



July/August 2014 NEWSLETTER

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

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

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



Kiewa Catchment Landcare membership system: You can now renew or join on-line



We are delighted to announce that our membership system now has an online component. Many thanks to Tony & Jenny Marsh for setting this up – it has been a huge effort and we greatly appreciate the large number of volunteer hours have gone into its creation.

Over the next six weeks, members will receive a letter with details on how to access and utilise the system. The site accepts both PayPal and credit card payments. Once logged in, you can edit your contact details and check when your membership is due. The online component is an addition to our existing membership options.



We will also be distributing promotional fridge magnets to help boost our membership. Our subgroups are: Baranduda, Kiewa-Bonegilla, Kergunyah-Gundowring, Upper Kiewa and Yackandandah. People from outside of these areas are always very welcome. A strong membership base helps us attract funding. Given recent cuts to Landcare – this is more important than ever.

The fridge magnet features the native double-barred finch *Taeniopygia bichenovii*. The photo was taken in a backyard at Baranduda by Neville Bartlett. We are very grateful that Neville has allowed us to use his image. The finches feed on seeds and insects and on cold frosty mornings can often be seen bunched up together.

Above: Join or renew online at: <http://kiewacatchmentlandcare.org.au>

Left: Membership promotional fridge magnet: Finch image courtesy of Neville Bartlett

Kiewa Catchment AGM at Baranduda: Speaker, Bob Gough – Australian Deer Association



You are invited to celebrate in our achievements for the past year at the Annual General Meeting to be held on TUESDAY 19th AUGUST, 7.30pm at Baranduda Community Centre. Nominations are now open for positions on the Executive Committee. The Executive meets monthly (usually the third Tuesday of each month) at various locations throughout the Catchment. Nominations can be sent to the Secretary, Jos McAlister – 8 Barlow Lane Bruarong 3749 – mcalistertojo@live.com

We are very pleased to have long-term Landcare member Bob Gough speak at the AGM on his role as the Australian Deer Association National Hunter Education Chair. Bob's presentation will focus on two areas:



1. "Living with Deer" covering deer species and behaviours, government regulations and management methods (lethal and non-lethal)

2. The "Yinkiti Bush Tucker Program" – this program links training in the sustainable harvest of wildlife with existing Tiwi Indigenous cultural programs on Bathurst and Melville Islands.

Photo: Planning the training for the "Yinkiti Bush Tucker" Program – Bob will speak about his recent trip to Bathurst Island

We look forward to your company at the AGM – We will conclude with a light supper. ALL WELCOME!

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

BARANDUDA: Get involved with the upcoming Planet Ark Community Tree Planting Day – Sunday 27th July



Baranduda Landcare's 15th Annual Community National Planet Ark Tree Planting Day is on again. This year's event is a joint activity with the City of Wodonga. Everyone (parents and kids) are invited to join in the fun on Sunday 27th July. Meet 9.45am on site.

- Follow signs past Westmont Aged Care
- Turn left from Boyes Road into Avalon Road
- 10am (sharp) briefing

A traditional post-planting free BBQ will follow. This is a great way to meet local people and help enhance our local environment. BYO sturdy footwear, warm clothes and gloves, and if possible, a mattock and hammer for wooden stakes.

RSVP before 24th July essential (to enable catering) – click on link below:

<http://wodongaurbanlandcarenetwork.org.au/blc/events/community-tree-planting-baranduda-icare-15th-annual-tree-day/>

Phone: Glen Johnson, 02 6020 8667 or email Baranduda Landcare Secretary: baranduda@landcarevic.net.au

Visit our BLCare website: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda/events>

You can also view Baranduda's most recent short film celebrating 15 years of Planet Ark Days at Baranduda:

GO TO: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda> or you can visit their Facebook page

Congratulations to everyone at Baranduda for achieving this amazing milestone. A mighty effort indeed!

UPPER KIEWA: Come and join us at: Planet Ark Community Ark Planting Day at Rockpool Rd on Sunday 27th July



Family, friends and locals combined efforts to plant out over 800 trees, shrubs and groundcovers at the Walker property at Upper Gundowring. We look forward to seeing the vegetation assisting with erosion control and also enhancing the biodiversity of the area. A fantastic effort by all involved to get so many plants into the ground.

Upper Kiewa will have a community planting day at the Rockpool Rd project area (off Damms Rd) at Mt Beauty on Sunday 27th July.

We will kick off at 10.00am, and finish with a BBQ lunch. Please wear sturdy boots and bring gloves. For catering purposes please RSVP to either Ian Howley: ih.howley@bigpond.com or Alan McDonald 03 5754 1000 by Friday 25th July. We will cancel if it is POURING RAIN.

Photo: Participants at the planting day at Upper Gundowring – over 800 trees, shrubs and groundcovers were planted

Expressions of interest for 2015 Revegetation works now being sought – Apply now



The next round of funding for the Victorian Landcare Grants is expected to open very soon. This is where Landcare obtains funding for revegetation works. Projects need to have a minimum average width of 10 metres (from banks) and funding assistance can be used to fence out waterways, wet areas, gullies or to create biodiversity corridors (minimum width for corridors – 20 metres). In 2014 the funding subsidy for fencing was \$4.50 per metre and Landcare provided plants indigenous to the site. The Landmate team

(Beechworth Correctional Centre) may also be able to assist with erection of fences and planting. If you would like to undertake works in 2015 please contact Belinda: 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au as soon as possible.

Local Dung Beetle film released on YouTube: – Underground army, Enriching soils



This dung beetle short film has been made possible through the Regional Landcare Facilitator's program. Shot at Lucyvale, the film highlights the benefits of dung beetles and how farmers can make the most of their services. A fact sheet has also been produced. The film has proven to be quite popular with over 800 views in the first three weeks.

Other films produced by the Regional Landcare Facilitators include: "Lindsay Humphry - A Lifetime of Healthy Farming", "Vermicast Production from Dairy Waste" and "The importance of Pasture Plant Diversity". The films will also be available on DVD.

View the films at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYq0ZK1fAhw>

Burning of native grasses fire trials Update: – Traditional Knowledge Project Partnership



We have undertaken burns in conjunction with Traditional Owners of the native grasses trial sites at Baranduda and Talgarno. The project aims to measure the impact of fire on native grasses and exotic weed species and to understand how Traditional Aboriginal practices can be incorporated into 21st century land management.

Due to the early Autumn break, some of the sites burnt better than others. The kangaroo grass burnt extremely well. It was fantastic to have Landholders, CFA volunteers and Traditional Owners working together and sharing knowledge. Special thanks to Dederang, Kiewa and Talgarno CFA volunteers who were on site and to Rod Mason for sharing his extensive Traditional Knowledge. The sites will be assessed by an ecologist in spring.

Tassie earthworm and dung beetle specialist Dr Graeme Stevenson North East tour



We had a busy three days hosting Graeme & Janice's visit in July. We assessed earthworm-chookyard sites at Rutherglen, Tallangatta South, Allans Flat, Osbornes Flat and Tawonga. The trial sites were established in August 2012 as nurseries for the deep burrowing earthworm. We found our special earthworm in chook pens at two sites (Allans Flat & Osbornes Flat) and in surrounding pastures at all sites except Rutherglen.

We are slightly cautious with our findings as we have a "look alike" species in the NE. We are hoping to resolve our ID dilemma through DNA analysis. We held a Field Day at Kergunyah and Graeme was interviewed on ABC Radio. Graeme also kindly donated 2000 worms to top up sites.

Sincere thanks to Graeme and Janice for their amazing contribution, the Regional Landcare Facilitator program for assisting with expenses and to Di Goonan from Dederang Farmhouse B&B for her outstanding hospitality.

Photo: Graeme & Ian at the Osborne Flat earthworm chook-yard nursery site - one of the most successful trial sites to date

Landcare Calendar: Upcoming Activities, Events and Key dates:

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	RSVP/MORE INFORMATION
Tuesday 15 th July 7.30pm	Kiewa Catchment Executive Meeting	Julie Pearce's Kergunyah	Jos McAlister 02 6027 1816 mcalistertojo@live.com
Sunday 27 th July 9.45am – 12.45pm Followed by BBQ lunch	Baranduda Landcare 15 th Annual National Planet Ark Community Tree Planting Day & BBQ lunch	Avalon Rd (off Boyes Rd.) Follow signs past Westmont Aged Care Facility.	For catering purposes – please register your attendance BEFORE 24 th July at: http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/baranduda/events
Sunday 27 th July 10.00am – 1.00pm Followed by BBQ lunch	Upper Kiewa Landcare Community Tree Planting Day & BBQ lunch	Meet at Rockpool Rd Carpark (off Damms Rd) Mt Beauty	For catering purposes please RSVP by 25 th July to: Alan McDonald 03 5754 100 or Ian Howley 0428 500 123 ih.howley@bigpond.com
Tuesday 19 th August 7.30pm	Kiewa Catchment Landcare AGM with Bob Gough: Australian Deer Association	Baranduda Community Centre Sage Court Baranduda	Jos McAlister 02 6027 1816 mcalistertojo@live.com
Tuesday 16 th September 7.30pm	Kiewa Catchment Executive Meeting	To be advised	Jos McAlister 02 6027 1816 mcalistertojo@live.com
Wed 17 th -19 th September	2014 National Landcare Conference "Celebrating our History- Growing our Future"	Crown Conference Centre Southbank Melbourne	Full Conference details available at: http://nationallandcareconference.floktu.com/ Tom Croft is taking Expressions of Interest for registration sponsorship. Register your interest before 28 th July at http://goo.gl/qsZB5V

Keep up-to-date with Natural Resource Management events and news from across the North East: – Simply send an email to: news@necma.vic.gov.au with the subject "SUBSCRIBE"

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 & chemical spray unit	Rod Mitchell 02 6027 5 155 Chemical spray unit & Rabbit ripper	Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 BBQ trailer & Tree poppers		
Project Manager, Landcare Facilitator & Newsletter: Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au					

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL: – Choose what option suits you best...

Join online at: <http://kiewacatchmentlandcare.org.au> (online system accepts PayPal & Credit Card payments)

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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.

CHEQUE PAYMENTS

Simply forward a cheque made out to “Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups” and your membership form to the Membership Secretary, Jos McAlister, 8 Barlow Lane, Bruarong 3749.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups, Commonwealth Bank BSB: 063-534 Account Number: 000902483

Please include your surname as a reference on transfers and email Jos your payment date and membership form mcalistertojo@live.com. (We need all your details so that we can process your membership).

KIEWA CATCHMENT LANDCARE MEMBERSHIP FORM – NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

NAME _____

POSTAL ADDRESS _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS
(If different) _____

TELEPHONE _____ MOBILE _____

EMAIL _____

SUBSCRIPTION: ___ 1 yr \$15.00 ___ 2 yrs \$30.00 ___ 3 yrs \$45.00 ___ Other x \$15.00

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 _____

Next Newsletter – September/October, please send any news items/photos to Belinda by 30th August