



Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc

October 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 October edition of the KCLG eNews! This edition includes information on upcoming events on Rabbits and Soil Carbon in the region. With the great weather around this Spring I've also included links to the Aussie Bird Backyard Count and the Great Southern Bioblitz for North East Victoria - these are both great citizen science projects and an opportunity to get to know and increase understanding of wildlife at your doorstep!

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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Upcoming events

Rabbit Control Demonstration Workshop 13th October 2021

KCLG is hosting a rabbit control demonstration workshop with Victoria Rabbit Action Network mentors Tim Bloomfield & Brad Spear on Wednesday October 13th in Kergunyah. Please register on the link below. FREE event with lunch provided.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../rabbit-control...>



RABBIT CONTROL DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP



The Victorian Rabbit Action Networks ultimate goal is the long-term reduction of rabbits in Victoria so they can enhance and protect the natural environment, sustainable agriculture production, secure cultural heritage and community assets. VRAN mentors Tim Bloomfield & Brad Spear will be demonstrating implosion works on an existing warren as a follow up method and also exploring the usage of smokers and baiters.

OCTOBER 13TH 10AM - 12PM
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YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND VIA THE EVENTBRITE LINK- NO WALK INS
LIMITED NUMBERS
FREE EVENT & LUNCH

For more details contact Charles Daaboul 0493 268 085



Kiewa Carbon Farming Information Sessions - coming soon!



In early November KCLG will be hosting three FREE information sessions and a webinar on our new upcoming Soil Carbon project, funded by the Commonwealth Future Drought Fund. In these information sessions we will introduce our demonstration properties and our soils and regenerative agriculture expert David Hardwick who will speak about all things soil carbon and what we have on offer to learn about over the next nine months. This includes topics such as what is soil carbon, why it is important, how it can be improved and measured, how it can be traded and is carbon trading economically viable for the Kiewa valley. By joining these sessions you will also get to hear and learn from other members in the community with an interest in this new emerging field of regenerative agriculture.

Information sessions will be held in Mount Beauty, Dederang and Tangambalanga and dates will be confirmed shortly.

To learn more about the project or register your early interest please contact Shannon or Charles otherwise stay tuned through our Facebook site and our November newsletter for confirmation of dates and locations!.

KCLG Project Officer Charles Daaboul on 0493 268 085 or projects@kclg.org.au

KCLG Landcare Facilitator Shannon Brennan on 0407 227 814 or facilitator@kclg.org.au

Upper Kiewa Landcare Saturday Working Bees

Upper Kiewa Landcare in Mount Beauty holds regular Saturday morning working bees from 8-10 am 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 and on activities being undertaken.



BirdLife Australia's Aussie Backyard Bird Count

18-24th October 2021



Regent Honeyeater, one of our local threatened species. Photo courtesy of Glen Johnson

We are now in Spring and there is plenty of birdlife to be seen around the valley. From the 18-24th October BirdLife Australia are hosting the great Aussie Backyard Bird Count and taking part is easy! Just spend 20 minutes in your favourite outdoor space and send in information on the birds you see during the period via the app or web form. By participating in the bird count you will be helping BirdLife Australia find out about the common species that live around us which can then help provide an indication on the health of the environment.

To register and be part of this important count click here: <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

Join the Great Southern Backyard Bioblitz

22- 25th October 2021

Help discover what wild things inhabit the Southern Hemisphere in 2021 for the second-ever Great Southern Bioblitz! The purpose of this event is to highlight and capture biodiversity across the Southern Hemisphere, as well as to engage in citizen science and learning about the biodiversity within north east Victoria.

With the expansion of built environments, gardens and backyards play an increasingly important role in supporting flora and fauna. Discover what hides in your own backyard and contribute to the understanding of the species in North East Victoria.

All you need to do is to photograph or record sounds of flora and fauna and upload to iNaturalist using the iNaturalist app on your smart device. To join up go to the iNaturalist site here: [Great Southern \(Backyard\) Bioblitz 2021 - North East Vic](#)



Grants

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](#)

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- [join our group on Facebook](#)
- [join or renew your membership here](#)
- [subscribe to our newsletter here](#)