

Waterwatch Coordinator's Report November 2015



In General

This report covers the period 18 August to 17 November 2015.

The Catchment Health Indicator Program report and other major reporting have been the focus this period. An annual report will be produced for the SACTCG as soon as practicable.

Office

This period the coordinator assisted with general supplies and up keep of the catchment group office including taking care of printer repairs and purchasing. He also purchased new business cards.

Events

This period, the coordinator attended;

- The Basin Priority Plan 'Multi Criteria Analysis' workshop to synthesize community forum feedback and final options for Lake Tuggeranong remediation(24/08).
- The graduation of the first round of the Green Army recruits(28/08).
- The launch of the Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch program's 2014/2015 Catchment Health Indicator Program at Dickson Wetlands and facilitated the attendance by Chisholm High School students(21/10).
- The ACT Landcare Awards where many SACTCG people and groups were successful in winning their categories(12/11). (☺)

Media

This period, the coordinator;

- Attended professional development training at 2XX for radio broad casters on radio policy and procedures(20/08).
- Hosted 3 SACTCG Radio Landcare shows with Danswell Starrs from UM Waterwatch as guest in September, Leslie McCrane from the TLC as guest in October, and Shirley Pipitone from the City Farm group as guest in November.
- Was video interviewed at the ACT Landcare awards (as a winning entrant).

Waterwatch

This period the coordinator;

- Provided 2 training sessions and site visit for new volunteer from Uriarra Parkcare monitoring Uriarra Crossing(19/08&9/09).
- Assisted the regional facilitator in organising and delivering a 'Platypus Watch' event at Tharwa(21/08&2/09).
- Finalised waterway health reports for CHiP.
- Provided training to Outward Bound leaders on use of advanced water testing equipment to increase their data contribution in line with other groups(8/9).
- Provided 2 training sessions to members of Lake Tuggeranong Rowing club.
- Provided training to 2nd recruitment round of Green Army. Accompanied Green Army on 2 macroinvertebrates surveying field trips(7/10&5/11).
- Met with new volunteer to discuss interests.
- Attended Waterwatch coordinators meetings for October and November.
- Delivered data entry training to Green Army team(22/10).
- Provided additional equipment support to a number of member groups.
- Provided site visit to new Waterwatch team in Orroral Valley, Namadji NP and provided 2 training sessions(26/10&12/11).
- Met with new school age volunteer to discuss monitoring interests(26/10).
- Assisted Molonglo Waterwatch coordinator with macroinvertebrate surveys at remote sites(4/11).

- Met with new family of Waterwatch volunteers keen to monitor remote sites on Naas R(9/11).
- Met with ACT scouting leader to discuss Waterwatch program in Namadji NP(11/11).
- Assisted in delivery of the Spring QA/QC training event for UM Waterwatch at Gungahlin Scout Hall(14/11).

Education

This period the coordinator;

- Delivered equipment and training to national scout leaders at Camp Cottermouth for national scouting event(22/08).
- Delivered a presentation on Waterwatch to the Keep Australia Beautiful Youth Leadership forum at the National Botanic Gardens(26/08).
- Delivered 2 Water bugs surveying sessions to Weston Joeys and Mt Arawang Guides (2/09&28/10).
- Delivered water bugs lesson to all 6 Yr 2 classes at Monash Primary school (7/09).
- Delivered drain stenciling activity to Chisholm High School(21/09).
- Delivered water bug surveying excursion, including organising and driving bus for Chisholm High School (22/09).
- Delivered Waterwatch lesson to Melrose High School Yr8 ACE Science class and assisted teacher with data logger issues(12/10).
- Assisted in Waterwatch excursion day for Yass school students(14/10).
- Organised the delivery of UM Waterwatch education day event at the Cotter Avenue(19/10).
- Delivered Waterwatch field day to Melrose High School Yr8 ACE Science class(23/10).
- Met with Charles Sturt University student to discuss and organise work place with SACTCG(27/10).
- Delivered excursion lessons on Waterwatch to 4 Yr 10 geography classes at Chisholm School(27,28/10&10/11).

Weeds Equipment

This period the coordinator;

- Managed the booking of the spray trailer by land owners.
- Delivered spray pack training to Green Army team.

Urban Landcare

The coordinator;

- Met with CVA management to discuss work potential for a proposed 'Lake Tuggeranong' Green Army team.
- Hosted the September and November meetings for the 'Carers of Point Hut Pond'.
- Attended the Cooleman Ridge Parkcare groups 25th anniversary celebrations and walk on Cooleman Ridge(6/09).
- Attended the September and October meetings of the 'Tuggeranong Lake Carers'.

Icon Water project

This period the coordinator met with Icon Water staff twice to discuss the education officer project in light of staffing changes(26/08&13/10).

Grants

Current grants being managed by the coordinator include:

- ACT Environment Grant 'Housing for Native Animal Rehabilitation'. Acquittal process for this grant has started.

Other

This period the coordinator also;

- Attended the AGM of the UMCCC and was elected to the office of treasurer (11/11).