

**Southern ACT Catchment Group Coordinators Report
25 September 2012**

A Labour of Love:

Contributors have been sent our edited version of their contribution with an author's & photographer's agreement that is a Memorandum of Agreement regarding transfer of rights. The Chief Minister has been asked to write the Foreword. When we receive all agreements and the Foreword we will complete the final draft and send the book to our professional editor and then, 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 have now expended all funds associated with this project and Steve will undertake the acquittal shortly.

'Spray Safe and Save' training

I have contacted the NRM Council and ACT P&C to determine if we can obtain additional funding to continue these valuable training courses.

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 November. It is booking out fast for next Spring so the advice to prospective users is consider booking now.

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. (see FaHCSIA Volunteer Grants below).

FaHCSIA Volunteer Grants

Submitted application to FaHCSIA Volunteer Grants 2012 to 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.

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GVESHO application

Completed and submitted grant application for funding to assist with book keeping fees.

Website

- Working with Deb Kellock to maintain www.sactcg.org.au

Office

- All current accounts paid as of 24/07/2012.

Other Activities

- Attended UMCCC meeting
- Set up system and advertising for Seed Harvester lending.