



February/March 2013 NEWSLETTER

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

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

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



Rockpool Rd Project at Mt Beauty receives Media Recognition



Upper Kiewa Landcare's on-going works at the Rock Pools and Mermaid Beach has been recognised recently in *The Age* newspaper in an article "Six reasons to visit Mount Beauty".

An article also appeared in the Kiewa Valley Observer in late 2012. The major focus of 2012 works has been the control and clearing of blackberry infestations and other weeds that have engulfed the area. The project is a collaborative effort between Parks Victoria, DSE, AGL and Alpine Shire. We are also very thankful to the support given by the Landmate team (Beechworth Correctional Facility) who have done a mighty job with spraying and clearing of weeds, constructing tracks and fencing. There will be opportunities throughout 2013 for the community to be involved in restoration works.

Photo: *Bathing beauties at the diving board - Rock Pools - 1959*

Source: *State Electricity Commission of Victoria brochure*

Rabbit Fumigation Training – Limited places available



Parklands Albury Wodonga has received funding through Communities for Nature to run a training session in rabbit fumigation. It will be held on:

Friday 15th February, 9.30am – 1.30pm

at Aged Concern, 432 Townsend St, Albury.

There are limited places, so registrations are essential.

To register, phone 02 6023 6714 or email: info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au



Release of new PestSmart Resources – Rabbits and Wild dogs



In the last few months, some new PestSmart resources have been finalised and are now available on the web at www.feral.org.au/pestsmart. The PestSmart Toolkit provides information and guidance on best-practice invasive animal management on several key vertebrate pest species including rabbits, wild dogs, foxes, feral pigs, feral cats, carp, and tilapia. Information is provided in various forms such as fact sheets, case-studies, technical manuals and scientific reports. Some examples of the new products include the glovebox guide for managing rabbits, the working plan to manage wild dogs, guidelines for preparing a working plan to manage wild dogs, and many more. There is also the PestSmart YouTube channel for video clips on best practice control methods. www.youtube.com/PestSmart

You can subscribe to the "Feral Flyer" newsletter at: www.invasiveanimals.com/media-centre/subscribe

Upcoming Native Plant Propagation Workshop – Landcare Nursery



You are invited to participate in our ongoing series of Native Plant Propagation Workshops. Our next workshop/working bee will be on:

Sunday 17th February, 9.00am – 12noon with lunch
at the Landcare Nursery at Running Creek.

We will be thinning out and replanting seedlings. This is a chance to learn about all stages of propagating native plants

For catering purposes please let either Rhonda or Belinda know if you plan to attend (and any dietary requirements).

Photo: *Silver wattle seedlings from October planting workshop*

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



BARANDUDA LANDCARE GROUP

The first of four meetings for the year will have the theme of global warming and will feature a **presentation** from Bruce Key of Wodonga. Bruce had a lengthy career with the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation and has spent much time researching, investigating and analysing the arguments relating to this issue. **Tuesday 12th February, 7.30pm** at Baranduda Community Centre. For more information, please contact either Glen or Tony. All welcome.

Photo: A fantastic turnout at the 2012 Planet Ark Day – this is the 13th year Baranduda has participated in this event.



KERGUNYAH-GUNDOWRING LANDCARE GROUP

There will be a working bee at the Wetlands project to construct a low-impact red-gum chip path and to spray weed species on **Tuesday 5th March, 5.00pm – 8.00pm**. We will conclude with a meal. Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants and bring some newspapers (if you have some) for the path. All willing workers welcomed, even if you can just spare an hour. Park at Kergunyah Reserve. For catering purposes please let either Rowan or Belinda know if you can attend.

Photo: Participants at Landcare event near Kergunyah Reserve



UPPER KIEWA LANDCARE GROUP

We had a great roll-up to our end of year BBQ at Rockpool Rd. It was a chance for participants to view the work that has been done, and to contribute on future works proposals. We will be having a **Planning Meeting in late February** once the fire threat has (hopefully) abated.

We are planning to have a **Landcare Display** and BBQ at the Mt Beauty markets on **Saturday 2nd March, 10.00am to 1.00pm**. This is an opportunity to gain community input on the Rockpool Rd project. If you can assist with cooking a snag or two, please contact either Ian, Alan or Belinda.

Photo: 2012 end of year BBQ



YACKANDANDAH LANDCARE GROUP

The next **Indigenous Weaving Workshop** with Aunty Sharon will be on **Saturday 23rd February, 10.00am to 3.00pm** at YCEN.

We will create small baskets from the leaves of the spiny-headed mat rush, *Lomandra longifolia*. Please bring a lunch item to share (eg sandwiches, quiche or salad). New participants welcome. Registrations essential as there are limited places.

Please contact Belinda to book your place

Landcare will have a display at the Yackandandah Community **Market** on **Sunday 21st April, 9.00am to 1.00pm**. If you are able to spare an hour or two on the day to assist, please let Belinda know. We have a large range of resources on pest plant and animals, native plants and local flora & fauna identification guides that we would like to make available to the public

Photo: The beginnings of a basket made at the October workshop

Summer dung beetles active in Kiewa Catchment area and beyond

After a couple of very quiet summers, it is very pleasing to note that the summer dung beetle species, *Onthophagus taurus* and *Euoniticellus fulvus* have come back into full swing. We are also very pleased that several other beetle species have been sighted and appear to be increasing in numbers, in particular *Geotrupes spiniger* and *Onthophagus binodis*. It will be interesting to see what sort of season it will be for our winter beetles – all reports most welcome!

The North East Local Produce Guide is coming soon... Register your details NOW

The NE Local Produce Guide aims to be a comprehensive guide for local consumers to source fresh food from local growers in North East Victoria. We are aiming to include all businesses in north east Victoria that grow AND locally sell fresh produce including fruit, vegetable, nuts, seeds, meat, fish, dairy products, eggs, honey, olive oil, herbs and spices. Business listings in the guide are FREE. Register your details online at: www.nelocalproduce.com.au



The Guide is an initiative of the **NE Regional Landcare Facilitator Project** in partnership with **Indigo Shire Council**.

- * *reducing food miles and carbon emissions*
- * *supporting local farmers*
- * *encouraging healthy eating*

For more information contact Amber Croft:
on 0429 400 411 or amber.croft@landcarevic.net.au

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

Landcare Calendar: Upcoming Activities, Events and Key dates:

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	RSVP/MORE INFORMATION
Tuesday 12 th February 7.30pm – 9.30pm	Baranduda Landcare Meeting – Guest Presenter Bruce Key: <i>“Global Warming”</i>	Baranduda Community Centre Sage Court	Glen Johnson baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 0417 687 842
Friday 15 th February 9.30am – 1.30pm	Rabbit Fumigation Training - Limited Places Registrations Essential	Aged Concern 432 Townsend St Albury	Parklands Albury Wodonga info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au 02 6023 6714
*Sunday 17 th February 2.00pm – 5.00pm *please note change of date	Native Plant Propagation Techniques: – Thinning & Pricking out	Kiewa Catchment Landcare Nursery Running Ck	Belinda Pearce belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au 0407 227 814
Tuesday 19 th February 7.30pm	Kiewa Catchment Executive Meeting	Alan McDonald’s Tawonga Sth	Jos McAlister 02 6027 1816 mcalistertojo@live.com
Friday 22 nd February 11.00am – 4.00pm	Farm Trees & Landcare Association AGM & Forum	Level 16, Marland House, 570 Bourke St Melbourne	Susi Johnson ftla@vff.org.au 03 9207 5527
Saturday 23 rd February 10.00am – 3.00pm	Indigenous Weaving Workshop	Yackandandah Comm. Education Network	Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au
Saturday 2 nd March 10.00am – 2.00pm	Landcare Display and BBQ Mt Beauty Markets	Mt Beauty markets	Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au
Tuesday 5 th March 5.00pm – 8.00pm	Kergunyah Wetlands Working Bee - BBQ tea	Meet at Kergunyah Reserve	Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au
Tuesday 12 th March 10.30am – 2.00pm	Launch of <i>“Into our Hands Foundation”</i> & <i>“Alpine Indigo Landscape Master Plan”</i> with Hon Ryan Smith	Savoy Club Myrtleford	Registrations essential Loretta Carroll 03 5753 4515 lcarroll@harboursat.com.au Paula Pipan radula@ozemail.com.au
March Date to be advised	Kiewa Catchment Executive Meeting	To be advised	Jos McAlister 02 6027 1816 mcalistertojo@live.com
Tuesday 16 th April 7.30pm	Kiewa Catchment Executive Meeting	To be advised	Jos McAlister 02 6027 1816 mcalistertojo@live.com
Sunday 21 st April 9.00am – 1.00pm	Landcare display at Yackandandah Markets	Yackandandah Markets	Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Contact List:

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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SUBGROUP: ___ Barandudua ___ Kiewa-Bonegilla ___ Kergunyah-Gundowring ___ Upper Kiewa ___ Yackandandah

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 – April/May, please send any news items/photos to Belinda by 31st March 2013