



November/December 2014 NEWSLETTER

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups

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

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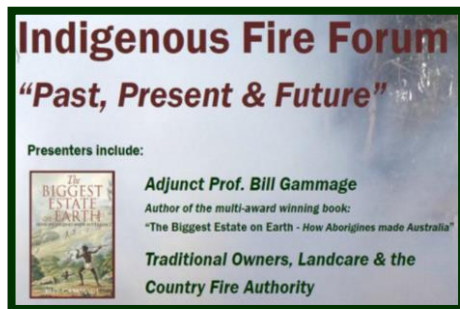


Special Resolution “Removal of Auditor” passed at October Meeting



Many thanks to the 22 members who returned the proxy forms for the Special Meeting held in October. The resolution to “remove the audit requirement” was passed, 28 in favour, 1 against. This will provide our Landcare Network with a substantial saving of \$2000.00 per annum. Full financial reports will still be submitted to monthly Executive meetings and reports will be furnished to funding bodies as part of accountability requirements. The AGM format each year will remain the same and annual financial reports will be available to all members for perusal.

2014 Indigenous Fire Forum: Saturday 6th December, 1.30pm – 4.30pm @ the Albury Club



Following on from the very successful 2013 fire forum, North East CMA & Kiewa Landcare Groups are pleased to announce that a second forum will be held on Saturday 6th December at the Albury Club. The forum will look at how Indigenous people managed the Landscape in the past, what’s happening now, and how we can incorporate Traditional Ecological Knowledge into the future. Guest speakers will include Adjunct Prof., Bill Gammage, Traditional Owner, Uncle Rod Mason and CFA vegetation officers, Phil Browne & Phil Hawkey. We will also screen the locally produced “fire film” and there will be a question and answer session.

To book your place, contact Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814

Native Pastures Field Day at Talgarno with Dr Meredith Mitchell: Saturday 17th January 2015



Given rising farm input costs (fuel, seed & fertiliser), forecasts of less reliable rainfall and more temperature extremes, high feed-value native grasses such as weeping & wallaby grass can be a real asset to graziers. They are more drought resilient, are adapted to low fertility soils and many will “green-up” from a summer shower.

The Native Pastures Field Day will look at how native grasses can be managed for maximum value, and will include grazing regimes and the use of fire. Native grass specialist Dr Meredith Mitchell will provide tips on identifying native grass. Our project ecologist, Paul Foremen will present the results from the fire trial plots at Baranduda and Talgarno. We will also screen the project’s “Native Grasses Fire Trials” film. Look out for the Field Day Flyer.

If you’re interested in native grasses, this is one not to be missed!

Photo: Rowan & Sue take soil samples at one of the Talgarno fire trial plot sites – Nov 2014

“Quik-Spray” reel fitted to Landcare Chemical Spray Unit



We are pleased to announce that one of Landcare’s chemical spray units has been fitted with a motorised retractable spray reel and that we have funding from the Victorian Landcare Grants to fit a reel to our second spray unit. Many thanks go to Brian, Peter & Rhonda for helping with the fitting out of the new devices and the State Government for funding these purchases. This should make spraying that little bit easier.

Photo: Quik Spray unit fitted to spray unit

National Landcare Conference: Recordings now available.



Missed the National Landcare Conference?

You can now listen to the presentations of keynote speakers and panel discussions at:

<http://www.landcareonline.com.au/nationalconference>

from the Landcare Australia website.

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

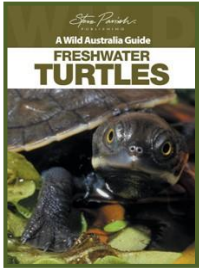
BARANDUDA: Successful Victorian Landcare Grant & Upcoming Picnic on the Kiewa River Event this Sunday



Baranduda was successful in a funding submission to NECMA (Victorian Landcare Grants) for woody weed removal from the Middle Creek upstream of Frederic Streets Road. Baranduda Landcare and Parklands Albury Wodonga invite you to a picnic on the Kiewa River event this Sunday (Nov 23rd) to raise awareness of access issues. Meet 12.30 at the Scout Hall – car pool – ready for 12.40pm sharp departure and short drive down Chappel’s Lane to Whytes Rd and further down unused public road laneway to Kiewa River. Bring your own everything! We hope you can join us.

Photo: Brian & Tom test driving the Landcare drone at the Middle Creek site, Baranduda

KERGUNYAH/GUNDOWRING: Turtle Information Session at Kergunyah Hall: - Friday 6th Feb 2015



Kergunyah will be hosting a Turtle Information session with a guest speaker from the voluntary association “Turtles Australia”. We will kick off with a BBQ at 7.00pm. This will be followed by an information session. This will be an opportunity to learn about the biology of freshwater turtles, identification, threats and how to enhance and protect their habitat.

For catering purposes please RSVP by Wednesday 4th February to Belinda Pearce or Rowan Wallace with any dietary requirements.

For more information about Turtles Australia, go to: <http://www.turtlesaustralia.org.au/>

KIEWA/BONEGILLA: Native Grasslands Reserve Walk with Glen Johnson – Sunday 12th October



Over 12 people attended the guided walk and BBQ at the Bonegilla Grasslands. Sue kicked us off with a lovely BBQ lunch and then Glen did a terrific job explaining the ecological significance of the site, and how fire is being used to preserve and enhance specific species.

It was great to see the Bower-Johnson family on board. The site is a rare example of Grassy woodlands. This vegetation type is categorised as “threatened”, and worthy of protection.

Photo: Glen guides us through the grassland while Tony & Belinda enjoy a bit of lunch at the old Bonegilla Station.

UPPER KIEWA: Landmate team back on deck at Junction Creek and Rockpool Rd Project site



We were very pleased to have the Landmate team (Beechworth Correctional Centre) back on deck at our two project sites, the Junction Creek Gully and the Rock Pool Rd Project site over the past two months. The team, with the able assistance of Landcare members John, Ian, Barb & Allan have undertaken both weed control, tidy up works and plantings. Upper Kiewa also was pleased to welcome the North East CMA Board members for a BBQ lunch to view the works undertaken on the Kiewa East river.

Landcare attended a meeting convened by the Upper Kiewa Community Association which is looking to undertake works on the West Kiewa River as you enter Mt Beauty. We are always looking for some extra hands to help with working bee BBQ’s. *Photo: Blackberry weed control at Junction Creek Gully*

YACKANDANDAH: Wise Waterways samples water bugs at Yackandandah Ck with some very surprising results



As part of the Wise Waterways Workshop, we conducted a macro-invertebrate (water bug) survey of the Yackandandah Creek near the Sports Complex.

Nets were used to catch samples at the banks and also at the riffles (fast-moving water). We were delighted to catch a number of species such as the mayfly nymph, which are indicators of a high water quality. The mayfly nymph has the tell-tale three tails. Given the number of exotic plants species found along the creek this is an excellent result.

Photo: Bug sampling at Yack Ck reveals presence of sensitive species.

Funding success: "Into our Hands Foundation" – Recording our Environmental History



Earlier this year we received funding through the Gardiner Foundation to interview older Kiewa Valley residents to compile an environmental history of the Kiewa Valley. The themes include how our waterways (rivers, creeks & wetlands) and vegetation densities have changed over time, natural disasters, pest plant and animals, birds, fish and other native animals. The Into our Hands

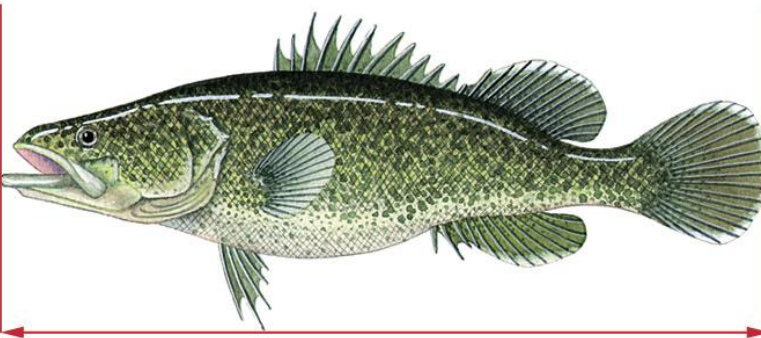
Foundation funding will provide us with the capacity to print 50 full-colour books, featuring interview highlights and historical photos. The books will be presented to local libraries, museums, schools and also to the project contributors. If you have a story to tell or have a photo or painting to share about the Kiewa Valley, please let Peter & Rhonda Serpell or Rowan Wallace know. What is the biggest Murray Cod caught in the Kiewa? Who holds the record?

Falls Creek Volunteer Hawkweed Survey: Call for volunteers



Volunteer recruitment is now open for the 2014/2015 season Falls Creek Volunteer Hawkweed Survey. As you may already know, hawkweeds are a highly invasive pest plant species which can cause major environmental damage in alpine & sub-alpine areas of Australia if not eradicated early. Participating in the surveys is a great way to help protect the Victorian Alps from this dangerous weed, as well as a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the magnificent alpine environment during the green summer months. If you, your friends, family or colleagues would like to attend or have any further questions, please contact Yohanna from Parks Victoria via email: yohanna.aurisch@parks.vic.gov.au.

Murray Cod: New Catch limits for Victoria (from the DEPI website)



In Victoria, from 1 December 2014, new Murray cod catch limits will apply to recreational anglers fishing Victorian waters:

- 55 to 75 cm slot limit state-wide
- Reduction in bag limit from two to one fish per day in rivers, whilst maintaining the bag limit in lakes and impoundments at two fish per day.

Landcare Calendar: Upcoming Activities, Events and Key dates:

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	RSVP/MORE INFORMATION
Saturday 6th Dec. 1.30pm – 4.30pm	Indigenous Fire Forum "Past, Present & Future" Keynote Speaker: Adjunct Prof. Bill Gammage	The Albury Club 519 Kiewa St. Albury	BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL RSVP by Fri. 28 th Nov. Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au
Saturday 17th Jan. 10.00am – 2.30pm	Native Grasses Field Day with Dr Meredith Mitchell report on fire trial plots	Talgarno 1361 Murray Valley Hwy (Follow the Landcare signs) Lunch at Talgarno Hall	BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au
Friday 6th Feb 7.00pm	BBQ tea & Turtle Information Session from Turtles Australia	Kergunyah Hall	BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Belinda Pearce 0407 227 814 belinda.pearce@landcarevic.net.au
Tuesday 17th Feb 7.30pm	Kiewa Exec Meeting	Les & Belinda Pearce's Kergunyah	Jos McAlister – Secretary 02 6027 1816 mcalistertojo@live.com

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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 spray unit with Quik Spray & 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 or renew online at: <http://kiewacatchmentlandcare.org.au> (online system accepts PayPal & Credit Card payments)

Our subgroups are: Baranduda, Kiewa-Bonegilla, Kergunyah-Gundowring, Upper Kiewa and Yackandandah

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 – January/February, please send any news items/photos to Belinda by 31st December