

Monthly Waterwatch Report Jan/Feb 2009

Community Awareness:

Media Releases: Interview on 2XX's Radio Landcare on 17/2.

Waterwatch Newsletter Articles: Article 'Muckybidgee!!' submitted for WW news letter.

Public Activities: School Holiday Program ran at 2 locations in January. It went brilliantly. The age range was 7-10 y.o. with 15 or so children at each session.

SACTCG Newsletter Articles: 'Muckybidgee' to be submitted as soon as it get the OK from Tanya.

Monitoring:

Training sessions, workshops or similar: Lanyon High teacher Dr Joan Knowles QA/QC checked in late Dec 2008. Adam Meadows for Lake Tuggeranong QA/QC checked Jan, with follow-up in Feb. Conder wetlands group QA/QC checked Dec and visited Jan. CVA group at Tidbinbilla received initial training, follow-up needed. Lanyon High school group initial introduction and training in Jan. GBRG group visited during their Feb monitoring. Geoff Hyles visited-kit returned. Lions Youth Haven visited. Monitoring at their 'farm' raised staff.

QA/QC session: No major organised sessions yet this year. All QA/QC done on an individual or group basis for time being. (See above.)

Community Groups or Projects Assisted: Assisted investigation into Murrumbidgee turbidity by 'Bidgee Blue' and 'Sands' coalition.

Natural Resource Management Targets:

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

Partnerships Towards Healthy Waterways:

Waterwatch Meeting report

Activities: Investigation of Calwell 'Pit Stop' Car wash led to a response from the ACT Planning and land Authority. The company have complied with stormwater management legislation and a copy of the approval is available. Photos of local dams taken and collated for use in CFOC application.

School and Community Learning Opportunities:

SACTCG website updates: 'Muckybidgee' article to be sent to Rod for inclusion on web site. Profiles on groups to be included soon.

SACTCG Meeting attendance: Attended December meeting. Provided up date on Calwell Car wash issue.

Educational Programs Delivered: School Holiday Program ran at 2 locations in January. It went brilliantly. The age range was 7-10 y.o. with 15 or so children at each session. 2 lessons delivered at Lanyon High School introducing Waterwatch and water monitoring. Ginninderra WW coordinator and ACT Frog Watch coordinators attended to gain experience.