



Landcare

April/May 2011 NEWSLETTER

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

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



Kiewa Catchment Planning Workshop

Over 30 people attended the planning workshop held at Kergunyah in March. Participants had the opportunity to discuss what has worked well in the past, and how we would like to see Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups progress into the future. Workshop facilitator, Moragh Mackay is currently compiling a summary of the ideas generated from the workshop. This summary will be sent to all participants and will also be available to interested Landcare members. There is the possibility of a follow-up session, which will focus on putting our ideas into action. Thank-you to everyone who contributed.



The session began on the banks of the Kiewa River, at the Kergunyah Reserve – Middle Photo: Moragh Mackay
Photos: Tony Marsh

Kiewa Catchment Earthworm Project in the news – “Such great length for soil health”



Our earthworm project was recently featured in the Country Mail section of the Border Mail. This was a great opportunity to demonstrate that Landcare is involved in a broad range of activities, which include enhancing soil health through the trialling of the deep-burrowing earthworm, *Aporrectodea longa*.

Sampling of the earthworm sites will begin in late August/early September, which will provide us with some indication on how successful our trials have been. Dr Bernard Doube will assist with the sampling process. In the meantime, we are having to top up the sheep dung on the sites, as our worms appear to have a good appetite.

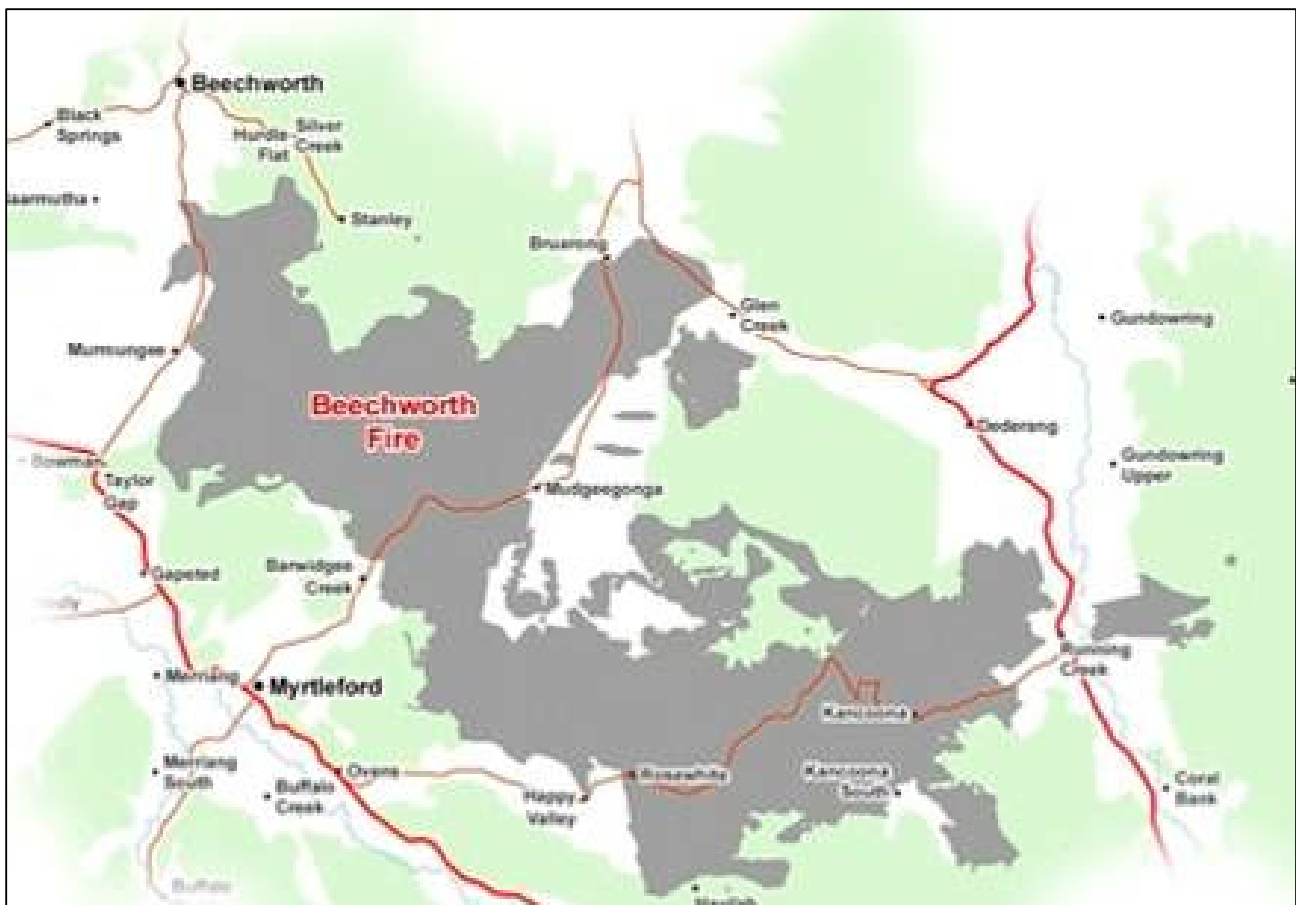
We have set up an Earthworm Project page on the Kiewa Landcare website, <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/kiewa> - click on “Projects” to access photo album, resources and project newsletters

Country Mail Article – Border Mail, 19th March 2011

To find out about the range of Landcare activities across the North East join the mailing list: please send an email to: ne-enevents@landcarevic.net.au with the subject 'SUBSCRIBE'.

TWO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FIRE-AFFECTED PROPERTIES/AREAS

Is your property situated in the gray area of this map?



The **Recycling for Recovery** Project has been funded by the sale of steel/scrap metal from fire-affected properties in the Black Saturday fires. You may be eligible for some financial assistance associated with erosion control and revegetation. 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** is targeted to 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. Grants will be made available on condition that the landholder, in conjunction with the Mudgegonga and District Blackberry Action Group (MADBAG), develops and commits to a work plan agreement. Grants will be offered to the value of 50% of cost of control to a maximum of \$2,000.00. Priority 1 is for properties directly affected by fires, and Priority 2 will be for properties located within the Beechworth Fire Complex. There will also be Field Days and Information sessions. For more information contact the Project Co-ordinator: Andrew Knowles, phone 0428 443 477, email: greenakr@bigpond.net.au

Information sheets and Expression of Interest forms are also available on the Kiewa Landcare website <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/> see "Recycling for Recovery" & "Blackberry Action Program"

Sparrow Traps – Opportunity for bulk purchase discount

Final call if you would like to order a sparrow trap, please contact Rod Mitchell

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.

Rabbit Scan Project, Mapping rabbit populations & developing biocontrol methods



Rabbitscan is an Australia-wide 'citizen science' project, inviting anyone to spot, collect and report visual or other evidence of rabbits and their impacts. We encourage you to participate by reporting sightings of rabbits to provide essential nation-wide information on the rabbit problem

Researchers need livers from rabbits that have died from RHD virus

Scientists need liver from dead rabbits to further develop rabbit biocontrol.

Scientists are currently identifying overseas strains of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) formerly known as Calicivirus, which might be effective against the resistance rabbits have developed throughout Australia. This is part of the RHD-Boost project which aims to improve the biological control of rabbits.

The RHD-Boost project team needs virus from rabbits which have died from natural outbreaks of RHD in areas where the virus hasn't been recently released. A freshly dead, but otherwise healthy-looking rabbit may indicate that it may have died from RHD. Rabbits that die from myxomatosis are not required.

For more details go to: <http://www.feralscan.org.au/rabbitscan/default.aspx> or contact Belinda, 02 6027 5294

Baranduda subgroup news – Nest box Monitoring & Upcoming Meeting



Nest Box Monitoring: Saturday 9th April, 1.00pm- 4.00pm

Inspection of and recording information from nest boxes installed by Baranduda Landcare. Meet at the Jamison Drive Reserve.

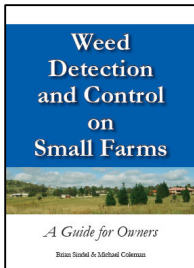
Meeting with Guest speaker: Wednesday 11th May. 7.30pm

Glenda Datsun will be giving a presentation on the Wodonga Retained Environment Network (WREN), and an overview of the open space wildlife corridor and reserves set aside in Wodonga growth zone to Baranduda.

All welcome. Meet at the Baranduda Community Centre.

Nest Box Monitoring at Chiltern: Sunday 22nd May – As part of the National Annual Survey weekend, monitoring endangered species, the Regent Honey Eater and the Swift Parrot. Further details to come.

Upper Kiewa subgroup news – Landcare resources available at Local Butchery



The Upper Kiewa subgroup have a range of Landcare material and resources on display at McDonald's Meats at Mt Beauty. Copies of "Weed Detection and Control on Small Farms" will be available from Apr 20. This booklet provides information on how to detect and control weed outbreaks on your property. There are also a number of folders for new Landholders, which provide information & resources on land management.

If you have any ideas/suggestions on activities you would like to see happening in Upper Kiewa, please let either Alan McDonald, or Kylie Chew know (contact details on page 4.)

Yackandandah subgroup news – Partnering with Yackandandah Folk Festival



In 2011 Yackandandah Folk Festival is working towards becoming an acknowledged "green event". As part of the ticketing process, there was an option to donate \$5 which was passed onto to Yackandandah Landcare to plant trees to offset carbon associated with the festival.

Stay tuned for details on the upcoming Landcare/Folk Festival Community Tree Planting Day.

Next Kiewa Catchment Landcare Executive Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th 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

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>

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

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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					