

Southern ACT Catchment Group Coordinators Report – November 2009

Progress this month:

Projects:

Tuggeranong Creek (Homestead) ACT Environment Grant:

- Acquitted ACT Environment Grant, 'Biodiversity Enhancement of Tuggeranong Homestead Creek-line project' and handed management back to MOTH.

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

- The first planning meeting was held on 13/10/09, the next is planned for 1/12/09. The 'Tales of Tidbinbilla Heritage Grant project is progressing. The first planning meeting was held last month and stories are being sought. We have arranged for advertising to PCL staff wishing to be involved in the writing. Steve trying to track down Tidbinbilla region fire history.

Living with Lovegrass:

- Met with Dave Shorthouse & Geoff Hyles (and separately with Anna Van Dugteren to begin planning African Lovegrass workshop: 'Living with Lovegrass – Learning from each other on how to control African Lovegrass'. Tentative date 22 May 2010 at Namadji Visitor Centre.

Grants:

Water Education in Southern ACT:

- Funds have been deposited into our account from Actew and ACT Environment Grants for this project to provide for a part time Education Officer to develop and implement a source water protection education program for Primary, Secondary and College students in the southern ACT catchment area. Source water protection involves the management and use of the catchment that supplies the community's potable water supply. Martin Lind has taken on this two day per week position.

The Scrivener Hill Lookout project:

- An amended project timetable and budget proposal was sent to ACT Environment Grants. This is to allow for the reduced funding offered from our original application and the delays this has caused. Planning is underway for an Autumn planting. Steve met with Sally McIntosh to write plan for the Scrivener Hill plantings to be assessed by relevant fire authority.

Community Action Grants:

- We have applied to the Caring for Our Country Community Action Grants for funds to assist with the restoring the remnant Yellow box / Redgum woodland at Tuggeranong Homestead. Expect to be advised of the outcome early next year.

IT & Office:

IT

- Web updates & maintenance being undertaken by Rod Dickson.

Office

- All current accounts paid as of 20/11/09 & annual audit completed.

Other Activities

- A total of 2 days Personal Leave taken
- Attended UMCCC
- Attended CLA
- Mail-out of weed info packs to rural landholders and SACTCG member groups.

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- Delivered our postcards to TNR as they are is now selling Visitor Centre.