

Southern ACT Catchment Group Coordinators Report
29 January 2013

A Labour of Love:

The book is now being graphically designed by Kim Tatnell at big Island Graphics. We are aiming at a launch of 'A Labour of Love – Landcare in the ACT' at 11am on Friday 19th April 2013 at Tuggeranong Homestead. We have invited Katy Gallagher to launch the book in a letter and an invite list has been started. I have sought some financial contributions from the Catchment and Landcare Association and Parkcare in the ACT Government for the launch and purchasing of books for the group. Will be ordering promotional mugs soon.

'Spray Safe and Save' training

Regional Facilitators Program will help to fund next course which I have arranged for 11 and 12 May. I have discussed the option of funding for ongoing running of these valuable courses with NRM and either a Community Action Grant or a separate CFOC application may be worthwhile.

Mobile QuikSpray Unit

Mobile QuikSpray Unit available to assist landholders and managers across the ACT or in the Googong or Upper Murrumbidgee catchments (within 50 km south of the ACT border) to undertake weed control. I have taken over the booking system from Steve. I have also developed an information sheet/ checklist to facilitate the handover of the trailer to those who are new to borrowing it.

We are seeking a grant from SWP Program to rent storage space for the unit at Lyons Youth Haven Westwood farm and it already being stored out there whilst not in use.

ACT Environment Grants

Along with the other 2 catchment groups we were successful in our Environment grant application for funding to purchase equipment for SACTCG member groups enabling them to increase their efficiency at weed control, and better integrate their knowledge of location of weed to the relevant authorities and partner organisations. We still have not yet received the funding. Equipment included 1 tablet with GPS capability. All groups have met with the NRM Investment Development Manager to discuss the choice of device/applications. We have also met with the Atlas of Living Australia regarding developing an application that can be used on any smart phone to collect information and send it to the ALA site. There is an option to use the grant money to contribute to this development. The equipment also included 3 motorised high-pressure backpack sprayers which we will purchase when we receive the funding.

Website

Seeking volunteer support to maintain www.sactcg.org.au

I am organising training for website management in April for myself and any interested members.

Information management and IT

Contact list of members and other contacts has been updated with the help of a volunteer. Two new computers have been purchased. These are now completely networked with all computers in the office and accessible from home computers remotely. We are having discussions with Pallerang Council regarding a second trailer to be housed at the council for lending. I will be seeking a grant for it's purchase.

Office

- All current accounts paid as of 29/01/2013.

Other Activities

- Strategic Planning meeting held to focus on key areas for the next round of CFOC funding
- Attended meeting to organise stall at Canberra show with all catchment groups and WW.
- Appeared on radio landcare in December and January
- Cypress Springs WONS grant acquitted
- Attended Planning meeting for Biodiversity Working Group
- Spray trailer maintenance
- Tussock pamphlet has been written by Steve and we are now gathering photo's