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Chicks in the Sticks hits Elmhurst

Ladies from Elmhurst and beyond will be grabbing their gumboots and best frocks to take part in Chicks in the Sticks next week.

Project Platypus and Wimmera Catchment Management Authority are teaming up to give ladies in the upper Wimmera catchment an evening out which includes a farm tour, canapés and cocktails on Wednesday 31st October, starting at 5.30pm.

Project Platypus events coordinator Bronwyn Bant said Chicks in the Sticks would also give ladies the opportunity to learn more about local platypus populations, and what landholders can do to enhance platypus habitat on their property. "Rural women play a pivotal role in family farms. They look after the family, are heavily involved in running the farm business and are active community members. Chicks in the sticks celebrates this, and gives local farming ladies the chance to get together, share a meal and hear from local landholders some of the innovative practices they've put in place to balance farm business and the environment" said Ms Bant.

A major feature of the event will be hearing from Elmhurst farmer Jodie Greene, who will talk about some of the projects undertaken on their family farm to protect waterways.

Ms Bant said ladies interested in attending needed to RSVP no later than Friday 26th October by calling Project Platypus on 5358 4410.

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'Participants at an earlier Chicks in the Sticks kick up their heels on a wetland near Apsley.'

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