removing rubbish, fishing for Carp an Invasive Alien fish, testing water samples, checking Macro invertebrates and removing Eastern Gambusia a small invasive fish, building nest boxes for native animals who live near our waterways, planting trees, learning about Bio-diversity, educating other student and the community about Native Fish and how to care for our waterways.

## NEWSLETTER

ROW also produces a monthly newsletter called the Croaker with the assistance from the Centre's Community Skillsbank volunteers and we are looking for community members who can attend Environmental Events, write articles about what they experience by attending or wish to write about water issues and our waterways this could be an interesting volunteering experience for you.

# Latest Volunteering Opportunities

## Food Swap Coordinator

Job Code: RO002410

A Community House located in North East Victoria is developing a program which would offer fruit and vegetable home growers an opportunity to swap their excess fruit and vege with others who have different produce to exchange. This organisation is seeking a volunteer who is passionate about sustainability in the area of food swapping to provide assistance to the Director to develop and assist with this new program.

## Secretary

Job Code: RO002410

An organisation based in Wangaratta is seeking expressions of interest from volunteers who are interested in Multiculturalism. The volunteer would take on the role of Secretary for 12 months and be elected to the Executive Board at its Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday 1 October 2012 commencing at 7.00pm. The Secretary's responsibilities are: Preparing of agenda papers and minutes, action taken and follow up correspondence where necessary. Liaise with Administration Officer for any distribution of meeting documents and overseeing all reminder notices of meetings and agenda items.

## Handyman

Job Code: RO002405

An organisation in Wangaratta is looking for a volunteer who enjoys a bit of gardening/maintenance and handyman work. Examples of the tasks are: repairing toys, fixing door knobs and raking up leaves. It would also include some general cleaning. Time requirement is approximately two hours per fortnight. Volunteers are required to have a Working with Children's Check and a Police Check.



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