



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Carbon on the Agenda at Project Platypus AGM**

Landcare members and the wider community are invited to attend and take part in a Q & A style Carbon in Agriculture discussion at the Project Platypus Annual General Meeting to be held Monday September 17.

Project Platypus is a community based Landcare network working in the upper Wimmera catchment supporting Landcare groups and landholders across the region to improve catchment health.

“While the purpose of our AGM is to elect committee members and take stock of the previous years work, we also like to be prepared for the future in farming. With an Emissions Trading Scheme and Carbon Farming Initiative underway, now is the perfect time to have the ‘Carbon’ conversation” said Project Platypus Chairman Leanne Jackman.

A number of carbon experts have been selected to form a panel, and members of the audience will be able to ask the panel questions relating to agriculture and carbon. “With a range of experts available, questions can range from soil carbon sequestration, impacts of the ETS, greenhouse gas emissions from livestock and carbon trading” said Mrs Jackman. Local farmer and Environmental Farmers Network representative Peter Forster will be on the panel, along with Corey Watts from the Climate Institute, Ben Keogh from Australian Carbon Traders, as well as local farmer and Project Platypus Management Committee member Mark Mckew.

Project Platypus will also launch a book celebrating the combined achievements of upper Wimmera Landcare groups at the AGM.

The Project Platypus AGM will be held at the Central Park football clubrooms and starts at 6.00pm. A light evening meal will be supplied.

“We encourage people attending, or those with a burning carbon question to submit their question in advance to [admin@platypus.org.au](mailto:admin@platypus.org.au)” said Mrs Jackman.

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