



Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc

January 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 January edition of the KCLG eNews. Happy new year to everyone, I think this introductory photo is very representative of the weather we are experiencing so far this year!

This month we introduce another one of our Committee members, Sue Mahon. We also have some information on our next round of Soil Carbon workshops being held in late February. These will be the first of many events running for various projects which is very exciting for Landcare in the region over the next 6 months. 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

Facilitator - Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups (KCLG)

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Introduction to our Committee

Secretary Sue Mahon



Hello KCLG Landcarer's I had the privilege of being elected Secretary for KCLG in 2020 picking up the reins from the exceptionally dedicated previous Secretary Tony Marsh, who successfully steered the KCLG into the world of Google Drive and electronic systems.

I have always loved the Kiewa Valley – as a passionate environmental manager I have watched the landscape slowly recovering because of the innovative landscape regeneration and revegetation of our passionate landholders in the valley.

My background is in horticulture, landscape restoration and environmental sustainability and management, in local, State Federal government organisations. As a gypsy at heart, I have moved from Melbourne to Ballarat and Ultima (near Swan Hill). I finally achieved my dream and moved to the Kiewa Valley in 2011, where we purchased Beautiful Ben Eagle Farm, with its locally significant formal gardens and a landscape needing revegetation and restoration. To date we have fenced out the drainage lines, dams and planted over 5000 trees shrubs and ground covers, the native grasses are recovering, successfully enabling the rare mountain hakea (*Hakea macrocarpa*) to recover and seed in the ephemeral spring fed banks of the hill country drainage lines. The ever-present blackberries and willows are slowly reducing their grip on our hill country. We still have lots of work to do but in a short time the increase in birds and critters to our farm demonstrates the importance of Landcare.

KCLG is powering ahead with many new projects and focus on broad scale landscape restoration and community engagement. There are many upcoming community events planned where new learning, skill sharing, and networking is the priority to building the community capacity to really make a difference to our wonderful Catchment.

I look forward to meeting our KCLG Landcare community and please do not hesitate to contact me for any information, project, and networking ideas at: secretary@kclg.org.au.

What's been happening?

Vale Noelene Wallace

The Landcare community is saddened by the sudden passing of a founding member, Noelene Wallace of Kergunyah. Always a keen Landcarer, at both a state and local level Noelene was a key figure in the

establishment of the Kiewa Catchment Landcare Network.

When the idea of Landcare as an organised body was first developed, the Government set up the Landcare Plan which was a statewide organisation including a representative from every shire in Victoria to implement Landcare across the state. Noelene represented Yackandandah Shire and became the Chair of this organisation.

At a local level Noelene always saw the bigger picture and supported the group in applying and delivering large scale projects for land protection and biodiversity, she leaves a lasting legacy of many trees planted that are now growing to maturity.

Kiewa Catchment Landcare Network pays tribute to Noelene's contribution to Landcare and extends sincere condolences to Ian, Cameron, Megan and their families.

Cultural Heritage Workshop held in December

KCLG in partnership with North East EMA, the Duduroa Dhargal First Nations People (Uncle Allan Murray) and Damien Wall (Red-Gum Environmental Consulting) held a cultural heritage day in December at Waddingtons at Kergunyah.

Attendees learnt about the cultural significance of the region, identifying culturally sensitive features and considerations when working in areas of cultural sensitivity, including legal obligations, planning and permits. The day was well attended and feedback all around was excellent.

Thanks to Jan and Rod at Waddingtons for hosting this event on their property and for the amazing catering.



Photo showing participants looking at a potential scar tree on the Waddington property.

Upcoming events and surveys

Kiewa Carbon Bash - Soil Carbon Field Days coming in late February!

KCLG in partnership with David Hardwick from SoilLandFood are holding our next series of workshops on Soil Carbon in late February. Over these two days we will be visiting our four demonstration farms and learning about soil testing and the methods these landholders will be adopting to improve soil carbon on their properties. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page, Eventbrite page and the upcoming February newsletter for dates and times.



David and Charles have been busy collecting soil tests on all our demonstration farms ready for the next round of workshops

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.



Are you bogged mate?

Alpine Shire Council is working with TAFCO to deliver a free event to Farmers across Alpine Shire and King Valley presented by Mary O'Brien on Sunday the 13th February 2022 from 5-8pm.

The workshop is supporting rural men's mental health and suicide prevention. Workshop will be followed by a Sunday roast and refreshments.

A bus leaving from Mount Beauty will be available, subject to numbers. The proposed stops are the Tawonga General Store, Mongans Bridge, St Albans Hall and Mudgegonga Hall then on to Whorouly. To register call 03 5752 1800 or email: kerry@tafco.com.au

For more information watch Landlines story which is an amazing capture of Mary's work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqR9cH4XDHw>



SUNDAY ROAST

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Transport available call for details.



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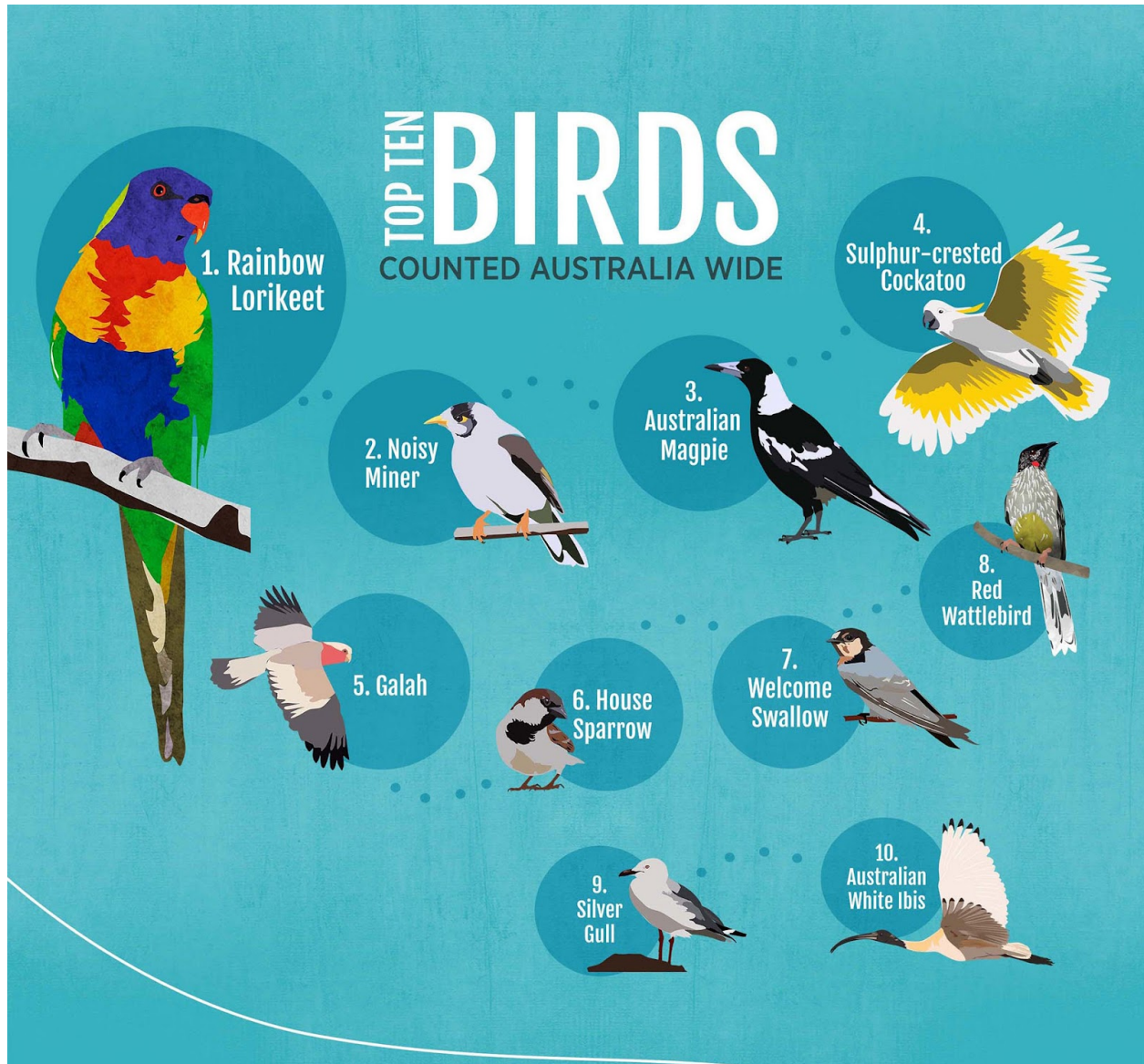
Aussie [Birdlife Australia](#) Backyard Bird Count Results are in!

The results from Birdlife Australia's Aussie Backyard Bird Count in October 2021 have been released. Over this 7 day period almost 5 million birds were counted in backyards by bird enthusiasts.

Some interesting results are that the Common (or Indian, native to Asia) Myna has dropped out of Australia's 10 most common birds (has been a top recording species since 2014). This year it was tipped out by another familiar bird, the Red Wattlebird.

Consolidating its place at the top of the list was the Rainbow Lorikeet, a position it has dominated since the bird count began eight years ago, although the number two bird, the Noisy Miner (a native honeyeater and no relation to the introduced Common Myna) is starting to close the gap.

For more results on the backyard count go to: <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/2021-results/>



Results from [Birdlife Australia](https://birdlifeaustralia.org.au/), 2021 Aussie Backyard Bird Count

Victorian Volunteering Awards 2021 - deadline extended until Friday 28th January 2022

Volunteering Victoria has announced the 2021 award nominations. **Applications have now been extended to close on Friday 28th January 2022.**

The Awards recognise and celebrate the impact volunteers, volunteer leaders and volunteer programs have in building resilient communities, services and connections across the State.

The Volunteering Awards 2021 are a combination of the Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards and the Volunteering Victoria State Awards.

There are seven categories open to direct nomination. For information and how to nominate [click here](#).



Grants out now

Indigo Shire Community Sustainability Council Grants - deadline extended until 30th January 2022

The aim of the Indigo Shire Community Sustainability grants program is to provide community groups within the shire an opportunity to implement sustainability initiatives. For example, community organisations can request funding for projects or events that demonstrate climate change mitigation or adaptation, reduce water consumption or improve water quality, reduce waste generation, support biodiversity conservation; and/or raise awareness or build capacity in climate change mitigation or adaptation, energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, and biodiversity conservation.

The total funding pool for the 2021-2022 round of the Community Sustainability Grant is \$20,000. If you are interested in applying, please visit the [Community Sustainability Grant webpage](#) to download a copy of the Grant Guidelines.

Applications close 12 pm on **Sunday 30th January 2022**.

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

Contact Us

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