



Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc

February 2022 Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with your local Landcare news

KCLG incorporates independent Baranduda and Yackandandah Creek as well as fully-merged Kiewa-Bonegilla, Kergunyah, Gundowring, Dederang Primary School & Upper Kiewa Landcare Groups. KCLG has a volunteer committee of representatives from our Landcare groups and funded Landcare Facilitator and Project Officer positions.



Hello Landcarers,

Welcome to the February edition of the KCLG eNews.

This month we introduce another one of our long-standing Committee members, Tony Marsh and our new upcoming feature where we will be bringing conversations with Lindsay Jarvis on the history of Landcare in the Kiewa catchment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members to Landcare in the Kiewa catchment over the last few months. It's great to see our membership increasing, please don't hesitate to make contact with myself, Charles or the Committee for any advice and support regarding Landcare in the region.

The next two months are looking very busy for events in the North-East - I've included events from our neighbouring areas too so please browse through and I hope there is something to interest everyone. Keep an eye out on our Facebook site too for information on more upcoming events.

If you have something to promote such as an event, planting day or other Landcare related matter, let me know and I'll include it in the next issue.

Shannon Brennan
Landcare Facilitator KCLG

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Introduction to our Committee

Tony Marsh (Administration/Website)

Hello KCLG Landcarer's I've been a Baranduda Landcare member for 20 years or more and have lived here for 42 years so I guess I must love the place. My background is in Ag Science initially and then Info Tech after returning to study in 1990 and I spent the last 11 years of my working life teaching Info Tech at Latrobe and then CSU. I'm a proud member and president of Baranduda Landcare working with our powerhouse secretary Glen Johnson. We have achieved some fantastic outcomes especially via our annual Planet Ark activities – this year will be the 21st. Most recently we've worked on approximately 10km of the Middle Creek removing aggressive willow species and restoring indigenous vegetation. Blackberry control has been carried out Parklands Baranduda which is a 420 Ha reserve to the north of Baranduda Regional Park and several km of key roadside vegetation protected and enhanced. We have also received funding for management of Yackandandah Creek.

My role on the KCLG committee relates primarily to website, membership, technical issues and supporting funding applications. I do love to participate in field days and manage an extensive garden at home which is looking splendid after 2 fantastic seasons.

I firmly believe that as active Landcarers we can help make a difference especially with the biggest threat we are facing - global warming.



Tony and trusty offsider Miffy admiring a wonderful Dipodium orchid specimen

Watch this space - coming up next month!

This newsletter we are introducing a new feature based on conversations with Lindsay Jarvis.

Lindsay is a familiar face to many having been around since the launch of the Kiewa Valley Farm Trees and Land Protection Group, which later became the Kiewa Valley Landcare Group.

Lindsay will take us along on a monthly journey explaining the projects and characters that have helped shape Landcare in the Kiewa Catchment in our new feature *“Recollecting Landcare through the years”*. We look forward to sharing our first article with Lindsay in the March newsletter!



What's coming up in our region

Kiewa Carbon Bash - Soil Carbon Field Days 24th and 25th February

KCLG in partnership with David Hardwick from SoilLandFood are holding our next series of workshops on Soil Carbon in two weeks on the 24th and 25th February. Everyone is welcome to this free event, see our poster below for details.

[Click here to register on Eventbrite.](#)

KIEWA CARBON BASH

Workshop 1 - Starting a Soil Carbon Project

February 24th & 25th





Join us over one or two days, visiting our four trial properties for the first of three on-farm field days looking at all things soil carbon.

- Learn about the Demo sites and the Carbon Farming activities we are trialling including: multi-species pastures, using gypsum, compost or biological products, using a Yeomans keyline plow and rotational grazing.
- Explore what farm practices can help build soil carbon in the Kiewa Valley.
- Learn how sampling for soil carbon happens under a Carbon Project.
- Learn about how we are sampling soil health on the farms.
- See a soil corer in action.

Bring your soil carbon and soil health questions along to the day as we will have a range of specialists on hand - Including our mentor for this project, agroecologist **David Hardwick (Soil Land Food)**, **Dr Greg Bender (Australian Soil Management & Nick McGrath (McGrath Soils)**

This is a free event with catered lunch by Waddingtons at Kergunyah, which will be supplied on farm in-between the morning and afternoon sessions.

Thursday Feb 24 - Session 1 - 10am - 12pm Dederang (gypsum & biological products)
Session 2 - 1pm - 2.30pm Kergunyah South (composting & gypsum)

Friday Feb 25 - Session 1 - 10am to 12pm Bonegilla/Tangambalanga (rotational grazing)
Session 2 - 1pm to 3pm - Staghorn Flats (multi species pastures, biologicals & keyline plow)

Please register via the Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Eventbrite page or contact KCLG Project Officer Charles Daaboul at projects@kclg.org.au or 0493268085 to register for one or two days or individual sessions. Full address locations and directions supplied via eventbrite or email.



Yackandandah Landcare are hosting Megan Carter
Tuesday 15th February 2022 6 - 7.30pm

Always was, Always will be... FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE FROM NORTH EAST VICTORIA

Yackandandah Landcare are hosting a session at Yackandandah Public Hall with stories from descendant Megan Carter. Everyone is welcome to attend, no need to book, gold coin donation on entry.

Tuesday 15th February, 6pm TO 7.30pm

Covid safe rules apply

Yackandandah Community On Show
Friday 25th February 5-9pm

Indigo Shire Council is hosting a community event on Friday the 25th February in Yackandandah to showcase all the community groups, clubs and organisations in the area. Yackandandah Landcare will be hosting a stall, everyone is welcome so come on down to learn about all the great community activities in the area.



YACKANDANDAH COMMUNITY

ON SHOW

Wellsford St

Friday 25 February, 2022

5pm - 9pm

*This FREE event will feature
mouth-watering food and fabulous
local entertainment*

Take this wonderful opportunity to find out more about the many
community groups, clubs and organisations based in
Yackandandah and the amazing variety of activities they offer.
Come along to discover more ways to be involved in our
vibrant community.

**SHOWCASE YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP
BY HAVING A STALL**

Contact Margo Northey by January 24 to register your group's interest
E: margonorthey@gmail.com M: 0447 848 604

Supported by the
Indigo Shire Council's Community Comeback Project

Mitta Valley Landcare Soils Analysis and Soil Biology Workshops

Friday 18th and Tuesday 23rd February 2022

This month Mitta Valley Landcare is also hosting a series of workshops on Friday 18th February and Tuesday 23rd February at Talgarno. These will be a great compliment to the KCLG workshops and everyone is welcome to attend. To register click here: [Securing North East Soils through Knowledge Exchange Project](#).

Securing North East Soils through Knowledge Exchange Project



Soil Analysis

and

Soil Biology



As part of the Soil program MVL Inc. is pleased to offer these workshops

Understanding soil health is a foundation for sustainable agriculture and increased productivity .

18th February, 2022

Eskdale Recreation Reserve

3735-3743 Omeo Hwy, Eskdale, VIC, 3701

Workshop 1.— Soil Chemistry (understanding Soil Tests)

9.00am to 12.30pm

presented by Sue Briggs — CSBP

Soil Analysis: This workshop is designed to give those that participated in the soil test program to get a greater understanding of how to read test results and what the next steps are.

For others they can bring along an old soil test result so you can follow along in the workshop.

Light Lunch provided 12.30 - 1.00pm

Workshop 2.—Soil Biology

1.00pm to 4.00pm

presented by David Hardwick - Soil Land Food

Soil biology is the study of microbial and fungal activity and the ecology in soil. What are microbes and the types found in soil?

Types of soil biology tests and how to assess soil biology?

Ways we can improve soil biology on farm?

Talgarno –Wises Creek Landcare has organised

23rd February, 2022 Talgarno Hall

(Sue Briggs presentation Only)

Workshop 3.— Soil Chemistry (understanding Soil Tests)

9.30am to 12.30pm

presented by Sue Briggs — CSBP

(see workshop 1)

Everyone is welcome to come to any presentations of interest but please register on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/securing-north-east-soils-through-knowledge-exchange-project-tickets-261468287687>

Please ring Irene Lewis 0400 775 919 with any enquiries or for assistance registering on Eventbrite

Help us run COVID safe events by not attending if you have symptoms' and bring your Vaccination Certificate.



This project is supported by the North East CMA through funding provided by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program

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Mitta to Murray Inc - Making sense of Carbon and Agriculture 15th and 16th March 2022 Talgarno and Eskdale

Mitta to Murray are also hosting two workshops to make sense of carbon and agriculture in Eskdale and Talgarno on the 15th and 16th March. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. Click here to register: [Making Sense of Soil Carbon and Agriculture - Talgarno Tickets, Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/making-sense-of-soil-carbon-and-agriculture-talgarno-tickets-250067377257)



CARBON

Mitta to Murray Inc.

*Invite you to a workshop designed to help
inform you and*

Make sense of carbon and agriculture.

Our presenter

Julian Hill BSc PhD MAIAST MAICD MAIFS

*Julian has experience in this field both through government and the
private sector*

We are offering 2 Sessions

Talgarno Hall — March 15th 6.00pm

Eskdale Recreation Reserve — March 16th 6.00pm

Please book your seat at Eventbrite

Talgarno Hall March 15th 2022 at 6.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/making-sense-of-soil-carbon-and-agriculture-talgarno-tickets-250067377257>

Eskdale Recreation Reserve March 16th 2022 at 6 PM
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/making-sense-of-soil-carbon-and-agriculture-session-eskdale-tickets-231830189877>

Or Phone
Irene Lewis 0400 775 919

A meal will be provided from 6pm
Help us run COVID safe events by not attending if you have symptoms'
and bring Double Vaccination Certificate.

Upper Kiewa Landcare Saturday Working Bees

Upper Kiewa Landcare in Mount Beauty holds working bees most Saturday mornings to undertake various activities such as weed control, planting, tracking clearing and maintenance of a number of Landcare sites around the town. If interested in joining these bees please contact John Gibbons on **0407 520 542** or email at warrawongnatives@bigpond.com to obtain information on weekly site locations, times and activities being undertaken.



Weeds Conference, 21st - 24th March 2022, Albury

The combined NSW & VIC Weeds Conference showcases the latest research and ideas for managing the establishment, impact and spread of weeds and will be held this March at the Albury Entertainment Centre. North East CMA are offering to sponsor Landcare members to attend this conference - to express your interest in this sponsorship please [click here](#).

For more information on the conference [please see here](#).



Surveys

Silage Plastic survey

Don't miss your chance to influence the development of the new recycling program, A Circular Economy for Silage Plastics, which aims to collect and recycle 100 per cent of silage plastics from dairy farms by 2030. This survey is confidential and takes just 15 minutes, and will help build an understanding of current practices and future preferences. Click on the link now to have your say: [Recycling Australia's Silage Plastics Survey](#).



Grants out now

Strengthening Rural Communities, Round 12

Applications close 5pm Tuesday 22nd February 2022

The Strengthening Rural Communities program aims to give the thousands of small rural, regional and remote communities across Australia an opportunity to access funding to support broad community needs. Given the events of summer 2019/20, it has also been expanded to offer funding to support recovery in bushfire-affected communities.

This round, grants up to \$10,000 are available through the Small & Vital Stream, and grants up to \$25,000 are available through the Bushfire Recovery Stream.

For more information [click here](#).

If you or your group are interested in any grant opportunity please don't hesitate to contact KCLG to discuss your project idea.

Resources

COVID Policy and Plan

KCLG have recently updated our COVID policy and COVID plan. These are available under our resources section on our website. The COVID plan is also available for our group members to use at events - [Click here](#)

ABC News feature on Australia's first Landcare Group

On the topic of Landcare history I came across the article which shares the story of Victoria's First Landcare Group - Winjallock Landcare who are still going strong.

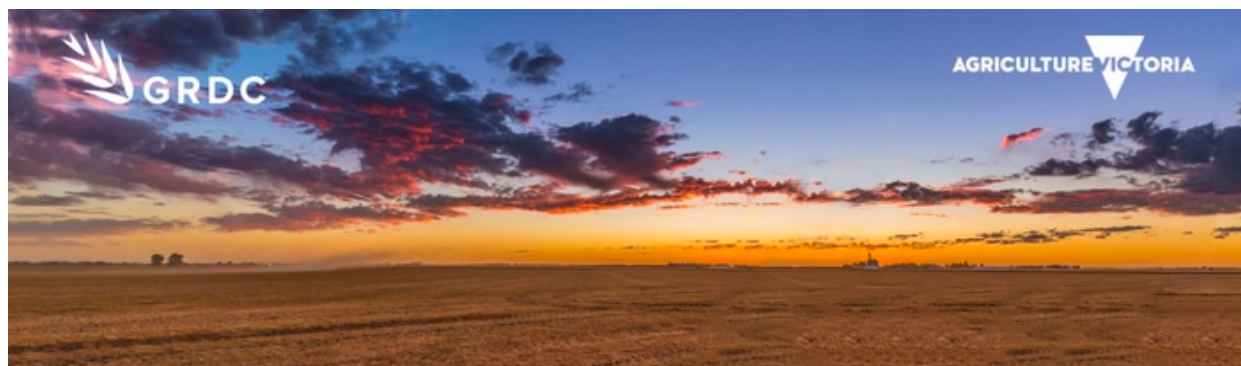
[See here](#) for the full story on ABC News



Agriculture Victoria - The Fast Break latest newsletter

Agriculture Victoria have released their latest edition of The Fast Break providing seasonal climate information for Victoria. The newsletter includes oceanic and atmospheric climate driver activity over the last month and summarises three month model predictions for the Pacific and Indian Oceans, rainfall and temperature for Victoria.

To find out more about upcoming climate predictions for the region and to subscribe to this newsletter [click here](#).



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