



# Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc

November 2021 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 November edition of the KCLG eNews! What a great month it has just been seeing all the Landcare groups and their projects in action. This edition includes details on our first information sessions for the new Soil Carbon project we have running in the valley. These will be the first in a series of workshops being held on soil carbon over the next 8 months and we welcome everyone to come along and learn about this new and emerging topic.

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.

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# What's been happening?

## Rabbit Field Day

KCLG and Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN) mentors Tim Bloomfield and Brad Spear spent October 11th and 12th completing implosion works as the final step of the NECMA funded Biodiversity Response Planning Project targeting rabbit control on five properties in Kergunyah. KCLG president Rowan Wallace and Project Officer Charles Daaboul had the privilege of spending the two days working alongside Tim, Brad and landholders, learning many skills to input into future rabbit control projects throughout the valley.

Finishing up on October 13th KCLG hosted a great educational and informative workshop demonstrating different techniques for rabbit control including implosion works, use of bait trailers and portable smokers. Numbers were capped at 20 people due to covid restrictions, but a full house of participants learnt from Tim and Brad's knowledge, experience and excellent communication. The day was rounded out by a lovely lunch and catch up with all participants and landowners that attended.





## Upcoming events

### Kiewa Carbon Bash Information Sessions this November

Please join KCLG and local agroecologist David Hardwick ([Soil Land Food](#)) for the first information sessions on the new Soil Carbon Farming Project being rolled out in the Kiewa Valley. David will demystify what is meant by soil carbon farming for landholders in our region, help landholders learn about different soil carbon farming methods, discuss soil health benefits and the potential of income from carbon farming.

These sessions will also introduce our demonstration farms and outline upcoming targeted workshops on various soil carbon topics (measuring soil carbon, soil testing, soil biology and the carbon market) to be delivered over the next 8 months.

Four sessions are being held in various locations (including one on-line webinar) to cater for everyone's availability. Please see the link below to register your attendance - you can click on your preferred day and location on the Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/kiewa-catchment-landcare-groups-inc-35599372363>.

KIEWA CATCHMENT LANDCARE GROUPS &  
SOIL LAND FOOD PRESENTS

## KIEWA VALLEY CARBON BASH



Have you heard about 'soil carbon farming, carbon trading or regenerative agriculture' and want to know more about what it all means?

Please join **David Hardwick** (Soil Land Food) for the first information sessions on the new **Soil Carbon Farming Project** being rolled out in the Kiewa Valley. David will demystify what is meant by soil carbon farming for landholders in our region, help landholders learn about different soil carbon farming methods and identify the soil health benefits and potential of income from carbon farming.

### **Four sessions are being held across the valley**

Nov 23 - Yackandandah Hotel 12-2pm

Nov 25 - Dederang Pub 12-2pm

Nov 27 - West Peak Hotel Mount Beauty 12-2pm

Nov 29 - Online Webinar 7.30 - 9pm

FREE ENTRY & LUNCH PROVIDED- Please register via our eventbrite link or email [projects@kclg.org.au](mailto:projects@kclg.org.au) to confirm a spot for your preferred session. Further Information contact KCLG Project Officer - Charles on 0493 268 085



## 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](mailto:warrawongnatives@bigpond.com) to obtain information on weekly site locations, times and activities being undertaken.



## Victorian Volunteering Awards 2021 now open

Volunteering Victoria has announced the 2021 award nominations. Applications close on **14th January 2022**.

These 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 an outstanding volunteer for their efforts please [click here](#).



## Grants now open



## Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience

The Australian Government's Future Drought Fund Round 2 grants are now open. The program provides a sustainable source of funding to regional communities and farmers to become more prepared for and resilient to the impacts of drought. Grants are available between \$10,000 - \$150,000 and are designed to help build community capacity by strengthening social and community networking, support, engagement and wellbeing.

Grants close on the **15th November 2021** and will be announced in February 2022. [Learn more](#)

## Environment Restoration Fund – Priority Species Grants

Grant applications are now open for the Australian Government Environment Restoration Fund Threatened Species Grants (e.g. Regent Honeyeater, Swift Parrot). This grant program provides funding to undertake activities that will protect, enhance, rehabilitate, recover and/or restore priority species and their habitats, supporting on-ground activities that will assist efforts to improve the trajectories of priority species.

Grants between \$50,000 to \$250,000 grants are available. Applications close **13 December 2021** and projects must be completed by the 31st March 2023. [Learn more](#).

## Strengthening Rural Communities Grants

Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) grants through the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal are now open. The SRC 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.

Grants are available for a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities. This round, grants up to \$10,000 are available through the Small & Vital Stream.

Applications close **23rd November 2021**. [Learn more](#).

## Climate Ready Community Hume Grants

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Hume Region is delivering a Community Mini-grants Program to support community-led climate change activities and action in the Hume region. If you're part of a community group in north east Victoria that is passionate about climate change adaptation and want to make a difference in your local community apply now.

Grants are available up to \$10,000 and close at 5pm **17 December 2021**. [Learn more](#)

*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.*

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