



December 2011/January 2012 NEWSLETTER

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

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

website: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/kiewa>



Victorian Government announces 60 new part-time Landcare facilitation positions

We are very pleased to report that Kiewa Catchment Landcare was successful in securing funding for a part-time Landcare Facilitation position. The position (20 hours per week), is funded from January 2012 until June 2015. The application includes a partnership with Upper Ovens Landcare Group, and we look forward to building a positive and productive working relationship with our neighbours in the Upper Ovens.

The position will focus on five areas:

- Supporting on-ground Natural Resource Management delivery
- Building local community capacity
- Undertaking community engagement and building partnerships
- Assisting with planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting
- Securing project grants and other funding

We would also like to congratulate the "Friends of Willow Park" consortium (which includes Baranduda Landcare Group and Parklands Albury Wodonga), who were also successful in obtaining facilitation funding .

Kiewa Catchment subgroups –Victorian Landcare 25th Anniversary grants success!



As part of Landcare's 25th Anniversary celebrations, groups were encouraged to apply for grants to assist with on-ground projects in their area. We were fortunate to have three projects funded.

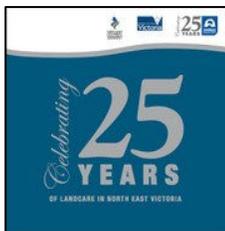
Baranduda Landcare: \$5000.00 for Landcare signage, weed control and pole cameras for nestbox monitoring

Kergunyah Landcare: \$5000.00 for Kergunyah Wetlands Project (weed control & biodiversity assessment)

Upper Kiewa Landcare: \$3050.00 for Rockpool Rd Project (weed control, improvements to access & signage)

Thank-you to the Landcare volunteers who put these successful applications together. It has been a great outcome! Projects are due for completion in October 2012.

25 Years of Landcare DVD online - Celebrating 25 years of Landcare in North East Victoria



This locally produced DVD was commissioned by the North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA), and consists of a series of interviews with some long-term participants in Landcare. These community members were asked to identify what they believe to be the most significant changes they have seen as a result of Landcare. It can be viewed at:

<http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/news/25-years-of-landcare-dvd-online>

The DVD has been broken into three parts of about 10 minutes for easier viewing.

"2012 – Australian Year of the Farmer – Our Farmers, Our Future" What's it all about?



Australian Year of the Farmer celebrates the hard work of everyone involved in producing, processing, handling and selling products from 136,000 farms across the country. Australian farms and the industries that support them generate more than \$405 billion each year, that's 27% of our Gross Domestic Product.

The celebration was conceived by Australian Year of the Farmer Directors, Geoff Bell and Philip Bruem. Geoff and Philip wanted more people to appreciate the fresh food and quality materials our farmers produce to keep us fed, clothed and sheltered. The official Patron is the Governor-General, Quentin Bryce.

More information about 2012 events and activities can be found at: <http://www.yearofthefarmer.com.au/>

Funding available to assist Landholders with Revegetation Works – Expressions of Interest sought

We have been successful in obtaining State Government funding to assist members with Revegetation works.

Expressions of interest are now being taken for 2012 projects.

Funds can be used to assist with fencing/plantings that will achieve **at least one** of the following outcomes:



- increased biodiversity
- protection of older trees
- erosion control – gully stabilisation
- fencing off water ways and wet areas

To be eligible, plantings must be at least **20 metres** wide, or **10 metres** either side of banks/gullies.

If approved, Landcare will provide:

- a **\$3.50** per metre subsidy for fencing
- Native plants: Trees, shrubs and grasses – at least 50% of plants should be understorey, shrubs and/or grasses

The Landholder agrees to:

- Prepare and maintain sites (site preparation/maintenance includes weed control)
- Provide stakes and guards
- Erect fences (if applicable) and plant trees (planting generally occurs in Winter)

If you are interested in undertaking a project in 2012, please contact Belinda Pearce to arrange a site visit.

Phone 02 6027 5294, email: opundo1@optusnet.com.au

We have the opportunity to apply for more funding for 2013 works, so we're keen to hear from interested Landholders.

SUBGROUP NEWS



Baranduda: A well-attended social event concluded another year of activities by Baranduda Landcare. It was held at the Jamison Drive Reserve. A feature of this event was the large attendance by members of the local community who are not necessarily engaged in Landcare. Our group recently had an article in the Border Mail, which featured our nestbox program, and plans to purchase a pole camera to assist with monitoring. 2012 is shaping up to be another busy year, with the recent news that Baranduda was part of a successful consortium bid for facilitation (Friends of Willow Park). The next meeting (including AGM) will be on Tue. 14th Feb. 7.30pm, at the Baranduda Community Centre.

Photo: Landcare BBQ at Jamison Drive Reserve Baranduda



Kergunyah: Members met in October to photograph and identify flora and fauna at the Kergunyah Wetland. Over 20 bird species have been seen (or heard) and the site appears to be a haven for frog species. Members also met with Shay Simpson from Indigo Shire to discuss the project. The morning finished with a BBQ lunch at the Kergunyah Reserve.

We will be having a Planning meeting and BBQ on Friday 17th February. Meet at the Kergunyah Reserve at 6.00pm. All welcome.

Photo: Members having lunch after surveying the Wetlands site



Upper Kiewa: Several meetings have been held with Parks Victoria and DSE to discuss weed control at Rockpool Rd and to improve site access and drainage. The next meeting will be on Friday 27th Jan, at 9.00am at Rockpool Rd. All welcome. Improvement works continue to progress at the Junction Ck Project (see article in this newsletter), with the next working bee on Sunday 26th February, 10.00am – 12noon.

We also had a very successful stand and BBQ at the Mt Beauty markets. The year finished with over 20 people attending the end of year function at Dederang.

Photo: Landcare display and BBQ at Mt Beauty markets

Yackandandah: We are planning to have a Landcare display and BBQ at the Yackandandah Community Markets, Sunday 19th February, 10.00am – 1.00pm. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the BBQ and display, so if you can spare an hour or two, Belinda would be very pleased to hear from you, phone, 02 6027 5294

Friends of the Gully- Upper Kiewa, Junction Creek Project News (November 2011)

Geoff Graham and Christine Walker, have been busy cleaning up dead weeds and rubbish, burning off and replanting some problem areas. Not a lot of planting has been undertaken due to the weather, but quite a few tree ferns were planted to replace the old ones that died in the original blackberry spraying and 2009 April burn-off. Thanks to Cam Alexander from Alpine Shire for the new tree ferns and to Geoff for some extras!

Many of you would have seen the path that the Landmate crew have built (and Geoff repaired after the flooding rains). At this stage, the path provides access to workers. It is hoped to build a public walking track in the future. The current "Friends of the Gully" grant will end in July 2012. Project drivers, Geoff Graham and Christine Walker, are looking for some volunteers to take over some of the organisational roles from July next year, and would be happy to provide support for this role. Please contact Geoff or Christine (0408 574 202) if you're able to help.

You are also invited to attend our working bees held on the last Sunday of every month (not including January) – weather permitting, 10.00am – 12.00ish. Upcoming works will involve further clearing and construction of the access track (with the assistance of the Landmate crew), burning of cleared vegetation, removal of rubbish and planting of native species. Working bees will concentrate on replanting, with the next working bee on Sunday 26th February.

Funding opportunities and assistance for fire-affected properties

Recycling for Recovery: Assistance with revegetation and erosion control.

Project Co-ordinator: Stephen Routledge, phone: 03 5728 6603, 0467 224 124, email: rout@netc.net.au

Blackberry Action Program: Assistance with blackberry & woody weed control

Project Co-ordinator: Andrew Knowles, phone: 0428 443 477, email: greenakr@bigpond.net.au

Landcare Calendar: Upcoming Activities, Events and Key dates:

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	RSVP/MORE INFORMATION
Friday 27 th January 9.00am	Upper Kiewa Landcare Rockpool Rd. Project Planning Meeting	Meet at Rockpool Rd car parking area	Alan McDonald 03 5754 1000
Tuesday 14 th February 7.30pm	Baranduda Meeting & AGM	Baranduda Community Centre	Glen Johnson baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667
Friday 17 th February 6.00pm	Kergunyah Landcare Wetlands Project Planning Meeting & BBQ	Meet at Kergunyah Reserve	Belinda Pearce opundo1@optusnet.com.au 02 6027 5294
Sunday 19 th February (to be confirmed) 10.00am – 1.00pm	Yackandandah Landcare Landcare Display & BBQ Yackandandah Market	Yackandandah	Belinda Pearce opundo1@optusnet.com.au 02 6027 5294
Tuesday 21 st February 7.30pm	Kiewa Catchment Executive Meeting	Peter & Rhonda Serpell's Running Creek	Jos McAlister mcalistertojo@live.com 02 6027 1816
Sunday 26 th February 10.00am – 12.00ish (Weather permitting)	Upper Kiewa Landcare & Friends of the Gully Working Bee	Junction Ck Gully Tawonga	Christine Walker 0408 574 202

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*****IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED IN 2011, THIS WILL BE YOUR FINAL NEWSLETTER*****

@@@ Please check the expiry date on your membership card @@@

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group Contact List:

President	Peter Serpell	02 6028 9356	Vice President	Brian Lane	02 6027 1433
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Upper Kiewa	Alan McDonald	03 5754 1000	Kergunyah	Rowan Wallace	02 6027 5227
Yackandandah	Jos McAlister	02 6027 1816			
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 5155 Chemical spray units & Rabbit ripper	Belinda Pearce 02 6027 5294 BBQ trailer available for Landcare Group activities		
Project Management & Newsletter: Belinda Pearce 02 6027 5294 opundo1@optusnet.com.au					

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Incorporating Baranduda, Kiewa-Bonegilla, Kergunyah, 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. If paying by direct credit, please email Jos: mcalistertojo@live.com with your payment date.

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	
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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 – February/March, please send any news items to Belinda by 31st January 2012