

Southern ACT Catchment Group Coordinators Report March 2010

Progress this month:

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

- 'Tales of Tidbinbilla Heritage Grant project is progressing well. Met with John McRae at Tidbinbilla on Wed 3rd Feb. Most of the script is now complete.

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.

Water Education in Southern ACT:

- Held 3 meetings with education consultant Maureen Bartel re; education resource development.
- Draft of 'Source Water Education' teacher information package completed and proof read by Maureen Bartle, (Education consultant) and Ron Chesham (ActewAGL).
- Assisted in the delivery of 4 ActewAGL's 'Source to Sewer' demonstrations at Calwell High School.
- Dates for activities set for Holy Family School and Farrer Primary School.
- Initiated partnership with Lion's Youth Haven for water education to be part of their new package being developed for visiting school groups.
- Meeting at Lanyon High School to discuss source water education with science teacher.
- Enquires received from Holy Family School, Galilee School and Farrer Primary School.
- Delivered 5 lessons on storm water health to Calwell High School Yr 9 classes.

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, above and behind the houses on Akame Circuit and Cabarita Terrace in O'Malley. The planting will take place on Saturday 17, Sunday 18 and Monday 19 April 2010 on Scrivener Hill. Willing ParkCarers and/or some with experience in massed plantings who wish to help with this important project are needed. This planting project is supported by an **ACT Environment Grant** from the ACT Government and **Mobile Muster** through Landcare Australia. The plants have been propagated by Greening Australia from locally sourced seeds and will be planted using the 'Trees for Earth' method. **Conservation Volunteers Australia** is providing some volunteers. The holes will be dug beforehand by a tractor with auger and all planting materials will be supplied on site. Volunteers are asked to contact Sue Vidler on 6290 0490 or svidler@iinet.net.au using the subject title 'Scrivener Hill'.

Community Action Grants:

- A mix up within our Executive has 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.

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IT & Office:

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

Office

- All current accounts paid as of 17/03/10.

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 groups brochure.
- Martin & Steve attended Mt Painter erosion works tour and UMCCC field trip to Namadgi
- Martin attended CONSACT's Biodiversity Working Group
- Attended 'Bob'
- 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