



# Landcare

## February/March 2011 NEWSLETTER

### Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

Incorporating Baranduda, Kergunyah, Kiewa-Bonegilla, Leneva, Upper Kiewa & Yackandandah  
<http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/kiewa>



### “Let’s shape the future of Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups” Workshop: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30pm – 9.30pm, Kergunyah Reserve & Kergunyah Hall



Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group extends an invitation to anyone with an interest in Landcare to come along and contribute to shaping the future direction of our Network.

We need your ideas and experience to design events and projects that meet the interests of our members, past, current and future.

The workshop will be facilitated by Moragh Mackay from the Bass Coast Landcare Network and will include a BBQ tea.

#### PROGRAM:

- 5.30pm *Meet at Kergunyah Reserve (you may like to park at the Kergunyah Hall, and take a short walk to the Reserve). If the Reserve is flooded/too boggy, or if it is raining, we will meet at the Kergunyah Hall.*
- 5.30pm: *What has worked well? We will begin with a quick reminisce of past Landcare activities and successes*
- 6.00pm: *What still works well? Discussion on what activities, project and events are still of interest to Landcare members and groups.*
- 6.30pm: *Why do these things work well? What information supports these activities?*
- 7.00pm: *Walk/drive to Kergunyah Hall for BBQ tea*
- 8.00pm: *What new issues or areas of interest could we explore?*
- 8.30pm: *Turning ideas into action – Who else could be involved? What can partners contribute? What other resources are required and where will we find these resources, and when will these actions be undertaken?*
- 9.15pm: *Supper & Close*

You are welcome to attend all or part of the program.

If you are unable to attend, we would encourage you to put your ideas on paper and pass on to Belinda, or give Belinda a call, so your input can be included.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

Chair (for seating at the Reserve), insect repellent

A plate for supper would be appreciated, but not essential, BBQ tea will be provided

#### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

For catering purposes, **RSVP** to Belinda Pearce by **FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Phone: 02 6027 5294 email: [opundo1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:opundo1@optusnet.com.au)

**We look forward to seeing you there, and hearing your ideas for our Network!**

This event is supported by North East Catchment Management Authority.

## Landcare Revegetation – Additional funding available for 2011 works Please let us know what you would like to do, by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group was successful in obtaining additional funding (\$29,050) to assist Landcare members with revegetation works. We are now taking expressions of interest for 2011 works.

Funds can be used for works (fencing & plants) on private land 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 \$2.50 per metre subsidy for fencing
- Native plants (trees, shrubs and grasses – at least 50% of plants should be understorey eg 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)

Expressions of interest can be made by completing the attached/enclosed “Expression of Interest” form, which is also available from the Kiewa website <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/kiewa> Click on “Forms”

We need to place our plant orders and finalise 2010/2011 budget, so it would be appreciated if forms can be sent to Belinda by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## Sparrow Traps – Opportunity for bulk purchase discount



Designed to David McGregor's Specifications (Weekly Times 21.01.2009), and sold by Wiretainers Pty Ltd  
[www.wiretainers.com.au](http://www.wiretainers.com.au) 5-7 Fink St. Preston, Victoria

The trap comes with a release door, and will fit in the boot of a standard Australian sedan.

Dimensions: 900 x 450 x 450mm

Individual price: \$288.00 plus freight from Melbourne  
Six or more: \$214.50 plus freight from Melbourne

If you are interested in purchasing a sparrow trap or would be able to collect traps from Melbourne (and help save on freight costs), please contact Rod Mitchell, 02 6027 5155.

## Victorian flood Damage 2010-2011 & Hail Damage 2010 – Clean Up and Restoration Grants

A Clean-up and Restoration Grant of up to \$25,000 is available to:

- Primary Producers,
- Small businesses
- Not-for-profit organisations

who have suffered direct damage as a result of a flooding event between August 2010 and January 2011 or damage caused by hail during November 2010 in Victoria, for clean-up, removal of debris, animal welfare and business restoration.

Flood Loans are also available. Additional applications will be considered for subsequent flood events that have caused additional direct damage. **Applications close on 31 July 2011**

For more information go to: [www.ruralfinance.com.au](http://www.ruralfinance.com.au) or phone Rural Finance: 03 5448 2600

## Upcoming eFARMER training at Kiewa –

### What is eFARMER?

eFARMER is a web based simplified Geographical Information System with access to updated Government data layers, including high quality Natural Resource Management spatial data.

It allows Landholders, Farmers, Landcare groups, Extension officers, Catchment Planners to access, record and report on aggregated data on a single standardised system. All with individual privacy protected with secure personalised Log In.

Users can easily map, record and manipulate data to illustrate property/catchment attributes with an ability to model, evaluate and conduct reports on current or proposed activities, against high quality NRM spatial data.

Users can conduct Property Planning – with simple tools to measure and record including: Property and Paddock details, create Baseline and long-term land-cover target details, Action Plans, Threats, Rainfall and Soil monitoring data, Nutrient loss Index Factors & more. You don't need to be a computer whiz to use this program.

If you have done the training – let your neighbours or friends know!

Places are limited to available computers – All materials provided. **Bring your own lunch.**

Venue: Kiewa Primary School (School holidays)

Day 1: <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00 until 3pm</b>	Start up, setting up property & paddocks
Day 2: <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00 until 3pm</b>	Using all the features

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: To book your place for this free training, please contact Suzanne Johnstone  
Phone 02 6024 9104 Email: [Suzanne.johnstone@necma.vic.gov.au](mailto:Suzanne.johnstone@necma.vic.gov.au)

## Subgroup news.

Subgroups are planning 2011 activities, and would like to encourage as many people to attend the planning workshop at Kergunyah on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We especially encourage people from the Bonegilla, Kiewa and Leneva areas to attend, as this is an opportunity to reactivate interest in Landcare in your area. This is your chance to step up to the challenge!

## Baranduda Landcare activities

Congratulations to Baranduda Landcare on organising a very successful series of workshops that resulted in a substantial increase in new members.

Activities have included:

- GPS and Mapping Workshop
- Native Grass Identification Workshop
- Identification & Propagation of Significant Local Fauna Workshops (x3)

You can view photos of activities at the Baranduda Landcare website:

<http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda/album>

## Next Kiewa Catchment Landcare Executive Meeting

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, at Alan & Carol McDonald's, Tawonga Sth.

If you have any items that you would like included on the agenda, please forward these to the secretary, Tony McAlister, 02 6027 1816, email: [mcalistertojo@live.com](mailto:mcalistertojo@live.com)



### **Landcare always needs members!**

**Please pass this newsletter & membership form to a person who may be interested in joining.**

**Do you need to renew your membership? Please check the expiry date on your membership card. Membership application/renewal form is on the last page of each newsletter, or is available on the Kiewa Landcare website: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/kiewa>**

## Next Newsletter – March/April edition

If you have any items for inclusion in our next newsletter, please send to Belinda by **Thursday 31st March**

### Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group Contact List:

<b>President</b>	Peter Serpell	02 6028 9356	<b>Vice President</b>	Brian Lane	02 6027 1433
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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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

The executive Committee has set the subscription at \$15.00 per year. (a family is one membership).

Consider subscribing for more than one year to reduce postage costs. Better still, consider electronic mail if you are renewing your subscription (and your details are the same). Simply forward a cheque to the Membership Secretary, or pay by direct credit.

Bank Account details: Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups,  
Commonwealth Bank Wodonga

**BSB:** 063-534

**Account Number:** 902483

**Please include your surname and initials as a reference**

NAME _____
POSTAL ADDRESS _____
PHYSICAL ADDRESS (If different) _____
TELEPHONE _____ MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____
SUBSCRIPTION:    ___ 1 yr \$15.00    ___ 2yrs \$30.00    ___ 3yrs \$45.00    ___ Other x \$15.00
SUBGROUP:    ___ Barandudua    ___ Leneva    ___ Kiewa-Bonegilla    ___ Kergunyah    ___ Upper Kiewa    ___ Yackandandah
SIGNATURE _____    Number of people covered by this membership _____
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: <a href="mailto:mcalistertojo@live.com">mcalistertojo@live.com</a>