

Gegedzerick Open Day



LANDCARE LEADS THE WAY
Sat, 25 March 2023

Stations 8 & 9 - Cultural burns and history

One of our key highlights over the three year management of this woodland/grassland has been the series of gatherings of the Ngarigo elders. The Mundi's, Whites and Dixons all make connections to this area, as does Chris Griffiths, another key elder of this place. Together with Dan Morgan of Firesticks Alliance, they have been rolling out mosaic burning to this land which has been missing this management regime for so long.



The elders informed us that the original purpose of this site was as a training ground for young people. Accordingly, Dan has been using it to train some young men and women to carry out mosaic cool burns. During Winter 2022 a number of burns did take place but the conditions were too wet for these to be extensive.



At the beginning of our lease of this land, we conducted an indigenous artefact walkover with the local elders and the Trakz



Group, a community-driven indigenous children's group from the Cooma region. Read all about this fabulous event in the newspaper article from May 2021 on the other side of this page.

Landcare Aboriginal Cultural training days

On March 30 and 31, 2021, the Upper Snowy Landcare Network provided a very special opportunity to the local Landcare and school community to walk on the traditional training grounds of Gegedzerick, near Berridale.

Supported by funds from the NSW Landcare Program's "Working Together" Aboriginal Engagement Program and South East Local Land Services, the event was designed to train local people to recognise Aboriginal objects, artefacts, landscape features and perspectives on land management and traditional Aboriginal culture.

Aboriginal cultural heritage experts Uncle Glen Morris, Graham Moore and local Aboriginal Elder Uncle Snappy were on hand to share their knowledge, provide samples and inject their sharp sense of humour and life experience

into a very successful two-day event.

Starting at the local CWA Hall each day, participants were given an insight into the types of Aboriginal objects that can be found in the local landscape, including samples of tools and artefacts for everyone to see and touch. The group then travelled a short distance to the Gegedzerick Travelling Stock Reserve, which is being managed by the Upper Snowy Landcare Network, to utilise their new-found identification skills and knowledge to conduct a "walkover" inspection of the site to identify any potential Aboriginal artefacts.

Under the legislation relating to Aboriginal cultural objects, any artefacts found must be registered and recorded on the NSW Government's database of Aboriginal objects. A key part of the training during the

event involved how to fill in a "site-card" to record the exact location and landscape features surrounding the site and then uploading these to the database.

It is very culturally important that Aboriginal artefacts stay in the location they are found, are protected from disturbance from either farming, conservation, development or other impacts such as soil erosion. Upper Snowy Landcare Network will use the information gathered during this very successful event to further inform future management of the Travelling Stock Reserve.

Further information about the "Working Together" Program can be found at <https://landcarensw.org.au/projects/aboriginal-communities-engagement-program/>



Above, The Trakz students on the trail.

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Left, Uncle Glen and Graham Moore captivate Trakz Students.

Below, an artefact table.

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