

Waterwatch Report February 2012

(Milestones to be covered between Dec 11 and Jun 12, ✓ indicates those achieved)

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1 x Enquire report

(Not due until June)

Improving rural land health and biodiversity

1x Engagement activity or training session for landholder /managers ✓

Meeting with PCL, SACTCG Waterwatch teams, ActewAGL led volunteer group and landholders regarding new combined Parkcare group focusing on Casuarina Sands, Murray's Corner and Cotter campground.

Organised and delivered catering for 'Spray Safe' course.

Improving urban land health and biodiversity

1x Urban community engagement activity or training session

Provided training in use of Drain Stenciling Kit to 'SEQ Green Jobs' trainee team.

Improving the protection and management of threatened species and communities

1x Newsletter article or media presentation for member groups produced or facilitated

2 X Interviews by 'Southside Chronicle' for article on Blue/Green algae blooms in Lake Tuggeranong and comment on press release by ACT Government.

Photo shoot with Tuggeranong community and business representatives for Southside Chronicle article to promote Clean Up Australia activity.

1x Community engagement activity or training session facilitated ✓

Meeting with ACT Conservation Planning and Research staff and landholder of Lanyon Homestead re: inclusion of Waterwatch program in Elevated Log Jam project near Tharwa.

Reducing the impact and threat of WONS and locally significant weeds

1x Provision and maintenance of 'QuikSpray' unit for loan by landholders facilitated ✓

Dealt with bookings and enquires regarding 'QuikSray' unit for the month.

Community engagement

1x CHiP report for ACT Government produced

Submitted CHiP report for Jul-Dec 2011.

3x Data sets to ACT government delivered

Submitted January data to WW Facilitator.

1x QA/QC training event delivered

Second Waterwatch training session with Outward Bound staff.

1x Newsletter article or media presentation for members groups produced or facilitated ✓

Meeting with ACT Greens MLA's to discuss SACTCG issues.

Met with Canberra Times journalist and photographer along with CVA coordinator at Tidbinbilla for article on platypus in the ACT region. Article published in Sunday Canberra Times (12/2/12).

Facilitated Wendy Rainbird's appearance on 2XX for February show.

7 months of office, accounts and project management undertaken

Dealt with admin and enquires at the SACTCG office in partnership with Catchment Coordinator.

Increasing indigenous participation in natural resource management

1x Engagement activity or training or training session for community delivered ✓

Assisted Yurung Dhaura group with RARC assessments of 3 WW monitoring sites.

Improving catchment, riverine and wetland health and improving surface water quality

2x Children's education programs (including scouts, holiday programs and schools) and/or educator training sessions delivered.

Attended Lanyon Cluster School's professional training day with Miranda Gardner(ActewAGL Source Water Protection program and Glenys Patulny to deliver workshop on Our Water education resources.

1x Community engagement activity or training session delivered ✓

Collaboration and partnership

3x Data sets to ACT government delivered

Monitored 3 sites for WW group in their absence for February.

5x Participate in meetings with Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch Coordinator, or affiliated associations

Meeting with Darren Roso, Senior Ranger with PCL to discuss new Parkcare group.

Attended UMCCC February general meeting and planning day.

Attended WW Coordinators emergency meeting in response to Tanya Noakes' sad departure.

Attended meeting with ActewAGL Source Water Protection program.

1x Community engagement activity or training session delivered

Supported Waterwatch volunteers with equipment needs and data collection.

4x Children's education programs (including scouts, holiday programs and schools) and/or educator training sessions delivered

Monitored Lanyon HS Waterwatch sites for January.

Delivered 'Isabella Pond Regatta' books to Bonython and Gordon Primary schools.

Water Education Officer Report February 2012 (Milestones to be covered between Dec 11 and Jun 12)

Improving catchment, riverine and wetland health and improving surface water quality:

• Develop teacher and student knowledge feedback tool ✓

Evaluation tool developed for both primary and secondary students.

• Maintain 1 on-line teacher resource;

Worked on draft of 'Our Water' Edition 2.

• Support minimum of 1 Waterwatch volunteer group in Tuggeranong Creek Catchment ✓

Facilitated WW involvement by teenage volunteers for February.

Collaboration and partnership:

• Water Education support for 1 x teacher at Lanyon High School this period. ✓

Met with new teacher of Lanyon HS 'TREK' program. Established Water education program for this semester.

SACTCG Education Officer Report to ActewAGL February 2012.

Institution name	Institution educational level	Teacher name	Year group	No. of field trips	No. of classroom sessions	Other activities (please detail)
Wanniassa HS	Secondary	T. Anderson	7/8	2	1	
Lanyon HS	Secondary	R. O'Brian	9/10		2	
Lk Tuggeranong C	Secondary	N. Mylordi	12	1	1	
Calwell HS	Secondary	J ODonoghue	9		4	

Other Activities

Meeting with new teachers at Wanniassa HS prior to start of school deliver more comprehensive Waterwatch kit and conduct training in its use.

Teacher 2 training sessions with new Calwell HS teachers in use of schools WW kit and 2 site visits.

Meeting with Lake Tuggeranong College teacher to discuss Our Water education program and review resources left over from the disbanded 'Lake Watch' program and delivered new Waterwatch and education materials.

Meeting with Gordon PS teacher to discuss environmental education program ideas.

Evaluations

Working version of evaluation tool sent to Miranda.

Pre program evaluations conducted with Calwell HS, Lanyon HS, Wanniassa HS and Lake Tuggeranong College students.

Other

Meeting with Ian Lawrence and Sarah Morris (Registrar) at Lanyon HS for consultation on school pond.

Collected more primary school resources from Molonglo CG WW program.