

Southern ACT Catchment Group Coordinators Report December 2009 / January 2010

Progress this month:

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

- 'Tales of Tidbinbilla Heritage Grant project is progressing. The next planning meeting is on Wednesday 20/1/2010.

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 Peter Saunders, Regional Reserve Manager –Bush Heritage Australia re ALG management at Scottsdale.

Water Education in Southern ACT:

- See report from part time Education Officer.

The Scrivener Hill Lookout project:

- Planning is underway for an Autumn planting. Planting plan for the Scrivener Hill has been assessed and approved by relevant fire authority. Steve met with Sue Vidler on 15/1/10.

Community Action Grants:

- We were successful in the Caring for Our Country Community Action Grants for funds to assist with the restoring the remnant Yellow box / Redgum woodland at Tuggeranong Homestead.

IT & Office:

IT

- Web updates & maintenance being undertaken by Rod Dickson.

Office

- All current accounts paid as of 8/01/10.

Other Activities

- Met with Steve Taylor & Julie Palmer from PCL to discuss ALG workshop and Serrated Tussock problem for upper Naas area.
- Met with PCL Community Programs Officer and rangers regarding the setting up of a peri-urban landcare group at Uriarra– decision to postpone until more residents in place.
- Attended steering group meeting for Building better ACT Environment and Sustainability networks.
- Email to all members requesting membership update and informing them of the membership fee waiver. 80% response.
- Attended UMCCC Executive meeting.
- Reviewed and renewed office insurance.
- Attended CLA
- Collaborating with Theodore Neighbourhood Watch for Clean up Australia Day on 7 March 2010
- Worked with Glenys re SACTCG brochure design.
- Met with Ian Carmody, newly appointed as GM of Actew's major projects re UMCCC submission on Murrumbidgee to Googong project and on Murrumbidgee turbidity problems.

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- Started 6 monthly reporting.