

Annual Report 2009 Molonglo Catchment Group Waterwatch.

What the Volunteers have done.

The M-CHiP reports for July–December 2008 (draft, not released) and January–June 2009 demonstrate that the Waterwatchers of the Molonglo Catchment Group have 30 sites covered, representing all of the subcatchments in both New South Wales and the ACT. Every group maintained records sufficient for a well supported report to be compiled and released in September 2009. Volunteers attended the various training days and QAQC meetings offered by Waterwatch ACT and so our Waterwatch volunteers are accredited and their results reliable.

The Waterwatch School and Community Education Program

January: Holiday Learning Programs (whole day) in Queanbeyan and Tuggeranong

February: Bluegum Community School, Hackett, Yr2; Bungendore Joey Scouts

March: Mt Taylor Joey Scouts; Merici College, Yr 12; Canberra Grammar Yr 5-6; Queanbeyan PS, whole school.

April: Captains Flat PS, whole school.

May: Queanbeyan Distance Education students; Orana School, Yr 9; Bluegum Community School, Hackett, Kindergarten.

June: Bungendore PS, Yrs 5-6; Belconnen HS, Yr 7

July: Radford College, Yr 6, three days

August: Red Hill PS, Yr 6.

September: Radford College, Yr6 exhibition.

October: International River Health Conference, primary and secondary (2 days).

It is important to note that Bayne Geikie's 'Source to Sewer' talks and his work with CIT, although often undocumented, continued until his health failed.

Public Activities in which Waterwatch participated.

With Queanbeyan City Council and community: Queanbeyan Regatta Day, Queanbeyan Enviro Expo; and aquatic weed dredging plant identification as well as educational backup for the Indigenous River Restoration Crew.

With UMCCC: The Turbidity workshop, and the 'hunt for the source'; the numerous meetings, with ACTew and the community, as well as the Burra Creek Walk and media releases, to do with the use of Burra Ck in connexion with the proposed transfer of water to Googong Reservoir; preparation of submissions to the EIS/EA process over Burra Ck.

Floriade: a week of Catchment Group/Waterwatch/Frogwatch in the ACTew tent.

Educational work: launch of *The Isabella Pond Rowing Regatta* as part of AUSSI Schools program; helping Terry Koridaj compile the *Glove Box Guide Frogs of the ACT region*, and being involved with Hawker College and the proposed *Peter Barren Memorial Walk* in the lower Molonglo.

Each month I have used the volunteer Waterwatchers' reports to provide a website summary '...in out Catchment'.