



# Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc

## July 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-Tangam-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 July edition of the KCLG eNews.

Hope everyone is staying warm over these cooler winter conditions. There is still lots happening in the Landcare space so please see below for details on workshops, working bees, webinars and upcoming conferences. A reminder that Sunday the 31st July is National Tree Day and if you would like to join a local tree planting event please join Baranduda Landcare for their annual community planting day (see below for details!)

Shannon Brennan  
Landcare Facilitator KCLG

### What's in this issue:

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## What's been happening

## Shade and Shelter Farm Revegetation Workshop

On a cold June day 28 people braved the conditions to attend our last workshop under our Regenerative Agriculture project. Participants learnt about how to plan and undertake revegetation for livestock shade, shelter and biodiversity. KCLG would like to extend a special thanks to Brad Costin from [Agriculture Victoria](#), Michael Bonhote for hosting us at his great property and the [Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre Inc.](#) for their delicious soup, sandwiches and muffins. A case study will be prepared with Michael and Brad and will be made available over the next month.

Please contact KCLG if you have any questions about revegetation on your property.



*Attendees braving the cold conditions*

## Yackandandah Landcare Update

June has been another busy month for Yackandandah Landcare group, with various activities occurring with Yack Primary school students, including presentations, wetland health surveys and planting activities. The group also met to discuss their strategic priorities and held a working bee last Sunday at the Sports Park Wetland.

A reminder that working bees are held on the first Sunday of every month and everyone is welcome to attend. For details contact Michelle Croker on 0477 417 449 or Jo Millar at [jmillar@csu.edu.au](mailto:jmillar@csu.edu.au).



*Some new plantings at the Sports Park Wetland*

To join Yackandandah Landcare on Facebook click here:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/183320635496051/>

## Upper Kiewa Landcare Planting Update

Three working bees were held over June to plant 600 trees at the Simmonds Creek site in Mount Beauty. Planting was kicked off by Mt Beauty High School VCAL students who planted 150 trees. Members then planted the remaining trees over two weekends. Some in-fill planting has also occurred along the Rock Pools track and there is another planting planned for the West Kiewa Trail in late August.



Anyone wishing to joining working bees in Mount Beauty please contact John Gibbons on **0407 520 542** or email at [warrawongnatives@bigpond.com](mailto:warrawongnatives@bigpond.com)



## Kiewa-Tangam-Bonegilla Landcare Meet and Greet

Last Sunday the KTB group met with some new members to discuss priorities for action in their local Landcare area. It was great to connect with a new group of people and KTB Landcare is excited about new opportunities for Landcare in the area. Keep an eye out in this newsletter or the KTB Facebook site for upcoming news.

If you would like to join the group or get on their mailing list please contact Charles Daaboul on 0492 268 085 or email on [projects@kclg.org.au](mailto:projects@kclg.org.au).



## What's coming up in our region

### Kiewa Carbon Bash - Soil Biology Workshop, Friday 15th June, 10 am - 2pm

This Friday in Kergunyah KCLG is holding our next workshop through the Kiewa Carbon Bash project. Once again it's a free and catered event and everyone is welcome to attend.

In this workshop we will join agroecologist **David Hardwick** (Soil Land Food) and microbiologist **Dr Chandra Iyer** to explore measuring soil biology on your farm. We will look at the different soil biology tests and look at the results from the DNA analysis of the demo farms that are part of the Kiewa Carbon Bash Project.

Register via eventbrite or the QR code below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../kiewa-carbon-bash-how...>

# KIEWA CARBON BASH

## How To Measure Soil Biology

**Friday 15th July 10am - 2 pm Kergunyah Hall**  
**Free & Catered Event - All Welcome**



**Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups** are excited to invite you all to our next installment of the Kiewa Carbon Bash.

Please join agroecologist **David Hardwick** (Soil Land Food) and microbiologist **Dr Chandra Iyer** for this hands on workshop where we will explore measuring soil biology on your farm. We will look at the different soil biology tests and look at the results from the DNA analysis of the demo farms that are part of the Kiewa Carbon Bash Project.

*Please register via the QR code to the KCLG eventbrite page or contact Project Officer Charles Daaboul at [projects@kclg.org.au](mailto:projects@kclg.org.au) or on 0493 268 085*



## Healthy Hectares Project Information Sessions

**Sunday 24th July Chiltern and Myrtleford**

Are you a new or small landholder in the Kiewa Valley and are interested in learning more about sustainable land management, property planning, biodiversity, water and soils on your property? A new joint project between the Ovens, Kiewa and Wodonga Landcare network areas called 'Healthy Hectares' is starting this July.

The project will commence with some information sessions on the 24th July. Everyone is welcome to attend to find out more about the project and what it has on offer. With special guest speaker Sue Brunskill a 10 am session will be held in Myrtleford and another at 3pm in Chiltern.

Catering is provided and bookings can be made via the following links:

24th July, in 10 am Myrtleford <https://www.trybooking.com/CACWF>

3pm in Chiltern: [click here](#)



## INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you a small landholder in the North East of Victoria?

Are you interested in best practice land management?

**Then joining Healthy Hectares could be for you!**

**PROPERTY PLANNING**

**WATER**

**SOIL**

**BIODIVERSITY**

**PESTS & WEEDS**

**LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT**

The program will provide the information which will ultimately help you to better manage your land through the development of a whole farm plan .

**SUNDAY JULY 24**

**MYRTLEFORD RSL - 10AM**

**CHILTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE - 3PM**

Please register via TRYBOOKING - MYRTLEFORD - [www.trybooking.com/CACWF](http://www.trybooking.com/CACWF)

CHILTERN - [www.trybooking.com/CACVY](http://www.trybooking.com/CACVY)

These information sessions are free to attend with catering provided.

Any further information, please contact Healthy Hectares Project Officer - David Thorpe 0400 740 791  
or [healthyhectaresne@wodongalandcare.org.au](mailto:healthyhectaresne@wodongalandcare.org.au)

### **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](mailto: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 7th August 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](mailto:jmillar@csu.edu.au).

### **Kergunyah Landcare - Exploring our roadsides - Hellhole Creek Third walk - Saturday 6th August**

The next walk along Hellhole Creek exploring the roadsides will be held Saturday the 6th August. 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.

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

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](mailto:lesandbelinda@yahoo.com)

### Baranduda Landcare - Community Tree Day, Sunday 31st July

Baranduda Landcare's Annual Community National Planet Ark Tree Planting Day is on again. This year they celebrate their 23<sup>rd</sup> annual event! Everyone, including kids, is invited to join in the fun on Sunday 31st July 2022, start time 9.45 am. Free BBQ to follow the event.

The day will be another planting on Middle Creek, meeting on the intersection of Boyes Road and Burgess Lane - [click here](#) for more details on the day and a map of the location.

To register [click here](#).



This project is supported by the Victorian Landcare grants program 2021 and NECMA's Bush for Birds program funding to enhance habitat for the threatened Regent Honeyeater & Swift Parrot.

**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](#).



### **Albury Wodonga Circular Economy Showcase – Friday 22nd July**

Albury Wodonga Circular Economy Showcase 2022 is all about sharing the latest news, innovations and opportunities in the circular economy space. This event will take participants beyond recycling to a deeper understanding of the 'Circular Economy', how it can transform businesses, mindsets and minimise carbon footprints, featuring keynote speakers and specialised case studies.

The session will be held from 9am-12.30pm. Mantra Albury Hotel, 524 Smollett Street, Albury and Online. In person tickets are \$30.74 pp (includes morning tea and lunch - optional tour - free), or online \$10 pp. For tickets or more information please see [here](#).

Albury Wodonga  
**Circular Economy  
Showcase 2022**



**ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) in Agriculture -  
How to get a premium price for a premium product  
La Trobe Uni, Wodonga, Thursday 28th July 2022**

Environment, Social, Governance (ESG) is arguably the biggest move seen in agriculture, with consumers demanding a high level of product integrity and proof of source. This conference offers the opportunity to learn more about what ESG means for farmers and their market partners. Thursday 28 July 2022, 9.30am to 5.00pm - \$23pp at La Trobe University, Wodonga. The day is followed by an optional dinner with guest speakers for an additional \$40.

For bookings and more information:

<https://events.humanitix.com/esg-in-agriculture?fbclid=IwAR0-ePca53P4y64sGnfoCsFETaWd6Wq0ao8dbh3vZy5rMM300UWf6D1u99M>



**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](#).

### **The Role of Soil Microbiology in the Life of Trees - Arborgreen Webinar, 1pm Thursday 14th July**

Do you want to learn how to stimulate healthy tree growth, both above & below ground? Does improving the general well-being of your soil interest you?

Join **Dr Uwe Stroeher, R&D Manager for Neutrog**, for this informative 40-minute live webinar. Uwe uncovers the secrets of bringing soil to life and dives into the role of soil microbiology in the lifecycle of trees on Thursday 14th July at 1pm.

[Click here to register](#)



## **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](#)

### **Emerging Stronger Volunteering Grants - closes 18th July 2022**

The Emerging Stronger grants program has been established to restore and reinvigorate volunteering in local communities. Grants of up to \$80,000 are available to support local partnerships and innovation projects to re-engage volunteers, broaden the volunteer base, and/or strengthen volunteering in local communities. To view the guidelines and how to apply, please visit [www.volunteer.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.volunteer.vic.gov.au/grants)

### **Victorian Landcare Grants 2022 now open - close 26th July**

Applications are now open for the 2022 Victorian Landcare Grants. The Victorian Government is providing \$3.35 million funding to support Landcare and environmental volunteering groups and networks for on-ground works, education, and capacity building projects that help protect and restore Victoria's land and natural environment.

Up to \$20,000 is available for project grants and up to \$500 for support grants.

The grants are open to all Victorian Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks that are community-based and have a focus on on-ground land and natural environment improvement work.

This includes Landcare groups and networks, Friends of groups, Conservation Management Networks, Coastcare groups and Aboriginal groups and organisations working on Country.

Full details at <https://bit.ly/3QkLcui>

### **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](#)

## 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](#).



## Contact Us

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