

Monthly Waterwatch Report April 2009

Community Awareness:

Media Releases: None this month.

Waterwatch Newsletter Articles: None this month.

Public Activities: Staffed Waterwatch and 'SACT Catchment Group' stall at 'Tidbinbilla Extravaganza' festival. Interviewed Fiona Spiers and submitted her nomination for NRMA ACT Volunteer of the Year awards.

SACTCG Newsletter Articles: (See below- website.)

Monitoring:

Training sessions, workshops or similar: Trained Outward Bound staff in delivering a basic waterwatch activity. Modified an existing booklet to meet identified needs of Outward Bound program being delivered 4-8 April. Outward Bound are to join SACTCG.

QA/QC session: Assisted at QA/QC training on 19th April.

Community Groups or Projects Assisted: Monitored 3 sites for WW April data. Kit issued to person monitoring Tuggeranong Ck. Set up Conder Wetlands group with equipment and training for 'mosquito fish' removal from ponds. Met with artist from Tharwa, along with Steve, to discuss support for propose community art installation project. This has expanded into a new water monitoring group for the Murrumbidgee which will take on Tanya's sites and collaborate with 'Bidgee Blue' on theirs. Attended Diana Kirby group's monitoring day at Gudgenby River. Assisted with 'Bidgee Blue' monitoring day. Facilitated connection between them and Marily Cintra, new person in Tharwa. Have connected her to UMCCC willows project officer Doug Kerruish.

Natural Resource Management Targets:

State of Database: Up to date for all current monitoring sites for 2008. 2009 data still yet to be entered.

Partnerships Towards Healthy Waterways:

Waterwatch Meeting report

Activities: Assisted with native grass planting at Tuggeranong Homestead. Attended UMCCC general meeting for April. Attended UMCCC workshop on the Murrumbidgee River turbidity issue. Provided background information for this. Attended Urban Waterways Project steering committee meeting. Notified EPA of dumping at Paddy's River bridge on Tidbinbilla road. Collected evidence of possible culprit.

School and Community Learning Opportunities:

SACTCG website updates: None this month.

SACTCG Meeting attendance: Attended March meeting.

Educational Programs Delivered: Holy Family School field morning for Year 2.(48 students) 'Who cleans the water in the creek?' activity and Isabella Pond story. Delivered 3 morning Waterwatch activities to Yr7 boys as part of Outward bound course in Orroral Valley. Met Orana School group to discuss catchment project.