

**Southern ACT Catchment Group Coordinators Report  
26 July 2012**

**A Labour of Love:**

We have gained an extension of Grant by ACT Heritage through to March 2013. Our first draft will soon be complete. When this occurs contributors will be sent our edited version of their contribution with an author's agreement that is a Memorandum of Agreement regarding transfer of rights. This will occur before the book goes to our professional editor and ACT Heritage.

**African Lovegrass project:**

Our project CAG10-00356 - *Regional education on African Lovegrass - an integrated approach* has received an extension through to 30 September 2012 with final report due by 30 November 2012. We are yet to finalise our contribution of \$1500 (+ GST) from this fund to the Scottsdale African lovegrass control trials. A reminder that the **SACTCG posters and pamphlets on African Lovegrass are available** in any quantity from our office at Kambah.

**'Spray Safe and Save' training 14/15 July**

18 people attended the two day course at Westwood Farm and by all reports learnt significant information and potential skills regarding all aspects of herbicide and other chemical use. All participants will shortly receive their AQF certification. The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. Thank you to our sponsors: Actew Source Water Protection, the ACT Weeds of National Significance (WONS) grants, the ACT Natural Resource Management Council and Caring for Our Country. Any further 'Don't be a Drifter' courses we organise will be dependent on what funds remain after all accounts for this course are paid and on future grants. .

**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. Booked out for all of June and all of November. It is booking out fast for next Spring so the advice to prospective users is consider booking now.

**Website**

- Working with Deb Kellock to maintain [www.sactcg.org.au](http://www.sactcg.org.au)

**Office**

- All current accounts paid as of 26/07/2012.

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**Other Activities**

- Attended UMCCC meeting
- Working with ACT Natural Sequence Association and others to develop a program for Tidbinbilla Station.
- Advertised the Catchment Coordinator position.
- Submitted application to FaHCSIA Volunteer Grants 2012 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. This application duplicates one to the ACT Environment Grants. If both are successful we will purchase 5 motorised high-pressure backpack sprayers and 2 outdoor PC tablets which will enable groups to accurately record the location of weeds and pest animal species in areas where they are working, and send this information directly to the ACT Parks and Conservation Service to be integrated into their data systems to assist in more efficiently planning pest plant and animal eradication programs.
- Submitted proposal for African Lovegrass presentation at the ACT Conservation Council's 'Our Future, Our Environment, Conference 21/22 September.
- Completed CfOC Enquire report for the period December 2011 to June 2012 and invoiced NRM Council for next period.