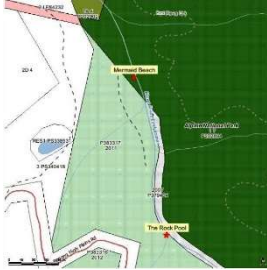




Rockpool and Mermaid Beach Landcare Project

2011 to 2019

How it Started: In the early days of our community the lovely pool on the East Kiewa River known as Rockpool was a major swimming spot for the locals. Over the years the area fell into disuse and became overgrown with many weeds. In conjunction with DSE, the Alpine Shire, Parks Victoria and AGL, the Upper Kiewa Landcare subgroup has been working to restore this area. The first major activity was blackberry clearing (which huge and valuable help from the prisoners at Beechworth), followed by a plan for restoration.



What's Been Done: Work has continued since 2011 to clear weeds and extensively plant with new specimens of local flora and to provide a car park and road access on the top level. There is also better access to



the river. A walking track has been constructed from the major river crossing linking Mermaid Beach with Rockpool.

Working bees of local residents have been held since then on a regular basis for maintenance and additional planting. This has resulted in the whole area being used for swimming, fly fishing, and dog walking. Mermaid Beach has been grassed and mowed to provide a family friendly place for picnics and access to the water.

Mermaid and Rockpool: 2019



What Do We Need To Do: Keeping the tracks clear of weeds and looking after the new plantings are an ongoing task to maintain this area as a local beauty spot. This means constant vigilance to remove blackberries and many other invasive weeds and to provide new plantings of shrubs and trees native to the area. .

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Contact Ian on 0428500123