



# Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups Inc

## May 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 May edition of the KCLG eNews!

This month there are once again a number of upcoming events. There are also some good resources to check out with the new video prepared by Mitta to Murray Landcare promoting the Tallangatta expo and a webinar recording with Graeme Hand on our Road to Regenerative Agriculture project. There is an opportunity to have your say on the Lower Kiewa River with a new plan being prepared by NECMA. KCLG also has three free tickets left for the Carbon Conference so please contact us if you would like to take this offer up.

Shannon Brennan  
Landcare Facilitator KCLG

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### What's been happening

## Tallangatta Expo

KCLG attended the Tallangatta expo in late April - the day was excellent and included displays by Mitta to Murray Landcare, AgVic, NECMA, Sustainable Farms and KCLG. It was a great opportunity to meet landholders and talk with our partner organisations and groups. KCLG took the opportunity at our stand to promote our local groups and the Soil Carbon project.

The Mitta to Murray Landcare video put together by Grigg Media on the day can be viewed here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDQsgzVmrJA>



*Charles at the KCLG display at the expo*

## Road to Regenerative Agriculture Webinar

A follow-up webinar to the Road to Regenerative Agriculture field day with Graeme Hand was also held last month. Topics discussed were leaf vs root driven recovery, assessing landscape function and safe to fail trials.

For those who missed it the webinar can be viewed here:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bbuBe2m\\_X8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bbuBe2m_X8)



*One of our demonstration farm participants strip grazing their flock of sheep*

For more information on Graeme Hand see: <https://www.handfortheland.com/about-us>

If you are interested more in this topic please contact Charles Daaboul, Project Officer with KCLG on [projects@kclg.org.au](mailto:projects@kclg.org.au) or 0493 268 085.

## Kergunyah Landcare Platypus Day

The platypus is one of the world's most remarkable animals. The [Australian Platypus Conservancy](#) (APC) works hard to unlock some of the key scientific mysteries which still surround the species. They are wonderful indicators of the health of our rivers and waterways. Geoff Williams from the APC gave an excellent presentation on Platypus at Kergunyah Hall on May 1 followed by a session at Dederang Primary school on Monday May 2. The students and children loved meeting Patrick the Platypus and learning all about the Platypus.

Geoff talked about the features that make platypus so special, explained their conservation needs and how everyone can go about helping these animals. He also gave hints on how to spot platypus in the wild and outline opportunities to become involved in platypus monitoring.

To learn more about the best way to spot a platypus in the wild, please go to [Hints on Spotting Platypus and Water-rats in the Wild](#). To report details of a platypus sighting (or a water-rat/rakali sighting), go to [Report a Sighting](#).

Kergunyah Landcare is establishing a Platypus monitoring program in conjunction with the proposed biodiversity and revegetation works to create better habitat for platypus in the Kiewa River, that the group have applied for as a community activity under NECMA's Lower Kiewa Stewardship project. Kergunyah Landcare will provide more details on this grant application as it progresses!



*Children and participants learning about the special features of platypus*

If you are interested in joining this group and becoming involved in platypus monitoring please contact Rowan Wallace at [president@kclg.org.au](mailto:president@kclg.org.au) or 0438 275 228.

For more photos from this day see our [Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups | Facebook](#) site.

## What's coming up in our region

**Kiewa Carbon Bash - Carbon Traders Workshop, Friday 27th May 2022**

Our next workshop as part of the Kiewa Carbon Bash will be held from 12-2.30pm Friday 27th May 2022 at the Tangambalanga Pub and will be a session with local Carbon Traders.

Bookings are via Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kiewa-carbon-bash-soil-carbon-companies-traders-workshop-tickets-339693852457>

**KIEWA CARBON BASH**  
**Soil Carbon Companies & Traders Workshop**  
**Fri May 27th 12pm-2.30pm Union Hotel Tangambalanga**  
**(Free & Catered Event)**



**Come meet industry experts from our local Carbon Companies from Agriprove, Select Carbon, South Pole and Australian Soil Management who will answer questions and share information about various topics including Carbon credits, carbon projects and the current changing landscape of the the carbon market plus more.**

**This is a free catered event. All welcome. Please register via the Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups eventbrite or email or contact Charles Daaboul - KCLG Project Officer at [projects@kclg.org.au](mailto:projects@kclg.org.au) or on 0493 268 085**



**Yackandandah Landcare - Launch of Wetlands Project**  
**Tuesday 24th May 5-6.30 pm**



Please join Yackandandah Landcare to launch their new wetlands project with special guest speaker Dr Richard Loyn, a bird ecologist and President of Swamps, Rivers and Ranges group at Yackandandah Hall, Tuesday 24th May 5-6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

## **WETLANDS AND WATER BIRDS**



### **Free Public Talk by Dr Richard Loyn**

Local Ecologist, President of Swamps, Rivers & Ranges

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**5pm to 6.30pm**

**Yackandandah Hall**

No bookings needed

**Sponsored by Yackandandah Landcare Group**

**Come and find out about our new Wetlands Project!**



Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and The Ross Trust

## **Shade and Shelter - Workshop on the benefits of biodiversity on your farm Save the date - Thursday 23rd June**

Save the date for our next workshop under our Road to Regenerative Agriculture Project - this field day will be held in Tawonga and talk about the benefits of increasing on your farm from an agriculture and environmental perspective. Event details will be out of the coming weeks so follow our Facebook Site and June newsletter for booking details.

## **Kergunyah Landcare - Exploring our roadsides - Hellhole Creek Third walk - Saturday 4th June**

The next walk along Hellhole Creek exploring the roadsides will be held Saturday the 4th June. This walk will build onto learnings from the past two walks and everyone is welcome to come along, even if you haven't been able to come to the two 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)

## **Junior Landcare's First Nations perspectives learning activities FREE professional development webinar, Tuesday 17th May 4pm**

Landcare Australia is hosting a FREE [First Nations Webinar](#) on Tuesday 17 May at 4pm AEST to launch the new Junior Landcare First Nations perspectives learning activities.

The new learning activities celebrate First Nations perspectives to empower educators, community groups and individuals to foster an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect with Traditional Owners.

Join the FREE WEBINAR on Tuesday 17 May at 4pm AEST for a conversation with:

- Junior Landcare Ambassador Costa Georgiadis
- First Nations Educator, Wiradjuri man Adam Shipp
- Landcare educator and facilitator Sam Harrison.

The webinar will focus on the new series of curriculum-linked learning activities, which support all Australians in developing a deeper understanding of First Nations perspectives.

There are [10 new First Nations learning activities](#), all supported by a [series of wonderful videos](#). Check them out and you'll readily see the very significant value of these new Junior Landcare education resources. The webinar will help everyone understand how to use the new activities in a classroom

setting, and for youth group or landcare group activities. Educators will receive a Professional Development Certificate.

To register, please visit <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/webinars/>

**JUNIOR LANDCARE WEBINAR:  
FIRST NATIONS PERSPECTIVES LEARNING ACTIVITIES**  
JOIN US TUESDAY MAY 17 AT 4PM AEST



In conversation with Junior Landcare Ambassador Costa Georgiadis, First Nations Educator, Wiradjuri man Adam Shipp and landcare educator and facilitator Sam Harrison.



**River Habitat Walk and Talk with Sue Brunskill – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30 - 11am**  
**Kiewa River, Chapples Road Baranduda.**

Join passionate native plant and wildlife enthusiast Sue Brunskill exploring some of the new walking trails on the Murray River, Kiewa River and tributaries. Sue is an experienced bush regenerator, horticulturist and teacher.

This month Sue will explore a section of the Kiewa River trail at Baranduda, using the newly activated access from Chapples Rd. Meet at the corner of Bullington Way and Chapples Rd, Baranduda (further directions on registration site).

This walk will be on a natural, unpaved and possibly uneven/rough grassed surface. Please BYO water bottle and hat and wear covered shoes and long pants for snake safety. Please also dress for the weather. This walk will go ahead unless there are floods, thunderstorms or heavy rain predicted for that morning. Registration prior to this free event is essential for communication, safety and insurance purposes. You can do so [here](#). For more information on Parklands Albury Wodonga please see their website [here](#).

**Carbon Farming Conference, 23-26th May 2022 - 3 Free tickets left!**

The 10th National Carbon Farming Conference will be held at the Albury Entertainment Centre from 23-26th May. With a range of speakers and exhibitors the conference will explore all areas of carbon farming for the carbon trade space, including biodiversity markets and benefits.

KCLG has three free tickets left for attendance at the 2 day conference (24-25th May - value \$440 face to face, \$275 online). This offer is available either face to face or online. If participants wish to attend additional days of the conference (pre-conference event or advanced carbon farming workshop) or the gala dinner this will be at their own expense.

For details on the full program, go to the conference here: [www.carbonfarmingconference.com.au](http://www.carbonfarmingconference.com.au)

If you wish to attend on one of these free tickets please contact Charles Daaboul, Project Officer with KCLG on [projects@kclg.org.au](mailto:projects@kclg.org.au) or 0493 268 085 no later than **close of business Wednesday 18th May**.



### 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.

### Birdlife Australia 2022 Photo Awards open Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May!

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

The categories for 2022 are: Special Theme: Australasian Robins, Backyard Birds, Birds in Flight, Bird Portrait, Bird Behaviour, Landscapes and Habitat, Human Impact, Youth and Portfolio.

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



## Grants and surveys out now

### Strengthening Rural Communities Grant Opportunity - closes 31st May 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](#)

## **Have your say on the management of the Lower Kiewa catchment**

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**

A Stewardship 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) are leading the development of the Stewardship Action Plan with input from a broader group of stakeholders, government and non-government organisations and the community.

RM Consulting Group (RMCG) have been engaged to support the North East CMA in the preparation of the Action Plan.

### **We want to hear from you**

A key part of the action planning process is to capture community aspirations for the health of the Lower Kiewa catchment. Over May and June 2022, RMCG are seeking input from the community to shape the Lower Kiewa Stewardship Action Plan. There are a number of ways in which you can share your views.

Drop-in sessions will be held during May 2022 at the following locations:

Yackandandah Community Centre - 23rd May 2022, 6.30-8.30pm

Kergunyah Memorial Hall - 24th May 2022, 10am-12pm

Baranduda Community Centre - 24th May 2022, 2-4pm

No preparation is required to attend these sessions. Please [register your attendance here](#)

In addition to the drop-in sessions, a link to a brief online survey will be circulated via North East CMA social media and email distributions in the coming weeks.

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



## 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](#).



### North East Regional Catchment Strategy

The web-based RCS was approved by the Victorian Minister for Water, Lisa Neville in April and is now available at <https://northeast.rcs.gov.au>

The new North East Regional Catchment Strategy (RCS) provides a long-term vision and blueprint for investment into and management of natural resources for north east Victoria. The RCS is a whole-of-region strategy developed collaboratively with Traditional Owners/First Nations, community, Landcare and other government agencies.

Full details of the development of the RCS are available here at the [North East CMA website](#).

## Contact Us

To find out more about Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups please:

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[Subscribe to our newsletter here](#)

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