



Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc

June 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 June edition of the KCLG eNews!

Well winter has certainly come in nice and early this year, hope everyone is staying warm. Despite the cold we still have lots happening in the Landcare space, including tree planting activities, biodiversity walks, a shade and shelter workshop, dung beetle workshop and a native plant giveaway.

There is also still an opportunity to have your say on places you value, issues and challenges you see for the Lower Kiewa catchment, so please take time to complete the short survey NECMA now has open as part of development of the Lower Kiewa catchment Stewardship plan. This is important to make sure our Landcare priorities are recognised and will greatly assist us in securing future grant funding opportunities.

Shannon Brennan
Landcare Facilitator KCLG

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Landcare History in the Kiewa Valley

This month we feature an important video recorded in 1998 celebrating Landcare history in the Kiewa Valley and featuring local Landcare legend Maurie Smith.



Watch this great story on YouTube here:

[Caring for Our Land - Kiewa Catchment Landcare](#)

What's been happening

Kiewa Carbon Bash - Carbon Traders Day

A Carbon Traders workshop was held on the 27th May in Tangambalanga as the next series of events in our Kiewa Carbon Bash. Thank you to all who came along, it was great to see so many questions answered and information shared to our community. Special Thanks to [AgriProve](#), [South Pole](#), [Active Carbon Farming](#), [Select Carbon](#), David Harwick from [Soil Land Food](#) for his ongoing mentorship of this project and the [Union Hotel Tangam](#) for its hospitality and food. Keep an eye out for the next installment of the Kiewa Carbon Bash coming up in July!



Attendees at the Carbon Traders Day

Yackandandah Landcare Update

The Yackandandah Landcare Group has a busy year ahead with three newly funded projects to get involved with! Below is an update from the group on all activities being undertaken and how you can get involved.

Junior Landcare Grant - Yackandandah Primary School

A Junior Landcare grant was awarded to Yackandandah Primary School in learning about flora, fauna, invertebrates and pollinators, and aquatic life. A tree planting will be held out the back of Yack Health on Thursday 23 June by students and residents. Feel free to come along and lend a hand (see below for further contact details).

Wetlands Project

A local wetlands project funded by The Ross Trust aims to involve the Yackandandah community in learning about our two wonderful wetlands within the town. The wetlands at the Sports Park were renovated in 2016 and a successful tree planting by scouts and local families has created a beautiful space for wildlife (see photos below). The wetland now has a bench seat and is a peaceful spot to take a walk and rest. The residents of Yack Health and Yackatoon will be invited to join a community walk around the wetland in spring. Primary school students will be doing wetland health surveys to measure water quality, discover invertebrates, identify vegetation and birdlife. The second man-made wetland on Bells Flat Rd will also be used as a study site to compare features of a natural versus artificial wetland.



Wetland site in 2016 during planting



Wetland site in 2022!

A series of public talks will be held throughout 2022 on topics ranging from waterbirds and wetlands, magic mistletoe, local fauna, environmental weeds and much more.....watch out for notices on Facebook, around town, on local radio and this newsletter.

Rowdy Flat Project

Rowdy Flat forest area will get a makeover with extensive weed control this spring and summer funded by the state government via NECMA. Working bees will be organised on a regular basis so keep an eye out for notices on Facebook and notice boards around town.

How to get involved and keep abreast of what Yackandandah Landcare are up to?

Working bees along Yackandandah Creek are held on the first Sunday of each month from 9am to 11am. Meet at the sports park oval, bring tools and wear appropriate clothing. For more information contact Mish Croker on 0477417445

Rowdy Flat project - for information on working bees and progress contact Gabi Bridge on 0421925154

Wetlands project, Junior Landcare project and to join their mailing list - contact Jo Millar 0405040639 or jmillar@csu.edu.au.

To join Yackandandah Landcare on Facebook click here:

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

What's coming up in our region

Shade, Shelter and Biodiversity - Farm Revegetation Workshop Thursday 23rd June 2022

KCLG are very excited to share with you all our next on farm workshop in Tawonga on Thursday the 23rd June. Part of our Road to Regen Ag Project we are running this exciting event that will explore how to best plan revegetation for livestock shade, shelter and biodiversity for your farm. Brad Costin of AgVic will be our expert guest speaker for the day and property owner Michael Bonhote will share his own experiences, challenges and lessons learnt over the past decade.

As always, this is a free and catered event, welcome to all.

SHADE, SHELTER & BIODIVERSITY FARM REVEGETATION WORKSHOP



Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups & Agriculture Victoria are excited to welcome you all to our Shade, Shelter & Biodiversity - Farm Revegetation Workshop.

This farm walk and field day will provide participants with an understanding of how to best plan revegetation for livestock shade and shelter and biodiversity on their farms. Hear how it has been successfully implemented on a working beef farm in the Kiewa Valley and learn the practical steps involved to make it work.

Brad Costin from Ag Vic will share his knowledge as our guest speaker for the day. We will also hear from property owner **Michael Bonhote** who will share his valuable insights and lessons learnt after many years of undertaking farm revegetation.

**Please remember to wear gumboots or sturdy, waterproof shoes and warm clothing.*

Free & Catered Event - All Welcome
Please register via KCLG Eventbrite or
email Charles Daaboul at
projects@kclg.org.au for more info.

10 ROPERS RD TAWONGA
THURSDAY JUNE 23
10:00AM-12.30PM



Upper Kiewa Landcare Mount Beauty Planting Day, Saturday 11th June

Following a successful planting day last Saturday Upper Kiewa Landcare are holding another day this Saturday to get the remaining 200 plants in on the Simmonds Creek Road site. Everyone is welcome to come down, no need to register.

The group will be meeting along Simmonds Creek Road, Tawonga South, 250 m from the Kiewa Valley Highway intersection at 9 am. Please wear good footwear, gloves and bring a rain coat (just in case).

It will also be an opportunity to see this new parkland & the work that has been undertaken to remove weeds at the site.

For further information please contact John Gibbons on 0407520542



Volunteers planting last Saturday on Simmonds Creek

Kergunyah Landcare - Exploring our roadsides - Hellhole Creek

Third walk - Saturday 2nd July

The next walk along Hellhole Creek exploring the roadsides will be held Saturday the 2nd July. This walk will build onto learnings from the past three 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

Kiewa-Tangambalanga-Bonegilla Landcare Update - Free Native Plants and a Community Meet and Greet Sunday 3rd July

As part of re-activation of the Kiewa-Tangambalanga-Bonegilla (KTB) Landcare Group we are holding a free native plant giveaway this June-July and are holding a group meet and greet on **Sunday 3rd July from 10-11am!** See below for details:

NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY

KIEWA TANGAM BONEGILLA LANDCARE (KTB)

We are offering free native plants to residents and landholders within the Kiewa, Tangambalanga, and Bonegilla areas. We are looking to engage new people into Landcare and increase the amount of native vegetation to improve biodiversity across our urban and rural properties.

So how does it work?

- Orders open Friday 10th June and close Thursday 14th July (or until stocks last)
- Limit of one order per household/property
- Orders are open to all residents within the Kiewa-Tangambalanga-Bonegilla Landcare area, both urban and rural.
- Landholders/residents are entitled up to 10 plants, paid Landcare members are entitled up to 30 free plants (to become a member visit www.kclg.org.au - \$25/year).
- Orders will be available from the week on July 19th in a central pick-up location in Tangambalanga.
- To complete your order, please complete the following form by scanning the QR code, the link below or on the KTB Facebook page.

Plants have been made available through Indigo Shire Community Grants Program and KTB thank them for their support in this program!



For more info please contact Charles on projects@kclg.org.au or 0493 268 085

To complete your order please complete the [following form](#) or click on the QR code on the poster.
To look at the full list of species available [click here](#)

Species available will be allocated in the order they are submitted so get in quick so you don't miss out on this great offer!

KTB Landcarer's Meet and Greet!

KTB are holding a community meeting **Sunday 3rd July 10-11am** in the green space next to the General Store in Tangambalanga (56 Kiewa East Road, Tangambalanga).

This meeting will be an opportunity to meet other Landcare members in the area, discuss priorities and issues requiring action and potential grant opportunities and projects to reactivate landcare in the area .

All existing members and anyone interested in joining Landcare are most welcome. Please come join us for some **FREE** morning tea!

If you are interested in coming along please email Shannon on facilitator@kclg.org.au or Charles on projects@kclg.org.au for catering purposes.



Would you like to access subsidised soil testing?

Expressions of interest are now open for the Australian Government's 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](#).



New design concepts for improved nesting boxes
Friends of Willow Park, 7pm Wednesday 22nd June, West Wodonga

Friends of Willow Park are hosting a nest box event with guest speaker, Terrestrial Ecologist Mick Callan on the 22nd June in Wodonga. The event will cover some of the key challenges with nest box design and longevity and explore solutions he has developed with 3D-printed hollows for nesting creatures.

To book for this event: [Design Innovations for Improved Nesting Boxes Tickets, German Austrian Australian Club, West Wodonga | TryBooking Australia](#)



Friends of Willow Park Inc.

Educating and involving the community in protecting,
preserving and valuing parklands

The Friends of Willow Park
Invite you to an Information Night on

New Design Concepts for Improved Nesting Boxes



When: Wednesday, June 22nd

Where: the German Austrian Australian Club
5 McFarland Road Wodonga West

Start Time: 7pm

- ❖ Have you or your group had problems with nesting boxes not lasting the distance?
- ❖ Have you or your group established nesting boxes in your location for specific native wildlife and discovered them to be inhabited by unintended or even undesirable inhabitants?

On this night we have invited
Researcher and Principal Terrestrial Ecologist of
Habitat Innovation and Management

Mick Callan

to provide his solutions to some of the problems that
we have encountered with our conventional nesting
boxes, with his development of the
'3D-Printed Hollow for Nesting Creatures'



More background information at: <https://www.habitatinnovation.com.au/>

Event Fees: Attendance Only \$5pp; with buffet meal included \$20pp

To make your booking use TryBooking weblink below: <https://www.trybooking.com/8ZCOU>

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ESG (Environment, Social, Government) in Agriculture - How to get a premium price for a premium product One day conference in 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>

Premium price for a premium product



ESG IN AGRICULTURE

Birdlife Australia Photo Awards - Close 1st August 2022

If you are an avid photographer and bird enthusiast this year's Birdlife Australia photo awards open on the 27th May and close on the 1st of August.

For more information go to: <https://www.birdlifephotoaward.org.au/>



Mitta Valley Landcare Dung Beetle Workshop Friday 1st July

Mitta Valley Landcare are hosting a free Dung Beetle workshop on Friday 1st July with Greg Dalton from [Creation Care](#) - this will be a great opportunity to learn all about the latest information on dung beetles. RSVP details are provided below.

"Doing it with Dung"

DUNG BEETLE WORKSHOP



Presenter: Greg Dalton (Creative Care) –

Dung beetle breeder from South Australia, supplier of our spring active beetles *O.vacca* and *B.bubalus*

This is a great opportunity to learn and ask questions about the forthcoming spring hatching and ongoing management of beetles.

When: Friday 1st July 2022 9.30am – 12.30pm

Where: Judy and Alec Cardwell's 1317 Mitta North Rd, Mitta Mitta 3701

Light refreshments provided.

RSVP to Judy Cardwell 0400014074



**National
Landcare
Program**



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

Have your say on the management of the Lower Kiewa catchment - closes 15th June 2022

The Kiewa River is a major river system in north east Victoria and features many important places, valued for their natural and agricultural landscapes. The Lower Kiewa catchment area includes a wide range of farming, urban, and natural landscapes from Gundowring downstream to the junction of the Kiewa and Murray Rivers, including Yackandandah and Middle Creek sub-catchments. The Country of the Lower Kiewa catchment is also important to its Traditional Owners and First Nations Peoples, and is rich in cultural heritage.

Stewardship Action Plan for the Lower Kiewa

An Action Plan is being prepared to guide management of land, water and biodiversity values in the Lower Kiewa catchment. This is an opportunity to support the community to connect and collaborate in catchment stewardship. The North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is seeking input from a broader group of stakeholders, government and non-government organisations and the community to understand their issues, challenges and aspirations for the catchment.

A short survey is currently out now to capture your input and a survey map where you can pinpoint areas that you value, challenges and opportunities you see for the catchment

We want to hear from you - [click here to do the short survey](#)

For more information, please contact Sam Gitahi at NECMA on 0418 145 240.



Map showing the area the plan covers

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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