

Waterwatch Coordinator's Report April 2016



In General

This report covers the period 16 March to 19 April.

The UMCCC forum and Autumn Macroinvertebrate surveys kept the WW coordinator busy this month.

Office

This period the coordinator assisted with general supplies and up keep of the catchment group office.

Events

UMCCC 'Managing Your Land for the Future - Resilience and Adaptation for Climate Change' forum (18 & 19/3). For this event the coordinator:

- Organised filming and catering.
- Handed bills and accounting.

Media

This period, the coordinator;

- Hosted SACTCG Radio Landcare show with Martine for April. Guest; Prof Ian Falconer, Chair of the 'ACT & Region Catchment Management Coordination Group'.

Waterwatch

This period the coordinator;

- Published the SACTCG Waterwatch program's 'Catchment Update' Summer 2016 edition.
- Provided training session and site visits with new Green Army team including a macro invertebrate survey(11/4).
- Assisted Paddy's River Waterwatch team with macroinvertebrate surveys at their sites (13/4).
- Met with members of the UC's Ecology Society members to discuss their participation in the autumn 2016 macro invertebrates surveys (15/4).
- Provided equipment support to a number of member groups. Including after-hours monitoring of SPOT beacon.

Education

This period the coordinator;

- Delivered Waterwatch education session at Lions Youth Haven (17/3).
- Delivered Carp fishing activity to Lake Tuggeranong College Sustainability Unit students (24/3).
- Delivered 2 Waterwatch excursions for Erindale College, including bus transport (29/3 & 8/4).
- Delivered Waterwatch training to Lions Youth Haven education officer and students from Chisholm HS to undertake regular Waterwatch monitoring at LYH (5/4).

Weeds Equipment

This period the coordinator;

- Managed the booking of the spray trailer by land owners.

Urban Landcare

This period the coordinator;

- Hosted the April meeting of the 'Carers of Point Hut Pond' group with ACT Lakes Officer in attendance (15/4).

Icon Water project

(No actions this period other than with UMCCC)

Grants

Current grants being managed by the coordinator include:

- ACT Environment Grant 'Housing for Native Animal Rehabilitation'. Acquittal submitted and accepted.

Other

This period the coordinator also;

- Met with ACT Rehabilitation management case worker and client to discuss possible benefits of volunteering with SACTCG (7/4).
- Attended a meeting with ACT Gov re; Calwell Master Plan to provide advice on wetland and storm water issues near Calwell Shops (15/4).