



Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc

August 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 August edition of the KCLG eNews. Its another bumper month in the Landcare space, so I hope there is something coming up to interest everyone!

Shannon Brennan
Landcare Facilitator KCLG

What's in this issue:

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What's been happening

National Tree Day - Baranduda Landcare

Well done to Baranduda Landcare and the 50 volunteers that turned out for a tremendous day celebrating the 23rd Annual National Planet Ark Community Tree Day.

Over the day 1000 native seedlings were planted across seven sites on Middle Creek (8ha) at Baranduda. Awesome day by all, with excellent collaboration from project partners including Wodonga Council and North East CMA. Check out Baranduda Landcare Facebook page for the full suite of pictures taken on the day: <https://www.facebook.com/barandudalandcare/>



Kiewa Carbon Bash - Soil Biology Workshop

Another great workshop was held in July as part of our series of the Kiewa Carbon Bash. Big thanks to all who came along to learn about soil biology and new age Soil DNA testing. Special thanks to Dr Chandra Iyer and David Hardwick of [Soil Land Food](#) for sharing their knowledge and experience on the topics covered.



What's coming up in our region

NEW DATE! Regenerative Agriculture Project - Case Studies viewing, Yackandandah Courthouse, Tuesday 23rd August 12-1pm

To close off our Regenerative Agriculture project we are hosting a Video Premiere screening for our project case study videos at the Yackandandah Courthouse. This will be an hour session, with Q&A time with the landowners as well as a light lunch. Free entry. Welcome to all. [Please register here](#)

Road To Regen Agriculture - Video Case Studies Premiere Event

Tuesday August 23rd - 12pm - 1pm

**Yackandandah Courthouse - Free & Catered Event -
All Welcome.**



**Come join us for an hour session
to premiere and watch our 3 case
study videos from our Road to
Regen Ag Project, plus a
Q & A session with our
landowners. Register via our
eventbrite QR or weblink. For
more info please email
projects@kclg.org.au**



**Yackandandah Landcare - The Wonders of Mistletoe!
Tuesday 16th August 5.30 - 6.30pm**

Join Yackandandah Landcare for a free Public Talk by Prof David Watson, Ecologist, at Charles Sturt University Dr Dave will show how mistletoe is essential for birds, bees, butterflies and more!

No need to book, Tuesday 16th August 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Yackandandah Public Hall (next to the council offices, opposite to the primary school). This project is supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and The Ross Trust



Upper Kiewa Landcare - Weekly 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.

Yackandandah Landcare - Monthly Sunday Working Bees

Yackandandah Landcare holds working bees the first Sunday of every month to undertake various activities such as weed control, planting, tracking clearing and maintenance of a number of Landcare sites around Yackandandah. The next working bee will be Sunday 4th September at 9.30am at the Sports Park wetland. If interested in joining these bees follow Yackandandah Landcare on Facebook or contact Michelle Croker on 0477417449 or Jo Millar jmillar@csu.edu.au.

Kergunyah Landcare - Exploring our roadsides - Hellhole Creek Sixth walk - Saturday 3rd September

The next walk along Hellhole Creek exploring the roadsides will be held Saturday the 3rd September. This walk will build onto learnings from the past four walks and everyone is welcome to come along, even if you haven't been able to come to the previous walks.

Meeting time is 9.00am to 11.00am. Meet at 387 Hellhole Creek Rd. Kergunyah. All Welcome! " No need to book.



Exploring our Roadsides: Hellhole Creek Road Kergunyah

Kergunyah/Gundowring Landcare invites you to join us on the first Saturday of each month to discover and record our diverse roadside flora and fauna, both native and exotic. This is a family friendly event open to members and the broader community. We will compile a bird & plant list, providing an opportunity to share knowledge and build identification skills.

Meet at **387 Hellhole Creek Road** at **9.00am** on the **first Saturday of each month** (weather permitting). You are welcome to attend one or all walks.

2nd April	7th May	4th June	2nd Jul	6th August
3rd Sept.	1st Oct	6th Nov.	3rd Dec	

No need to book. ALL WELCOME!

Bring a hat, water, sunscreen, insect repellent, camera/notepad (optional) & wear covered footwear.

For further information contact Belinda:

Phone: 02 6027 5294 e-mail: lesandbelinda@yahoo.com

Future Farming - Local Perspectives Indigo Shire

Sandy Creek: Tuesday 16 August, Stanley: Friday 19th August | 10am to 4pm

Indigo Shire is hosting free farming resilience workshops. Take the day to hear experts and peers talk about what the future may hold and what they are doing now to build resilience into their businesses and communities. Share your experience and find out what's working for others.

[Find out more and register here.](#)



Would you like to access subsidised soil testing?

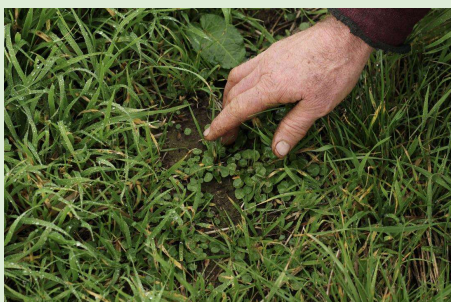
Expressions of interest are now open for the Australian Governments Pilot Soils Monitoring and Testing Program

The Australian Government is providing \$54.4 million over two years to support farmers and land managers to access low-cost soil sampling and certified testing in exchange for sharing their data under the Pilot Soil Monitoring and Incentives Program.

Farmers and land managers may be eligible for benefits of up to \$10,000 and receive assistance from Commonwealth-funded soil extension officers to interpret their soil test results. Southern Cross University has been engaged to deliver the program, including arranging soil sampling and testing for land managers who have successfully applied for assistance.

For more information on the program, including for farmers and land managers wanting to register: <https://www.scu.edu.au/pilot-soils-program/>

Additional information on the program including eligibility criteria is available in [Frequently Asked Questions](#).



National Renewables in Agriculture Conference and Expo – Thursday 18th August, Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury.

On-farm renewables are a valuable opportunity for farmers to cut costs and emissions.

This event brings together farmers, agriculture and energy consultants, peak bodies and Government representatives to share stories of on-farm renewables, their business case and discuss what's driving the transformation of energy use in agriculture.

The line-up of speakers includes 11 farmers talking about energy sharing, batteries, grazing under solar, bioenergy, hydrogen, blue tech and energy efficiency. The Expo offers attendees the chance to speak to credible renewable energy suppliers about what's on offer. There is also a Corowa field trip on 19 August to a large scale solar farm.

Tickets range from \$175-\$220, for ticket options or more information please see the National Renewables in Agriculture Conference and Expo website [here](#).

AgVic - On Farm Biosecurity Planning for Livestock Producers

Wednesday 24th August 10 am - 3pm, Wodonga

Agriculture Victoria is delivering a free workshop for livestock producers to understand the disease, pest and plant biosecurity risks in their area, the impact they may have on their business and develop an on-farm biosecurity plan.

For event information and to register [follow this link](#).



AgVic - Traceability and NLIS Database

Thursday 25th August, 10am - 3pm Wodonga

This free hands-on workshops will help producers understand their livestock traceability requirements and how to use the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database to complete property-to-property transfers.

For event information and to register [follow this link](#).

NextGen Online Youth Forum

Tuesday 23rd August

Do you know a young person aged 12-18 who is making a difference for the environment? Get them involved in the NextGen Landcare Online Youth Forum! This is an action-packed event that aims to get youth inspired, connected and empowered to take action for the environment.

Join the team at Intrepid Landcare along with Landcare legend Costa Georgiadis on Tuesday 23 August at 10.30am to 2pm AEST.

This virtual event will showcase the next generation of Landcarers, along with their unique stories, aspirations, and experiences. The event is inviting young people aged 18 and under to submit an expression of interest to share their story or local project at the online Forum. Chosen speakers will receive \$500 for their ongoing or upcoming projects - which may one day be featured in the Landcare In Focus magazine.

[.Register to attend](#) the free online forum event.



**Healthy Country - Bringing together different ways of knowing to Care for
Country**

On-line Thursday 15th September, 7.30pm

Join Trust for Nature for the annual John Paul Memorial Lecture. This year's theme is Two-way Knowledge sharing in Caring for Country.

To register for this free online event [click here.](#)

JOHN PAUL MEMORIAL LECTURE INNOVATION IN LAND CONSERVATION 2022

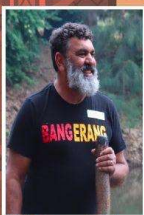
Healthy Country Bringing together different ways of knowing to Care for Country

Thursday, 15 September at 7.30pm



Maddi Miller

is a Darug woman whose research looks at ways to bring non-Indigenous and Indigenous sciences together to understand and Care for Country.



Dozer Atkinson

is a Bpangerang Elder, who works to reintroduce Culture Burning Practice to North-East Victoria.



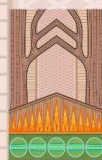
Jack Pascoe

is a Yuin man and Ecologist in the Otways. He will speak about fire practice, past and present in the Otways forests.

Australia has been cared for and shaped by Indigenous peoples over tens of thousands of years, but that was disrupted by colonial systems of oppression and displacement with disastrous changes to the environment. Indigenous peoples' responsibility to Care for Country, has in many ways been denied though contemporary land planning and management. This event asks how we care for Country in contemporary Australia, and how might western science embrace Indigenous knowledges to achieve healthy Country outcomes?

Join this FREE event on Zoom
Register to join the online event:
<http://trustfornature.org.au/healthycountry>

The John Paul Memorial Lecture 'Innovation in Land Conservation' is made possible thanks to the generosity of The Paul Family Foundation.
Hosted by Trust for Nature's Nicki Munro, (Ecology)



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Grants and surveys out now

Strengthening Rural Communities Grant Opportunity - closes 30th August 2022

The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) program aims to give the thousands of small remote, rural and regional 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. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and assessed quarterly.

[Click here to apply](#)

Our Regions: Living Local – Regional Community Grants - closes 14th August

This program aims to fund community organisations to buy equipment and undertake minor building refurbishments and maintenance works that will help them to support their local communities. Its purpose is to support:

- Community organisations to facilitate and support improved social connections.
- Community organisations to engage with and provide services to the community.
- Vulnerable community members and volunteers to re-engage and participate in community settings.
- Improved access to community venues for people of all abilities.

The program forms part of the Victorian Government's \$20 million Local Living Fund which provide funding for local community-building projects that promote social connections, enhance liveability, and revitalise regional shopping strips and activity centres. It is one of the funding streams under the \$5 million Our Regions: Living Local Fund which was established as part of the Victorian Budget 2022-23 to support the regions to recover and thrive. It will drive economic and social recovery and support local living in the regions hardest hit by the pandemic.

[For more information click here](#)

Mapping Australian Agriculture Survey - Graeme Hand

Graeme Hand from Hand for the Land is running a project to survey Australian Agriculture and is seeking participants to complete a survey.

The intent of the Mapping Australia Agriculture project is to map the current state of Australian agriculture and discover/create opportunities. The survey results will inform next possible steps that shift food production to a lower risk, increasingly profitable, and drought resilient model that restores biodiversity.

The survey is confidential and takes about 12-17 minutes to complete. A report will be prepared and published on the results and potential steps.

To find out more and to complete the survey please [click on this link](#).



Resources

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](#) or watch the latest seasonal climate videos: [click here](#).



State of the Environment Report

Check out the latest State of the Environment report as of 2021. The State of Environment Report is released by the Federal government once every five years. Sadly, the 2021 State of the Environment report shows the impacts of habitat destruction, climate change, and invasive species on our native birds and their habitat.

To read the report please [click here](#)

North East CMA - Revegetation video series

The North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA) revegetation video series is now available - see the full playlist at [Bush for Birds Revegetation Series July 2022 - YouTube](#)

The revegetation video series is part of the Bush for Birds project, a landscape-scale project that aims to help landowners create and improve habitat for the critically endangered Regent honeyeater and Swift parrot in north-eastern Victoria.

The series walks through the steps for a successful revegetation project, from planning, site preparation, and planting, to enhancing farm dams to improve biodiversity values in your site.

The video series was developed to inspire and support landholders to start their own revegetation projects. If you have further inquiries or want to discuss revegetation opportunities, please contact the North East CMA.

Contact Us

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