

Monthly Waterwatch Report, October 2009

Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI):

Catchment Health Indicators Data collected and recorded: Monitored 3 sites for October. Data base up to date up to September 2009.

Monitor key indicator species: Undertook Frogwatch monitoring in Namadgi NP as contribution to key site data for ACT FrogWatch on 2 evenings. (18th & 22nd Oct.). Conducted macroinvertebrate survey of Wanniasa Ck. Assisted 'Bidgee Blue' group with 'PlatypusWatch' (27/10). Assisted Conder Wetlands group with macroinvertebrate monitoring (19/10).

Community skills, knowledge and engagement:

○ Support access to knowledge and skills

Field days: Attended UMCCC field trip to Natural Sequence Farming Associations 'Mulloon Creek' farm. (14/10).

Public events: Provided data to organisers of Corinbank festival to assist in event planning and currently negotiating a monitoring regime, with their involvement. Set up and staffed information stall at Woden Community Festival with Wendy Rainbird(31/10).

Volunteer training: Attended and assisted at 'Frog Watch' Introduction training (23/9).

Attended and assisted at 'Frog Watch' Advanced training (30/9). QA/QC Training delivered (26/10).

Projects developed/assisted: Established new monitoring site and group on Wanniasa Creek. Managing data arriving from 2 sites in NSW as part of Waterwatch's involvement with the Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach Project.

○ Increase youth volunteer involvement in NRM:

Holiday Programs Delivered: Organised tree planting program for Spring school holidays.

Educational programs delivered: Organised and ran macro invertebrate activity in partnership with ACT Waterwatch team for the 'National Youth River Health' Conference (19 & 20/10).

Provided bus transport for Lanyon HS students who volunteered as guides for the conference.

Organised and supervised Carolyn Chisholm HS excursion to Stromlo water treatment plant. (23/10)

○ Support community groups and build capacity:

Groups supported: Provided equipment for Gudgenby River group for phys/chem. and macro invertebrate monitoring. Assisted 'Bidgee Blue' monitoring at Point Hut Crossing. (27/10/09). Facilitated discussion between WW group and PCL rangers over Casuarina Sands development.

Website publications: (none this month)

