



Landcare

December/January 2010-2011 NEWSLETTER

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

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



2011 Landcare – “Future Directions” Planning Workshop: Tuesday 15th March



Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group extends an invitation to anyone with an interest in Landcare to attend a Planning Workshop on Tuesday 15th March. We are fortunate to have Moragh Mackay from the Bass Coast Landcare Network, who will facilitate the workshop. We aim to have it outdoors (possibly on the Kiewa river) and the workshop will include a BBQ dinner. The aim is for each Subgroup to develop an action plan that is relevant and achievable. We especially encourage landholders from the Kiewa, Bonegilla and Leneva areas to attend. This is an ideal opportunity to revive interest in Landcare. Further details will be available in the New Year.

Landcare Revegetation – Second Generation Additional funding available for 2011 works

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, areas 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)

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”

Nest boxes available to Landcare members -



Many of our native species are dependant on tree hollows as shelter from the weather and as protection from predators. They also use hollows as breeding and socialising sites. Research indicates that many species use several tree hollows. Sugar and Squirrel Gliders can use up to six different hollows over a 12-month period. Given the reduction in older trees, nest boxes are a proven habitat system designed from scientific research and extensive field trials.

We have a range of nest boxes (bat, mammal and bird) in need of a good home.

Please contact Ron Herbert, 02 6020 8615 or Belinda 02 6027 5294, if you would like to install some boxes at your place.

Subgroup events: All welcome to any of the subgroup meetings, activities or projects.

BARANDUDA:



GPS & Mapping Workshop:

Saturday 22nd January. 9.30am–1.30pm.

Lunch provided. This is your chance to develop skills in GPS Usage and map generation skills from the data on the GPS.

Venue: Baranduda Community Centre

Cost: Free for Landcare members, \$15.00 non-members (includes 1 year membership)

For catering purposes, please RSVP Tony Marsh ASAP

Phone: 02 6020 8668 email: greencomputing@gmail.com

Identification and Propagation of Significant Local Flora:

Saturday 26th February, 2.00pm-5.30pm. This is the third in a series of

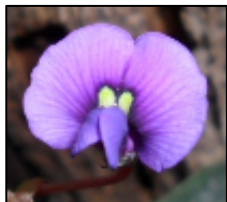
workshops/field activities run by Jill Dawson to promote knowledge and skills in identification and propagation of the local flora of Baranduda. Venue: Baranduda Community Centre.

Cost: Free for Landcare members, \$15- non-members (includes 1 year membership) – limited places available

Bookings essential: Please RSVP Tony Marsh ASAP Phone: 02 6020 8668 email: greencomputing@gmail.com

For detailed information on Baranduda Landcare events, go to: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda/events>

KERGUNYAH:



4 Wheel Drive Native Vegetation Discovery Day & Picnic lunch: Mt Murra

Unfortunately the weather was against us, and after two wet Saturdays in a row, we decided to cancel and will try again next Spring.

We encourage as many people from the Kergunyah area to attend the **Planning Workshop** and **BBQ on Tuesday 15th March** – Further details to be advised in the New Year.

UPPER KIEWA:



Upper Kiewa Annual General Meeting: New Office Bearers

We would like to extend our congratulations to Alan McDonald on his appointment of Chairperson and to Kylie Chew for taking on the position of Secretary. One of their first initiatives has been to organise a **Landcare get-together & BBQ** at the Dederang pub on **Sunday 5th December** (all welcome- meat supplied, bring a salad or sweet to share). We would also like to thank Pat Smart and Judith Samways for their amazing and much-appreciated contribution.

Friends of the Gully Junction Creek. In October the Landmate Crew did a great job in removing woody weeds from the Gully Junction Ck area. The efforts are beginning to show real results. Many thanks to Pat, and all of the other volunteers, who assisted with catering.

YACKANDANDAH:



Yackandandah Subgroup had their final gathering for the year at Brian & Robyn Lane's (pictured). The few of us that were there had a lovely time - the rain even held off while we were there and it was very pleasant sitting out in their garden and enjoying the BBQ.

We are looking for someone to step up and drive the group in 2011, as Jocelyn needs a break. No planner has been produced for next year, so if you have any ideas, we'd love you to run with it. A list of Yack members can be obtained from Jos. 02 6027 1816 email: mcalistertojo@live.com

Have a great Christmas with your families and a productive New Year.

“Community Action Grant” Earthworm Project Update

We received our first shipment of *Aporrectodea .longa* earthworms in October, and eight nursery sites have now been established. The worms were harvested from the field in Northern Tasmania and each nursery site received approximately 300 *A.longa* earthworms and 150 cocoons/eggs.

The worms are between 90-170mm in length, and have a “cone-shaped” darker head and rounded tail. Photos of nursery sites, project newsletters and resources can be viewed at: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/kiewa/projects>

Bush Tender Project – Expressions of interest – NOW OPEN



BushTender has started calling for expressions of interest from private landholders.

To register an expression of interest phone: 136 186, 8am–6pm, Monday–Friday.

For further information on BushTender call 136 186 or visit www.dse.vic.gov.au/nativevegetation

What is BushTender?

BushTender is an incentive program designed to help improve management and protection of native vegetation for biodiversity on private land. The approach provides landholders with the freedom to choose management commitments that suit their individual circumstances. Participants may agree to a range of actions including fencing of native vegetation to exclude stock, weed and pest animal control and supplementary planting of native understorey. What would you bid to provide these services on your land? To take part in BushTender, private landholders submit a bid in a competitive tender.

Successful bids are not necessarily the cheapest bids, but those that offer the ‘best value for money’ in terms of native vegetation outcomes. Successful landholders receive periodic payments under Management Agreements signed with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).

Victorian floods – Clean Up and Restoration Grants for Primary Producers

Grants of up to \$15,000, is available to eligible primary producers who have suffered direct damage as a result of the September floods. Primary producers must have suffered direct damage, which may include repairs or clean up associated with damage to farm buildings, crops, pasture, stock, fencing, plant and equipment. The grant does not cover clean-up work covered by insurance. Applications close 31 March 2011. Guidelines and application forms are available from Rural Finance. www.ruralfinance.com.au - click on link: “Victorian Floods September 2010” or phone 03 5448 2600

Federal Government Proposal - Carbon Farming Initiative – Have your say....

The Carbon Farming Initiative scheme could enable crediting of land sector abatement, potential eligible abatement activities include:

- ☐ Reforestation and revegetation;
- ☐ Reduced methane emissions from livestock;
- ☐ Reduced fertiliser emissions;
- ☐ Manure management;
- ☐ Reduced emissions or increased sequestration in agricultural soils (soil carbon);
- ☐ Savanna fire management;
- ☐ Avoided deforestation;
- ☐ Burning of stubble/crop residue;

Submissions close on 5.00pm 21 January 2011. Details of the consultation paper and submission template are available at: <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/government/submissions/cfi.aspx>, or you can contact Belinda if you would like a copy of the consultation paper and submission template.

Next Kiewa Catchment Landcare Executive Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th February, 7.30pm, at Tony & Jos McAlisters, 8 Barlow Lane Bruarong.

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



Landcare always needs members!

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

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group Contact List:

President	Peter Serpell	02 6028 9356	Vice President	Brian Lane	02 6027 1433
Secretary	Tony McAlister	02 6027 1816	Treasurer	Julie Pearce	02 6027 5286
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Leneva	Ken Proctor	02 6024 6964	Yackandandah	Jos McAlister	02 6027 1816
Equipment hire: Drills and spray units					
Brian Lane	02 6027 1433	Peter Serpell	02 6028 9356	Rod Mitchell	02 6027 5155
Project Management & Newsletter: Belinda Pearce 02 6027 5294 abanas@bigpond.com					

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Do you need to renew your membership? Please check the expiry date on your membership card.

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

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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: mcalistertojo@live.com					

If you have any items for inclusion in our next newsletter, please send to Belinda by Sunday 30th January .