

Monthly Waterwatch Reports July/August 2010

Facilitate and increase the involvement of youth in NRM projects:

- *Waterwatch Holiday programs:*
- *Waterwatch schools programs:*

Participated in 3 days of Waterwatch activities with Radford College.

(Additional Schools programs see Water Education Officer report)

Land managers adopting improved NRM practices/skills:

- *Land manager training programs:*

Facilitate and support the development and implementation of community groups and their involvement in local projects:

- *Provide support to Waterwatch groups and other community organisations:*

Attended July and August Waterwatch Coordinator's meetings.

Attended meeting with Coolemin Ridge Parkcare group on site.

Conducted extensive WW monitoring of Murrumbidgee sites with 'Bidgee Blue' Waterwatch group in July.

Provided equipment support to 5X WW groups this period.

Met volunteer to discuss monitoring program in Cotter catchment.

Purchased equipment for maintenance of Waterwatch groups.

Attended UMCCC general meeting and launch of numerous publications.

Attended meeting with ACT roads personnel re Cooleman Ridge drain works.

- *Promote Waterwatch and other community groups through website, displays and publications:*

Advertised Waterwatch educational programs in 'Our Water' publication and web resource.

Promotion of Waterwatch programs at launch of 'Our Water' resource at Lanyon HS.

Appeared on 2XX's 'Radio Landcare' SACTCG segments in July and August.

Wrote article on Conder Wetlands WW group for the ACT Waterwatch newsletter and SACTCG website.

Interviewed 2X groups for articles in the ACT Waterwatch newsletter and SACTCG website.

Wrote 'Autumn 2010 Catchment Update' for website.

Deliver initiatives that support access to knowledge and skills for community organisations and youth through the involvement of NRM Organisations and Indigenous Organisations:

- *Field days:*

Assisted with 'Sharability's special needs field trip to Tidbinbilla NR sanctuary.

Mentored WW monitoring trip for Barnardos client.

- *Public events and website:*

Planned a pre-election public meeting for federal Greens candidate.

- *Training opportunities:*

Delivered information session on ACT Frog Watch program to Weston Joey Scouts group.

Planned Frogwatch training evening at Lions Youth Haven.

Delivered training session on waterway Algae assessment for WW volunteers.

- *Volunteering opportunities:*

Facilitated the inclusion of volunteers in G.A's National Tree Day planting.

Met with two new volunteers to plan their engagement in Waterwatch.

MERI actions carried out:

- *Monthly Catchment Health Indicators data gathered and recorded:*

Monthly monitoring of 3 sites for June and July data.

Sought the assistance of TAMS GIS officer to correctly identify waterway names in the catchment.

Produced CHiP summary spreadsheet for Jan-Jun 2010 period.