

# Waterwatch Coordinator's Report July 2015



## **In General**

This report covers the period 3 June to 21 July 2015.

Gathering information for reports has been a big focus this period. Grant applications and training have been the others.

## **Office**

This period the coordinator assisted with general supplies and up keep of the catchment group office. Our rent has increased by \$28. The lights have also been replaced in all the offices with energy efficient ones.

## **Events**

This period, the coordinator assisted with the delivery and provided a display for the launch of Landcare ACT.

## **Media**

Two Radio Landcare shows were delivered this period. In June, we had Kathy Eyles from Landcare ACT and in July, Ellen Schwab from Icon Water.

Along with Glenys, the coordinator was also invited to attend a media event hosted by the Environment Minister, Simon Corbel and Member for Tuggeranong Mick Gentleman. The focus was the promotion of the community consultation soon to take place for the BPP work options surrounding the Lake Tuggeranong Catchment.

## **Waterwatch**

This period the coordinator;

- Conducted a number of RARC surveys at remote sites and urban sites to help the robustness of our next CHiP report.
- Provided training sessions and sites visits for 3 new volunteers monitoring Lake Tuggeranong, Tuggeranong Creek and Isabella Ponds.
- Provided training for CPR staff planning to undertake volunteering at the Cotter River.
- Met with Basin Priority Plan staff and consultants to examine existing SACTCG knowledge and concerns for the Lake Tuggeranong Catchment and attended the expert panel workshop on proposed works.
- Met with and provided site visits and training to new volunteers monitoring the Murrumbidgee River.
- Hosted the Waterwatch coordinators meeting for June.
- Provided equipment support to a number of member groups.

## **Education**

This period the coordinator;

- Delivered a RARC lesson with Lake Tuggeranong College students at Tuggeranong Creek.

## **Weeds Equipment**

This period the coordinator;

- Managed the booking of the spray trailer by land owners.
- Investigated the probability of free housing of the trailer at Lions Youth Haven.
- Gave weed spray equipment reports to Fiona. We have met our weed spray targets for this RIS reorting period.

## **Urban Landcare**

The coordinator;

- Hosted 2 meetings in June and the July meeting for the 'Carers of Point Hut Pond' and assisted with their ACT Environment grant application.
- Attended the June meeting of the 'Tuggeranong Lake Carers'.

## **Icon Water project**

The new contract has been agreed to and signed by Glenys.

The coordinator met with Icon Water supervisor Ellen to set a timeline for out puts for this funding period to assist with the online education goals of Icon Water. A literature review of current education resources alignment with Icon Water and SACTCG priorities has been set for the end of this month.

## **Grants**

Current grants being managed by the coordinator include:

- ACT Environment Grant 'Housing for Native Animal Rehabilitation'. Aviaries were cataloged and signage fitted by the coordinator. The coordinator also assisted with delivery in a voluntary capacity.

## **Other**

*(none this period)*

**Leave (hours)** Annual: Personal: Flex:

A significant number of days were taken on Personal and Flex leave this period due to caring and family issues.