

Southern ACT Catchment Group Coordinators Report April 2010

'Tales of Tidbinbilla; a resource and memento for Tidbinbilla visitors':

- 'Tales of Tidbinbilla Heritage Grant project is progressing well. Most of the script is now complete. We are looking at another Heritage Grant application to enable a larger print run. Completed and submitted mid project report.

Living with Lovegrass:

- Continued planning for African Lovegrass workshop: 'Living with Lovegrass – Learning from each other on how to control African Lovegrass'. Date 22 May 2010 at Namadgi Visitor Centre. Met with ACT NRM Facilitators to plan event.

The Scrivener Hill Lookout project:

- Isaacs Ridge/Mt Mugga Mugga Park Care Group is coordinating the project involving the planting of 300 trees and 200 shrubs on Scrivener Hill. Scrivener Hill (696.8m) is to the west of East O'Malley. The planting took place on Saturday 17, Sunday 18 and Monday 19 April 2010. This planting project is supported by an **ACT Environment Grant** from the ACT Government and **Mobile Muster** through Landcare Australia. The plants were propagated by Greening Australia from locally sourced seeds and were planted using the 'Trees for Earth' method. Conservation Volunteers Australia provided some volunteers.

Community Action Grants:

- A communication mix up resulted in a delay with funds from the Caring for Our Country Community Action Grants to assist with the restoring the remnant Yellow box / Redgum woodland at Tuggeranong Homestead. However this has now been rectified and the funds have been deposited into our account.

IT & Office:

IT

- Web updates & maintenance being undertaken by Rod Dickson.
- Steve & Martin attended website training.

Office

- All current accounts paid as of 20/04/10.

Other Activities

- Attended UMCCC Executive meeting.
- Attended CLA
- Collaborated with Theodore Neighbourhood Watch for Clean up Australia Day on 14 March 2010
- Staffed stand at Festival of the Forests
- Working with other coordinators on multi-lingual catchment group's brochure.
- Attended Mt Painter erosion works tour and UMCCC field trip to Namadgi
- Attended Bush on the Boundary (BoB) meeting
- Attended working group meeting for DEVELOPING CLEVER CONNECTIONS AND CREATIVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY ORGANISATIONS AND NETWORKS IN THE ACT
- Distributed horse seminar brochures

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- Liaised with Anna Van Dugteren (NRM Council) and Steve Taylor (PCL) regarding an application to Caring for Our Country for Serrated Tussock control and on the Mt Clear Range and adjacent Naas Valley. SACTCG will be a minor partner in this project if funded.
- Completed and submitted ACT Environment Grants 2006 acquittal for Farrer Ridge walking trail erosion control project.
- Commenced production and distribution of fortnightly email news to reduce the number of emails I distribute.
- Spoke at Conservation Council forum on Canberra Nature Park investigation by the Commissioner for the Environment.
- Picked up and delivered plants for Scrivener Hill.
- Attended Facilitator training provided by NRM Council.
- Attempted to have PCL pay for a CVA team to cut and dab Poplar re-growth on Tuggeranong Creek near Leinhop Street. Informed by Stefanie Straub, Lakes and Ponds Coordinator, that she will put the job on her wish-list for next financial year.
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