

Waterwatch Coordinator's Report June 2015



In General

This report covers the period 6 May to 2 June 2015.

The prime focus this period was to finish conducting macro invertebrate surveys of Waterwatch sites for autumn. This was successful done with the wonderful help of the Green Army and Lake Tuggeranong College, as well volunteers and other school groups. There has also been a significant reshuffle among our Waterwatch volunteers as some groups finished up and others began.

Office

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

Events

This period, the coordinator attended the inaugural presentation of the Kambah Lions Club's 'Frank Brown' volunteering award in a personal capacity. He is pleased to report that Glenys was the well-deserved recipient.

Media

(None this month).

Waterwatch

This period the coordinator;

- Assisted Waterwatch volunteer with a macro survey at her Point Hut Ponds site.
- Delivered 3 macro-invertebrate training days for the 'Green Army' at numerous sites around Tuggeranong and Namadji National Park.
- Provided training to new CVA coordinator at Tidbinbilla.
- Conducted second Waterwatch training session with new group monitoring Naas Valley.
- Conducted 2 Waterwatch training sessions and site visits with new group monitoring Tuggeranong Ck and Isabella Pond.
- Conducted monitoring at 3 sites for groups on leave.
- Conducted macro-invertebrate surveys at 5 additional sites.
- Met with PCS rangers to discuss developing an ongoing Waterwatch program.
- Hosted this year's first QA/QC event at the Outward Bound Centre, Tharwa, for Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch volunteers.
- Provided equipment support to a number of member groups.

Education

This period the coordinator;

- Assisted a Calwell High School Yr7 class with a macro invertebrate lesson at Tuggeranong Ck.
- Attended the information evening at Chisholm High School as part of the Science Faculty's display.
- Assisted Lake Tuggeranong College's Sustainability Unit with 2 macro invertebrate surveys at 6 sites around southern ACT over 3 x 2 hour lessons.
- Met with Outward Bound staff to discuss changes to their Waterwatch program.

- Delivered a Waterwatch lesson including macro-invertebrate survey with Stromlo High School Yr9 students at the Cotter R.
- Assisted Chisholm High School teacher with macro invertebrate survey of Goodwin Village Pond.

Weeds Equipment

This period the coordinator;

- Delivered training in the use of back pack spray units to the 'Green Army'.
- Managed the booking of the spray trailer by land owners.

Urban Landcare

The coordinator;

- Collected coir logs from TAMS for use by urban Landcare groups.
- Attended the TLC meeting for May(briefly).

Icon Water project

The coordinator met with Icon Water supervisors and SACTCG executive to negotiate a new set of outputs for this funding period to assist with the online education goals of Icon Water.

Grants

Current grants being managed by the coordinator include:

- ACT Environment Grant 'Housing for Native Animal Rehabilitation'. All grant monies have been spent on specified aviaries and signage. Aviaries are now being installed around ACT.

Other

(none this period)

Leave (hours) Annual: 247.86 Personal: 259.83 (as at 25 Feb 2015) Flex: 33.89

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