



October/November 2012 NEWSLETTER

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

Incorporating Baranduda, Kergunyah-Gundowring, Kiewa-Bonegilla,
Upper Kiewa & Yackandandah

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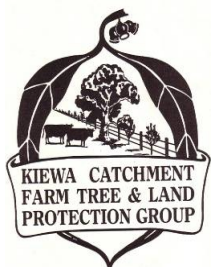
Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups AGM Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the Group's AGM in September. It was a chance to celebrate the group's achievements over the past year. **Special thanks** go to our Office bearers (previous and incoming) and subgroup representatives, who have supported the work of Landcare, year in, year out. It is an amazing effort!

Lyn Coulston and Michael Reid from the Victorian Blackberry Taskforce gave an informative presentation on the work of the Victorian Blackberry Taskforce (VBT), and in particular, the work undertaken in the Upper Murray. One of the take home messages was that communities are more likely to achieve long term results on both private and public land by working together. Funding is available to help form community taskforces. If this interests you, please contact Belinda.

More information about the VBT can be found at: <http://www.vicblackberrytaskforce.com.au/>

2013 marks 30 years since the formation of the Farm Tree Group in the Kiewa Catchment



On Wednesday 24th August 1983, a public meeting was held at Gundowring to formally ratify the formation of the Kiewa Catchment Farm Tree Group. The Group's aims were to:

"Promote the conservation of existing vegetation & to encourage the regeneration & replanting of vegetation in line with achieving the best use of agricultural land in the Kiewa River Catchments".

To mark this milestone, we will host a Celebration event on Saturday 24th August 2013. We are also planning to document the formation of the group. Early records indicate the following people were at the 1983 meetings: Peter Adams, Bob Reid, Tom Christian, Jim Shovelton, Alan Keys,

L. Jarvis, M. Smith, T. Baxter & J. Reid. We are very keen to get in touch with founding members, or their children/grandchildren. If you were there on the day, or have any information, photos or memories about the formation of the group, please contact Rhonda Serpell, rhondaserpell@bigpond.com, phone: 02 6028 9356.

Funding success! Kiewa Catchment to receive \$60,615.00 "Victorian Landcare Grant"



In times of increasing funding cuts, we are very pleased that our 2012-2013 works application was successful. Funds will be used to support: Revegetation Projects (fencing subsidy & supply of plants), Community Planting & Field Days, publishing of newsletters, a Revegetation Techniques Trial and Plant Identification & Propagation workshops.

We have 15 expressions of interest for 2013 Revegetation works. Limited funds are still available, so if you would like to undertake works on your property, please contact Belinda to arrange a site visit ASAP. Projects need to be an average of *at least* ten metres wide from banks, or an average minimum of 20 metres wide for biodiversity plantings. We are also taking Expressions of Interest for 2014 works.

Bus trip to Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre – Saturday 10th November



This is a fantastic opportunity to visit an outstanding example of a community-based project. Wirraminna occupies four hectares of formerly unused ground between the school and recreation ground in Burrumbuttock. From its beginning in 1995, it has developed into an environmental education centre that provides opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants for our gardens.

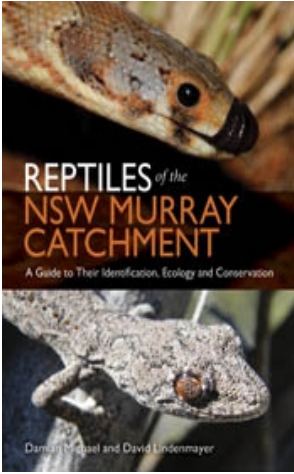
We are planning a bus trip to Wirraminna on Saturday 10th November. Meet at Baranduda Scout Hall car park at 10.00am, lunch provided, returning around 2.30pm. It is **ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL** to register your interest to Belinda by the **17th October**, so we know what size bus to book. Families, Landcare members, non-members - all welcome!

Plant Propagation Workshops: – Kiewa Catchment Nursery at Running Creek.

This is a hands-on opportunity to learn propagation techniques at our very own nursery. The first session will focus on Eucalypts & Wattles and the second session will be on understorey plants, **Wed. 17th & Wed. 31st October, 1.00pm – 3.00pm**. We will conclude with afternoon tea. Location: 5280 Kiewa Valley Hwy, Running Ck. Please RSVP to Belinda.

******If you have any hiko trays, you would like to donate to the nursery – please let Belinda or Rhonda know******

SUBGROUP NEWS & EVENTS: *Make the most of events & activities – ALL WELCOME*



Baranduda: Over 50 people attended the reptiles presentation by Dr Damian Michael. It was a fantastic event, and Damian explained the importance of rocks, logs, open areas and trees with bark for maintaining diverse populations. We encourage you to participate in the “Reptiles & Frogs: In the Flesh – Field Day” on Sunday 28th October. As we head into the last months of the year, there is a great range of exciting events coming up:

- **Spring Wildflower Awareness Walk**, Sunday 7th Oct. 10.45am – 1.00pm
- **SEED (Student Environment Education Directory) Professional Development Seminar** at Frayne College, Thursday 11th Oct., 4.00pm – 5.30pm
- **Reptiles & Frogs: In the Flesh - Field Day**, Sunday 28th Oct. 10.30am – 2.00pm

ALL WELCOME - Please contact Glen to register your interest or for further information.

Go to: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda> for all events details, photos, news & project information. **Picture: Book-Reptiles of the NSW Murray Catchment by Dr Damian Michael**



Kergunyah-Gundowring: In late September, crayfish specialists, Dr Susan Lawler & Geoff Edney, surveyed the Kergunyah Wetlands to look for signs of crayfish activity. They found evidence of three species, the dam yabby, *Cherax destructor*, the rarely-seen swamp yabby, *C. rotundus* and the burrowing crayfish, *Engaeus cymus* (pictured). The site was recognised as having a very high biodiversity value.

Members and supporters are invited to a “**Flora and Fauna Identification Workshop**” at the Kergunyah Wetlands on **Sunday 21st October**, 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

We will conclude with a BBQ tea. Meet at Kergunyah reserve. For catering purposes, please reply to Belinda by Friday 19th October. We will also be tabling the findings of the Wetland Flora & Fauna Survey and launching our Wetlands brochure. All welcome. Please wear long pants, sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen.



Upper Kiewa: Many thanks to those who helped out with the planting day at Bonhote’s (pictured). Plants were given five-star treatment, with guards, weed mats, native slow-release fertiliser and a watering. From little things, bit things grow!

Rockpool Rd. Working Bee: Community members are invited to a working bee at Rockpool Rd, Mt Beauty on **Sunday 7th October**, 10am – 1.00pm. We will be erecting our project sign, as well as clearing weeds and planting native grasses and shrubs. Please wear protective clothing, sturdy boots. Any equipment that you can provide would be appreciated. For catering purposes, please let either, Belinda, Ian Howley or Alan McDonald know if you are attending by Friday 5th October. This is a joint project of Parks Victoria, DSE, AGL and Alpine shire.



Yackandandah: Upcoming events include:

Indigenous Weaving Workshop: This is a unique hands-on opportunity to learn the art of coiling and twining, and gain an insight into the importance of weaving as a Traditional Cultural Practice, **Saturday 17th November & Saturday 24th November**, 10.00am – 3.00pm, at YCEN. Please bring a lunch item to share (eg salad, quiche or sandwiches). There are only 12 places available. Please note that parts of the workshop may be filmed & works produced may form part of a Traditional Weaving Exhibition. Bookings essential – please RSVP to Belinda by Thursday 15th November.

Roadside Plant Identification & Seed Collection Techniques: Wander along some of our local roads, and spend a bit of time identifying and discussing what we find, how we would collect the seeds, and propagation techniques. Some of our local roads are great examples of the diversity that may have once been in farmer’s paddocks. Roadsides are often the last remaining remnants and habitat for many of our furry, feathered and reptile creatures. **Saturday 3rd November**, 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Meet at Brian Lane’s. 520 Yackandandah- Dederang Rd. Bruarong. Please RSVP to Belinda by Friday 2nd November.

Opportunities and assistance for fire-affected properties

Blackberry Action Program: Assistance for fire-affected properties with blackberry & woody weed control – it is not too late to get involved. Project Co-ordinator: Andrew Knowles, phone: 0428 443 477, email: greenakr@bigpond.net.au

Volunteering opportunities at *Our Native Garden* – 56 Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga

Our Native Garden is a not-for-profit, volunteer run, native plant nursery dedicated to developing balanced ecosystems which help create and maintain a healthy environment for plants, creatures and people. Nursery Open: Sundays, 10am – 3.30pm at the rear of 56 Kiewa Valley Hwy, Tawonga. Other days and times by appointment, call Jill on 0418 579 331.

Landcare Calendar: Upcoming Activities, Events and Key dates:

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE | RSVP/MORE INFORMATION |
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| Friday 5 th October 6.30pm | Recycling for Recovery Project end BBQ | Mudgegonga Hall | RSVP ASAP to Stephen Routledge rout@netc.net.au 03 5728 6603 |
| Sunday 7 th October 10.00am – 1.00pm | Community Working bee & BBQ at Rockpool Rd. Mt Beauty | Meet at Rockpool Rd Mt Beauty | RSVP by 5 th October to Belinda Pearce belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au 0407 227 814 |
| Sunday 7 th October 10.45am – 1.00pm | Spring Wildflower Awareness Walk | Meet at Baranduda CFA Wodonga-Yack Rd. | Glen Johnson baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667 |
| Thursday 11 th October 4.00pm – 5.30pm | SEED Professional Development Seminar | Frayne College Baranduda | Glen Johnson 02 6020 8667 baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667 |
| Tuesday 16 th October 7.30pm | Kiewa Catchment Executive Meeting | Baranduda Community Centre | Jos McAlister mcalistertojo@live.com 02 6027 1816 |
| Wednesday 17 th October 1.00pm – 3.00pm | Planting Propagation Workshop Eucalypts & Wattles | Kiewa Catchment Nursery – Running Ck | RSVP by 15 th October to Belinda Pearce belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au 0407 227 814 |
| Sunday 21 st October 4.00pm – 7.00pm *Please note change of time | Kergunyah Wetlands Flora & fauna identification & BBQ | Meet at Kergunyah Reserve | RSVP by 19 th October to Belinda Pearce belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au 0407 227 814 |
| Sunday 28 th October 10.30pm – 2.00pm | Reptiles & Frogs - in the flesh. Survey with Dr Damian Michael | Meet at Baranduda Community Centre car park | RSVP by 25 th October to Glen Johnson baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667 |
| Wednesday 31 st October 1.00pm – 3.00pm | Planting Propagation Workshop Understorey plants | Kiewa Catchment Nursery – Running Ck | RSVP by 29 th October to Belinda Pearce belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au 0407 227 814 |
| Saturday 3 rd November 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Roadside Plant ID and seed collection techniques | Meet at Brian Lane's 520 Yack-Dederang Rd. Bruarong | RSVP by 1 st November to Belinda Pearce belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au 0407 227 814 |
| Saturday 10 th November 10.00am – 2.30pm | Bus trip to Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre - Burrumbuttock | Meet at Baranduda Scout Hall car park | RSVP by 17 th October to Belinda Pearce belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au 0407 227 814 |
| Sat 17 th & 24 th November 10.00am – 3.00pm | Indigenous Weaving Workshop | Yackandandah Community Education Network | RSVP by 15 th November to Belinda Pearce belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au 0407 227 814 |
| Tuesday 20 th Nov. 7.30pm | Kiewa Catchment Executive Meeting | To be advised | Jos McAlister mcalistertojo@live.com 02 6027 1816 |

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Contact List:

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| President | Peter Serpell | 02 6028 9356 | Vice President | Rowan Wallace | 02 6027 5227 |
| Secretary | Jos McAlister | 02 6027 1816 | Treasurer | Julie Pearce | 02 6027 5286 |
| Baranduda | Glen Johnson | 02 6020 8667 | Kiewa-Bonegilla | Pam Davis-Jones | 02 6027 3356 |
| Upper Kiewa | Alan McDonald | 03 5754 1000 | Kergunyah-Gundowring | Rowan Wallace | 02 6027 5227 |
| Yackandandah | Position vacant | 0407 227 814 | Nursery Manager | Rhonda Serpell | 02 6028 9356 |
| Equipment hire for Landcare members: Spray units (organic/chemical), trailing seed drill, Rabbit ripper, wick wiper | | | | | |
| Brian Lane 02 6027 1433 Organic & chemical spray unit & Wick wiper | Peter Serpell 02 6028 9356 Trailing seed drill | Rod Mitchell 02 6027 5 155 Chemical spray units & Rabbit ripper | Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 Landcare BBQ trailer & Tree poppers | | |
| Project Manager, Landcare Facilitator & Newsletter: Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au | | | | | |

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Incorporating Baranduda, Kiewa-Bonegilla, Kergunyah-Gundowring, Upper Kiewa & Yackandandah subgroups
The Executive Committee has set the subscription at \$15.00 per year. (a family is one membership).
Please consider subscribing for more than one year to reduce postage costs.
Simply forward a cheque to the Membership Secretary, or pay by direct credit.

Bank Account details: *Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups,*
Commonwealth Bank,
BSB: 063-534
Account Number: 902483
Please include your surname and initials as a reference & email Jos payment date

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| I would like to receive newsletters by: ___ mail ___ e-mail |
| SIGNATURE _____ Number of people covered by this membership _____ |
| Payment method: (please tick one) Cheque _____ Cash _____ Electronic funds transfer _____ |
| Please make cheques payable to: Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups, and post with this form to: "The Membership Secretary", 8 Barlow Lane, Bruarong Vic. 3749 email: mcalistertojo@live.com |

Next Newsletter – December/January, please send any news items/photos to Belinda by 30th Nov. 2012