



August/September 2011 NEWSLETTER:

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

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

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

Landcare 25th Anniversary Celebrations: – Looking for photos and memorabilia



The Landcare movement in Victoria had its origins in the late 1970s. Farm Tree groups were established by the early 1980s and in 1986, the first formal Landcare Group met. Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups was incorporated on the 1st of January 1987, and as part of the celebrations, we are looking for photos, videos and memorabilia from Landcare activities over the past 25 years. Do you have any photos, newspaper articles or videos that you could share? We would love to include them as part of the celebrations, please contact either Tom Croft or Belinda Pearce.

Landcare 25th Anniversary Dinner and Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups AGM – “Special Event”

Past and current members of Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups are invited to celebrate 25 years of Landcare in Victoria, by attending a celebratory dinner, 6.30pm on Tuesday 20th September at the Kergunyah Hall. The evening will include a display of Landcare memorabilia, presentation of Service awards and will feature several locally produced Landcare films. The group's AGM will also be part of the evening's proceeding. We would like to see as many people attend as possible. For catering purposes please RSVP to either Tom or Belinda by Tuesday 13th September.

Belinda Pearce 02 6027 5294, opundo1@optusnet.com.au

Tom Croft 02 6024 9107 tom.croft@necma.vic.gov.au

Opportunity to gain skills in native plant propagation, identification and understanding bush ecosystems. Book your place now!



Upper Kiewa Landcare Subgroup, in conjunction with Our Native Garden Nursery and Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre, has received over \$4000 from the Victorian Landcare Program for a Volunteer Action Project based in Mt Beauty.

The program grants aim to increase membership and participation in Landcare, and to strengthen the ability of Landcare groups to work on environmental projects.

The project called **Bring on the buzz**, will focus on how to grow local native plants and understanding their role in the bush ecosystem. There will be two groups of 10 participants taking part in plant nursery activities; visits to the bush to learn to identify native plants and the ecosystems they exist in; and working on local revegetation projects. The bush visits are the main feature of the sessions and will be led by local native plant expert and ecologist Jill Dawson.

Participants will be able to attend up to 8 sessions on Sunday mornings or Monday afternoons of their choice between August and December. All equipment, learning materials including a weed identification booklet is provided.

The only cost to participants is the membership of Landcare, at \$15 annual subscription. This also covers all insurance costs for the project. If you are already a member, there is no cost.

For more information contact Jill Dawson: 02 6027 1089 Mobile: 0418 579 331 email: jildawson@alpineology.com.au

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Baranduda Landcare Planet Ark tree days – Twelve years in a row!



Congratulations to Baranduda Landcare Group on another year's involvement with the Planet Ark National Tree Day. Three local schools were involved, and there was a very successful community planting day on Sunday 31st July, with over 35 people lending a hand. This ongoing commitment is a remarkable achievement, and we take our hats off to all of the people, and in particular, Glen Johnson, that have helped to make this annual event such a success. Upcoming Baranduda Landcare activities include: Meeting with speakers, Birdwatching and

Threatened flora survey. See Baranduda website for further details: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda>

Project focus: Upper Kiewa Landcare and Friends of the Gully making great progress

COMMUNITY WORK: Being Well Done – edited reprint from News article

Landcare is a well-structured national group of active volunteers. One very obvious local project is the work taking place at Junction Creek, coming down from the first estate besides Vail's Road. It's on the main road, it is crossed by a popular multi-purpose track and is opposite some major innovative development. Other sites have been identified as potential projects for the future – one being the swimming hole on the East Kiewa at Rock Pool Road.

Funding is applied for – and when successfully achieved, work can begin or continue (as the case may be) until that lot runs out. Items to be purchased include 'frog friendly' poison, weed-mat and plants. Then there is the labour force. Fortunately, the Landmate Crew (groups of inmates from the Beechworth Correctional Centre) have come over and put in several days work, as and when required. Plantings are usually done by the local Friends of the Gully (FOG) volunteers. Maintenance, in the form of regular weed spraying is done by a local shire contractor.

The Landmate crew, together with the FOG volunteers performed the following tasks:

- * Cut down privets and poisoned.
- * Dealt with a number of other non-natives such as fig trees & ivy
- * Cleared up cut privets, blackberries etc into burn piles
- * Continued the access path.
- * Planted 300 natives. Reeds, grasses, bottlebrushes, grevilleas etc
- * Removed rubbish - glass, tin sheeting, pipes etc

Unfortunately, in the past Junction Creek has been used as a rubbish dump. We have a very good rubbish dump/transfer station, there is absolutely no reason why any rubbish should end up in the bush. One car body has been removed from Junction Creek. Another is yet to be removed.



Dumped car body at Junction Ck Project site

Further details on the Upper Kiewa Landcare Group may be obtained from Alan Mc Donald at McDonalds Meats on 03 5754 1000. The co-ordinators of the Junction Creek project are Christine Walker and Geoff Graham.

Update: *The good work continues with a Community Planting Day & BBQ on Sunday 31st July (National Tree Day).*

Yackandandah Folk Festival Carbon offset – Community Tree Planting: Sunday 7th August

Yackandandah Folk Festival participants had the opportunity to contribute a "carbon offset payment" as part of their Festival participation. Funds are being used for plantings of indigenous plant species, that will not only offset carbon emissions, but also help environmental biodiversity. If you would like to assist with plantings, please join us at Yackandandah Sports Ground, 10.00am on Sunday 7th August. There will also be a BBQ and unveiling of a project plaque. For catering purposes please contact Jos McAlister: 02 6027 1 816 mcalistertojo@live.com by Fri. 5th August.

Garden Produce swap initiative – your input is sought - CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Do you have trouble using all of your garden produce? Does your backyard fill up with fallen fruit you can't eat? Your problems may soon be solved! A group of enthusiastic gardeners are working to establish a regular, seasonal produce swap to encourage gardeners to share their bounty. Anyone with spare fruit, vegetables, seeds or seedlings, sprouts, cuttings, nuts, or any other garden produce will be encouraged to swap for something else. The swaps will run in conjunction with the community meals being planned to make use of the new wood fired oven at Yackandandah Primary School. The first swap will take place in the spring, and flyers with dates and times will be distributed closer to the date. Now is the perfect time to start planning for your garden's excess. For more information, contact Chris McGorlick, Community Strengthening Project officer: 1300 365 003, email: cmcgorlick@indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

FarmReady Reimbursement Grants



Eligible participants are able to claim up to \$1500 per financial year to attend FarmReady-registered courses, with additional funding available for associated reasonable travel, accommodation and childcare expenses. Registered courses focus on areas designed to equip primary producers with the tools to manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The guidelines have been amended to include a co-contribution requirement for primary producers to invest 35 per cent towards their training costs with FarmReady reimbursing the remaining 65 per cent up to a maximum of \$1500 per person per financial year. For more information about these changes please call the FarmReady Program Administrator on 1800 087 670 or email: admin@farmready.gov.au or go to <http://www.farmready.gov.au/>

Funding opportunities for fire and flood-affected properties

The **Recycling for Recovery** Project has received additional funding to assist fire-affected landholders with erosion control and revegetation. There are also some employment opportunities for landholders to undertake environmental works. Please contact Project Co-ordinator: Stephen Routledge for more information and/or to arrange a site visit. Phone: 03 5728 6603, 0467 224 124, email: rout@netc.net.au

The **Blackberry Action Program** targets areas affected by the 2009 Beechworth Complex fires. The program provides grants to landowners to carry out works to control blackberry and other woody weeds. This project runs for three years, so it is not too late to lodge an Expression of Interest. For more information, contact Project Co-ordinator, Andrew Knowles. Phone: 0428 443 477, email: greenakr@bigpond.net.au

Media Release: Public forums for Beechworth-Mudgegonga fire areas a success

Please find attached/enclosed an update on the consultation process that was undertaken recently to determine priority areas for the expenditure of Victorian Bushfire Appeal funds.

Landcare Calendar: Upcoming Activities, Events and Key dates:

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	RSVP/MORE INFORMATION
Sundays: 9.30am-12.30pm Mondays: 1.00pm-4.00pm August to December	“Bring on the Buzzzz” Plant propagation & bush ecosystems program	Various locations	Jill Dawson 02 6027 1089 jildawson@alpineology.com.au
Sunday 7 th August 10.00am – 12.30pm	Community Tree Planting:- Yackandandah Folk Festival Carbon offset initiative	Yackandandah Sports Ground	Jos McAlister mcalistertojo@live.com 02 6027 1816
Tuesday 18 th August 7.30pm	Kiewa Executive Meeting	Brian Lane’s Glen Creek	Tony McAlister mcalistertojo@live.com 02 6027 1816
Wednesday 7 th Sept. 7.30pm	Baranduda Landcare Meeting with a range of presentations	Baranduda Community Centre	Glen Johnson baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667
Saturday 10 th Sept. 8.30am – 10.30am	Birding with Bernie Datson	Baranduda Community Centre car park	Glen Johnson baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667
Saturday 17 th Sept. 10.00am – 2.00pm	Threatened Flora of Baranduda Regional Park 2011 Survey	Baranduda Community Centre car park	Glen Johnson baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667
Tuesday 20 th Sept. 6.30pm	Landcare 25 th Anniversary Dinner Celebrations & Kiewa Catchment AGM	Kergunyah Hall	Belinda Pearce opundo1@optusnet.com.au 02 6027 5294
Saturday 29 th October	Wildflower Discovery Day Details in next newsletter	Meet at Kergunyah Hall car park	Belinda Pearce opundo1@optusnet.com.au 02 6027 5294

All issues of the Kiewa Catchment Newsletters are available on the Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups website: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/kiewa>

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>

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group Contact List:

President	Peter Serpell	02 6028 9356	Vice President	Brian Lane	02 6027 1433
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Group Contacts:					
Baranduda	Glen Johnson	02 6020 8667	Kiewa-Bonegilla	Mat Ley	02 6027 3262
Upper Kiewa	Alan McDonald Kylie Chew	03 5754 4109 03 5754 4720	Kergunyah	Rowan Wallace	02 6027 5227
Leneva	Ken Proctor	02 6024 6964	Yackandandah	Jos McAlister	02 6027 1816
Equipment hire for Landcare members: Spray units (organic & chemical), trailing seed drill, Rabbit ripper, wickwiper					
Brian Lane 02 6027 1433 Organic & chemical spray unit & Wickwiper	Peter Serpell 02 6028 9356 Trailing seed drill	Rod Mitchell 02 6027 5155 Chemical spray unit Rabbit ripper	Wally Mitchell 03 5754 5265 Chemical spray unit		
Project Management & Newsletter: Belinda Pearce 02 6027 5294 opundo1@optusnet.com.au					

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, BSB: 063-534 Account Number: 902483
Please include your surname and initials as a reference

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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: mcalistertojo@live.com	

Next Newsletter – October/November Please send any news items to Belinda by 30th Sept.