

Monthly Landcare Networks Update

September 2007



Network	Key issues	Chair
Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dry Plains Landcare Group is folding but handing uncommitted funds to UMLC. 2. Willow workshops in conjunction with Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee and Molonglo Catchment Group at Michelago and Cooma. 3. Black willow control program starting next week on Murrumbidgee River Bredbo - ACT Border 4. AGM September 25th. 	Lynton Bond ph. 6238 2368 ldbond@tpg.com.au
Southern ACT Catchment Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2007 MDBC International River Health Conference 14-17 October. Group display & assisting for the ACT Catchment and Landcare Association. 2. 'Returning Life to Tuggeranong Creek.' Planning the next stage of project to revegetate the creek-line past Tuggeranong Homestead. With assistance from PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia. 3. SACTCG Catchment Management Strategy (CMS): The review of the Southern ACT Catchment Management Strategy is now complete and with the printers. 	Glenys Patulny ph: 0411 161 948 Glenys.Patulny@ed.act.edu.au
Molonglo Catchment Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with other catchment groups and NRM organisations to apply for Landcare Resource Centre "Living Environment Centre" for a former ACT school site. 2. Working with other Catchment Groups and NRM organisations to develop shared web hosting environment. 3. "Along the Molonglo" Art Exhibition at Floriade this week + talks by Molonglo Waterwatch Coordinator on "What is a Catchment and How Does It Work?" 4. At last CLA meeting, agreement in principle to assist in hosting ML Annual Forum and meeting to brainstorm venues, catering, field trips. 	Lynton Bond ph. 6238 2368 ldbond@tpg.com.au
Ginnindera Catchment Group		Nelson Quinn ph: 02 6230 2372 aranmohr@clearmail.com.au
Yass Area Network of Landcare Groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YAN meeting on 25th September to put in place a strategic plan. Local landcare groups involved in planning process. 2. YAN are planning to hold a Carbon Forum in Yass around April next year. 	Peter Dawes ph. 6226 6636 pjdawes@hotmail.com
Harden/ Murrumburrah Landcare Group		John McGrath ph: 0428 821 808 jmcgrath@dragnet.com
Cootamundra Landcare Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have new CO who is doing her damn best to get us up to speed. 2. New CSO organising a trip to the Save Energy Expo on 19-21 October 2007 in Melbourne. 	Kay Bird Ph. 6943 4484 knbird@activ8.net.au

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Riverina Highlands Landcare Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Riverglades Wetlands project has been nominated as finalist for the State Landcare awards. At least one of the key volunteers is planning to attend the awards. 2. DROUGHT! Investigating options to find water savings in the Landcare nursery in preparation for tighter water restrictions. 3. Planning a tour of nth-east Victoria and Riverina areas for our landcarers looking at farming styles. 4. Our CSO, Alison McLeod is looking at developing a project for schools based on the stream watch concept. 	Andrew Wilks ph. 6946 4464 andrew.wilks@hepl.com.au
Tarcutta Valley Landcare Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DROUGHT!: planting of 55,000 trees put on hold. 2. Guest speaker planned for 10 meetings a year. 3. Schools exchange between Maroubra and Tarcutta focusing on landcare and environmental issues. 	Peter McCallum Ph. 6928 9563
Kyeamba Valley Landcare Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have Peter Andrews coming again for site visit and in-shed presentation on a property implementing his ideas. 2. We are still getting enquiries for funding projects through the Salt reduction project – MCMA, but have reduced our original funding sum by about half. 3. It still hasn't rained in our Network! 	Peter Lawson ph. 0428 281 132 plawson@esat.net.au
Junee Area Landcare Network		Chris Slinger, Chair ph: 6924 1559 theslingers@iprimus.com.au
Central Riverina Landcare Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DROUGHT! 2. Proposed new Landcare Group at Mirrool Creek has had another meeting but drought is making it hard for people to commit to new projects. 	Wendy Jennings ph: 0427 273 079 rosebud6@bigpond.com
Eastern Riverina Landcare Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Landcare group doing re-evaluation and future direction planning. 2. Involved with the DPI on information days to decide which direction land managers should be taking with options for failed crops. 	James Male ph: 0429 203702 jamesmale@activ8.net.au
Lower Murrumbidgee Catchment Landcare Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AGM held in September, 6 people attended. Rhonda re-elected Chair; Phoebe Harrison as Treasurer, Public Officer. 2. Jodi Cameron, Indigenous Community Support Officer, attended with a representative from the local Aboriginal community. They are forming a Landcare sub committee, known as the Three ways Landcare group. Plan to upgrade their area with indigenous meeting areas and bush tucker plantings. 3. Griffith Urban Landcare considering proposal of disabled Liberty swing in the Burley Griffen Community gardens. Youth group, in conjunction with Rotary, want to construct mosaic path in the Garden. 4. Water restrictions mean no plantings. 	Rhonda Miranda ph: 02 6962 1004 rhondamiranda@bigpond.com

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Hay/Balranald Landcare Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Murrumbidgee River Bank Stabilisation Project. Hay TOP Landcare plus waterskiers planting Phragmites seedlings along river bank eroded by ski boats. (Envirofund) 2. Hay project to establish wetland for filtering of storm water prior to entry to Murrumbidgee River. Commenced with ceremony on Sept 24th (Community Water Grant). 3. Assessment (Hassall and Associates) of NLP funded project "Irrigating pasture species to fill feed gaps" planned for Oct 4th. Consultants contracted by MCMA. (A "Profitable Farmers, sustainable systems, healthy landscapes" project). 4. "Grazing Management of Native Vegetation" project proceeding with two Hay TOP Landcare graziers establishing time-control grazing infrastructure, and Andrew Schipp, DPI, and team undertaking vegetation measurements to establish a baseline. (A "Profitable Farmers, sustainable systems, healthy landscapes" project.) 	Ian Auldish ph: 02 6993 1092 ianauldish@hotmail.com