



Landcare

June/July 2011 NEWSLETTER

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

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



North East CMA: Willow Research Project - Your Opportunity to "Have your Say"



In response to community concerns relating to willows and their role in floods, the North East Catchment Management Authority is inviting landholders to share their thoughts and experiences. The CMA has put together a survey in relation to willows, willow removals, bank stabilisation and the impact of floods. The project will also incorporate a scientific study to assess recent impacts of floods. You can also share your experiences at an upcoming meeting at **Dederang Recreation Reserve** on **Thursday 16th June 11.00am – 1.00pm Bookings essential** – RSVP to Jodie 02 6043 7600

To obtain a copy of the survey, contact Veronica Lanigan, Manager Water Programs

Phone 02 60 437 612 – email: veronica.lanigan@necma.vic.gov.au

Outcomes of Planning Kiewa Catchment Planning Workshop – March 2011



The results from the workshop held at Kergunyah in March have been collated and are now available on the Kiewa Catchment website (Click on "Planning Day Results" folder). The workshop reviewed past activities of the Network, i.e. what has worked well and why. Participants identified which activities were worth continuing with, and how this could happen. We look forward to putting some of these plans into action. Much will depend on obtaining funding to support these activities.

Restoration of Fox and Wild Dog Bounty in Victoria



Foxes and wild dogs cause considerable distress and economic losses to agriculture, as well as posing a major threat to native wildlife. The Victorian Government has allocated \$4 million over the next four years to reinstate a fox and wild dog bounty.

Minister for Agriculture and Food Security Peter Walsh recently announced they would provide \$50 for each wild dog and \$10 for each fox. Department of Primary Industries regional offices will administer the program, which is due to commence in November. At this stage, it is not known which part of the fox/wild dog will need to be presented to collect the bounty. Details will be announced later in the year.

Fox front foot track – half size Image source: DPI Victoria

To receive e-newsletters about upcoming Landcare events & activities from across the North East region –

You can subscribe to North East NRM News by sending an email, with the subject "SUBSCRIBE" to:

ne-enevents@landcarevic.net.au

The mouse bucket trap: A simple, “non chemical” alternative



Before you reach for the poison, consider a cheaper and environmentally friendly alternative – “the Bucket trap”. Take a bucket and place a long piece of wood against it. The wood must be long enough to reach from the ground to the top of the container. Place 1 tablespoon of peanut butter in the container. The mice will smell the food and once in the container, will not be able to escape (you need to ensure the container is quite deep). The next job is to dispose of your catch humanely. Reports from Corowa farmers’ indicate daily catches of 20+ mice. Design variations include cylinders coated in peanut butter, which are suspended by wire across the top of the bucket. (pictured).

Upcoming Earthworm Identification Workshop



Do you know what earthworm species you have in your paddock? It is desirable to have a range of species that operate at various depths in your soil.

As part of the Kiewa Catchment Landcare Earthworm Project, an earthworm identification workshop will be held at the **Kergunyah Hall** on **Wednesday 29th June, 1.00pm–3.00pm**. Please bring along your favourite magnifying glass (magnifiers will be available for use). We will finish with afternoon tea.

Bookings essential – please RSVP to Belinda – Phone 02 60275294, email opundo1@optusnet.com.au. This workshop is funding by Caring for our Country – Community Action Grants

Victorian Landcare & Catchment Management Magazine –



This quarterly magazine is published by the Victorian Government Department of Sustainability and Environment and is distributed in partnership with the Farm Tree & Landcare Association and the Victorian Catchment Management Council. The magazine aims to raise awareness of Landcare and natural resource management among Victorian farmers, landholders, the Victorian Landcare community and the wider community.

Issue 51 (2011 Autumn edition) is a feature on managing water and includes great practical tips on creating and restoring wetlands, an aquatic and semi-aquatic weed alert and a story on how e-tag technology is shedding light on the movements of endangered fish species in Corangamite. This issue also highlights a new Indigenous Landcare group in the North East, which is connecting local Indigenous people through an innovative mixture of on-ground and cultural projects.

If you would like to be added to the postal mailing list: Phone: 03 9207 5527, email: ftla@vff.org.au

To subscribe to the email list for notifications of the magazines, email: landcare.magazine@dse.vic.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. More details to follow. 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. 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

Victorian flood Damage 2010-2011 & Hail Damage 2010 – Clean Up and Restoration Grants - Applications close **31st July**. For more information go to: www.ruralfinance.com.au or phone Rural Finance: 03 5448 2600

All issues of the Kiewa Catchment Newsletters can be found on our project website: <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/kiewa>



Baranduda Landcare releases Promotional Video

The Baranduda Landcare Group has produced a short film (4 minutes, 30 seconds) which outlines what the group does, and how members of the community can become involved. The production of the video was funded by the Volunteer Action Grants. The aim of the video is to increase awareness about Landcare activities and to boost membership. The video is on their website, and can be viewed by going to:

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

Landcare Calendar: Upcoming Activities, Events and Key dates:

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	RSVP/MORE INFORMATION
Thursday 16 th June 11.00am – 1.00pm	North East CMA Willows Research Project Community Consultation	Dederang Recreation Reserve	RSVP Jodie – 02 6043 7612
Tuesday 21st June 7.30pm	Kiewa Executive Meeting	Peter & Rhonda Serpell's Running Creek	mcalistertojo@live.com 02 6027 1816
Wednesday 29 th June 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Earthworm Identification Workshop	Kergunyah Hall	opundo1@bigpond.com 02 6027 5294
Wednesday 6 th July 7.30pm	Baranduda Landcare Meeting	Baranduda Community Centre	baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667
Saturday 16 th July 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Tree sorting day - Allocation and distribution of trees and shrubs for Planet Ark days	Barton Drive Baranduda	baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667
Tuesday 19 th July	Kiewa Executive Meeting	To be advised	mcalistertojo@live.com 02 6027 1816
Wednesday 27 th July Thursday 28 th July Friday 29 th July	Baranduda School Planet Ark Tree Days Baranduda Primary, Frayne & Trinity College	Baranduda Primary Frayne & Trinity College	baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667
Sunday 31 st July 9.30am – 1.00pm	Baranduda Landcare 12th Annual Planet Ark Community Tree Planting – will finish with BBQ	Meet at Kiewa Valley Hwy, Boundary Rd intersection (current road closed section)	baranduda@landcarevic.net.au 02 6020 8667
Monday 1 st August	Closing date: Community Action Grants		Application details http://www.nrm.gov.au/cag/index.html



Landcare always needs members!

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

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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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
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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,
Commonwealth Bank Wodonga

BSB: 063-534

Account Number: 902483 **Please include your surname and initials as a reference**

NAME _____	
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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	

Next Newsletter – August/September Please send any news items to Belinda by 31st July