

Monthly Waterwatch Report June 2009

Community Awareness:

Media Releases: Appeared with 'Bidgee Blue' on Radio 2XX Landcare program. Lanyon HS WW group currently awaiting approval to appear on said program.

Waterwatch Newsletter Articles: Interviewed Martin Chalk for group article.

Public Activities: Attended Woden Community Councils May meeting.

SACTCG Newsletter Articles: (See below- website.)

Monitoring:

Training sessions, workshops or similar:

QA/QC session: None this month.

Community Groups or Projects Assisted: Attended Paddy's River Group's May monitoring session.

Attended meeting with Marily Cintra and others to discuss grant application for Murrumbidgee River arts project.

Attended 'Bidgee Blue' monitoring session. Delivered kit to Marily Cintra. Ran through initial training and inspected sites to be monitored. This will take onus off Tanya to monitor Murrumbidgee sites south of Tharwa.

Delivered kit to new group monitoring Urriara and Coppins crossings. This will give our catchment group and WW valuable data about water quality as the Murrumbidgee leaves the ACT.

Met new volunteers who will monitor Tuggeranong Ck above the lake.

Natural Resource Management Targets:

State of Database: Up to date for all current monitoring sites for 2008. 2009 data still yet to be entered. All currently entered data has been passed on to Tanya N. for national data base.

Partnerships Towards Healthy Waterways:

Waterwatch Meeting report Attended Waterwatch coordinators meeting 9/6.

Activities: Facilitated final meeting with Joan Goodrum et al and representatives from ActewAGL to inspect changes to development application for second transmission line to Theodore substation. Outcome response from ActewAGL confirms that we have been successful in our bid to amend the development and avoid significant cultural and heritage damage.

Attended meeting on Tuesday about an education officer project for the Southern ACT.

School and Community Learning Opportunities:

Delivered session on macro-invertebrate surveying with Lanyon HS 'Sustainable Futures' class.

Holiday program developed and advertised for July holidays.

SACTCG website updates: Contacted Rod. 'Bidgee Blue' article did not make it to the web site last month. Hopefully this is fixed.

SACTCG Meeting attendance: Attended SACTCG executive meeting 26 May.