

Monthly Waterwatch Report July 2009

Community Awareness:

Media Releases: None this month.

Waterwatch Newsletter Articles: Group profiles continue to be written in preparation for the next newsletter. Ready to go is GBRG article.

Holiday program article to be written.

Public Activities: Drain stencilling in Kambah.

2XX volunteer coordinator has been contacted regarding training in radio operations so that Steve and I can host a regular monthly slot on Radio Landcare.

SACTCG Newsletter Articles: (See below- website.)

Monitoring:

Training sessions, workshops or similar: Undertook RARC training at Coppins Crossing.

QA/QC session: None this month.

Community Groups or Projects Assisted: Monitored 3 sites for July data.

Trained new group in Tharwa.

Provided kit and training to new WWer in Williamsdale as part of WW ACT's commitment to the UMDR project.

Three new volunteers have approached SACTCG about Waterwatch.

New school group to begin monitoring on Tuggeranong Ck this term for 6 months.

Natural Resource Management Targets:

State of Database: Up to date for all current monitoring sites for 2008. 2009 up to date up to April 2009. New group at Tidbinbilla to have location references and site codes assigned.

Partnerships Towards Healthy Waterways:

Waterwatch Meeting report Attended Waterwatch coordinators meeting at Coppins crossing..

Activities: Gained expressions of interest from Waterwatch groups for their inclusion in the 'Living Library' project as part of the Murrumbidgee River Arts Project.

Met with PCL rangers to hand in dumped vehicle number plates and discuss illegal dumping on Paddy's River.

2X Meetings with Murrumbidgee River Arts Project steering committee.

Met with United Ngunnawal members to discuss actions around heritage applications in Tuggeranong.

School and Community Learning Opportunities:

Delivered education program to Yr 7's from Belconnen HS.

Waterwatch Junior Holiday Program delivered in Queanbeyan.

Met with teacher to discuss WW and catchment group involvement in new environmental ed unit at Calwell HS.

Delivered Senior Holiday Program at Urambi Office - Drain stencilling.

SACTCG website updates: 'Bidgee Blue' article now on web site.

SACTCG Meeting attendance: Attended SACTCG general meeting 23/6.