



SPECIES IN THE SUBURB

What an amazing day at Googong! 23rd September 2023

Molonglo Conservation Group were delighted to present our “Species in the suburb” event which was made possible by Icon Water’s community support program.

More than 50 Googong residents joined at Aprasia park to learn about pink tailed worm lizard. “Aprasia parapuchella” only found in small areas, one of these being Googong.

We heard from our project officer Elyssa about “Saving our species” project in Googong.

Displayed a new sign and sculpture all about pink tailed worm lizards now installed in the park. Next time out walking, lookout for these.

Pink Tailed Worm Lizard Sculpture was created and installed by Adam Fromholtz, an independent artist.

Participants were also able to tour across the Googong dam wall with educational officer Kate from Icon Water to learn the history and importance of one of our larger drinking reservoirs.

We learnt about local snake species such as tiger snakes, redbelly and pythons with a live display thanks to Gavin “ACT Snake removals, who is also running an extensive brown snake tracking project “Canberra Snake Tracking Project”. Fascinating information and great insight into learning how to live with our native reptiles and not fear them.

Young and old enjoyed identifying our many local waterbugs with our waterwatch coordinator Jed who runs our citizen science program ACT Landcare and Waterwatch.

Rob from Capital Ecology spoke with participants about Aprasia habitat and has been instrumental in Aprasia surveys in Googong over many years.

We also spoke about the wonderful work many Landcare and Parkcare volunteers are doing to support our natural environment.

Communications:

Various forms of communication were developed to promote the event and acknowledge partners through use of logos on promotional material and permanent signage in Googong.

- Eventbrite
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Icon Water Newsletter
- Googong Residence Association
- Googong Township
- Poster display around Googong
- PTWL Permanent Signage SOS



Permanent signage now displayed in Aprasia Park Googong

GOOGONG belong



The Molonglo Catchment Group are hosting two special events for all Googonians!

FREE EVENTS
SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

September is Biodiversity month which raises awareness for threatened species

The Pink-tail Worm-lizard *Aprasia parapulchella* is found on our Murrumbidgee to Googong Offset Property, at LMWQCC, on Mount Stromlo and on slopes along the Molonglo and Murrumbidgee River corridors. Its favourite food being ant eggs and larvae. It lives in rocky areas, underneath dinner-plate sized rocks and in the burrows of ants. Declared a vulnerable species in 2008 they are threatened from overgrazing, the removal and disturbance of their habitat, intense fires and increased predation by cats.



Our community support program has partnered with the Molonglo Conservation Group, to raise awareness of this important species. We invite you along to **Species in the Suburb Community Day at Googong, 23 September** where we will have lots of activities and the unveiling of a new *Aprasia* sculpture. Followed by our community tour of the Googong Dam. [Tour bookings essential.](#)

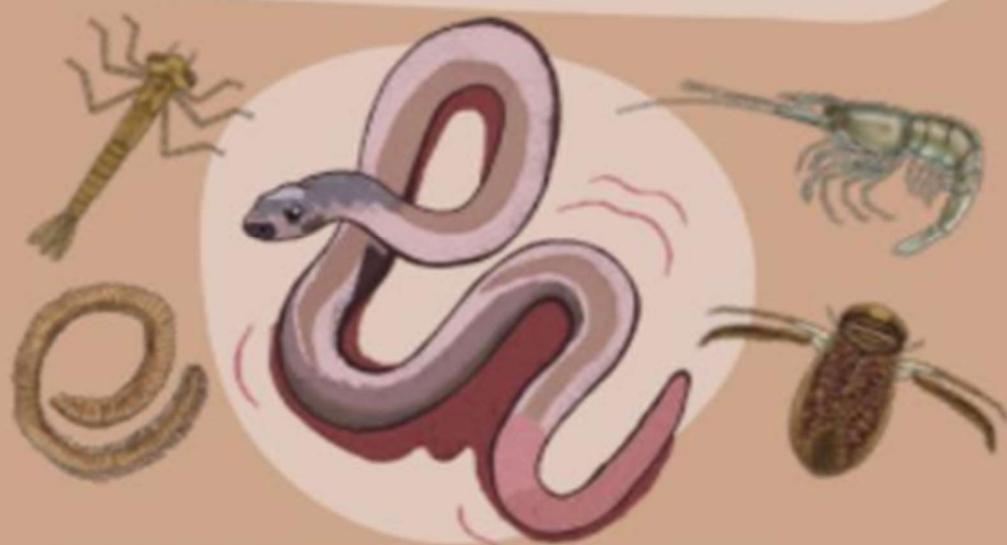
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SPECIES IN THE SUBURB COMMUNITY EVENT

10AM - 11:30AM SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
APRASIA PARK, APRASIA AVENUE, GOOGONG

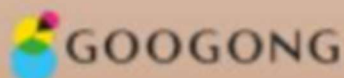


JOIN MOLONGLO CONSERVATION GROUP TO LEARN ABOUT
PINK-TAILED WORM LIZARDS (APRASIA), WATERBUGS AND
OTHER SPECIES IN OUR WATERWAYS.

FOLLOWED BY A GOOGONG DAM TOUR WITH ICON WATER
FROM 11:30 FOR A LIMITED GROUP- BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
THERE WILL BE INFORMATIONAL TALKS, HANDS-ON
ACTIVITIES, GOODY BAGS AND THE UNVEILING OF AN
APRASIA SCULPTURE!



United for Nature



Species in the Suburb Community Event

10am -11:30am Saturday 23rd September
Aprasia park, Aprasia Avenue, Googong



Join Molonglo Conservation Group to learn about the amazing species that live in our waterways and backyards including the Pink-Tailed Worm-Lizard! There's plenty to do, scan the QR code above for more information- tickets are essential! Here are some hints of what the day will have in store:

- Identify different water bugs with Waterwatch
- Get up close and personal to reptiles with ACT Snake Removals
- See the newest Pink-Tailed Worm-Lizard statue unveiled
- Go for a walk along Googong dam with Icon Water
- Search for Pink-Tailed Worm-Lizards with Capital Ecology

Contact communications@molonglo.org.au if you need support.



Species in the Suburb Event

Molonglo Conservation Group Jeannine, Jed & Elyssa



Waterbugs by Jed Pearson MCG Waterwatch



Gavin Smith "ACT Snake Removals"





Googong Dam Tour by Kate Rhook, Icon Water



Aparasia Habitat talk by Robert Speirs "Capital Ecology"



Sculpture creation, fabrication and installation by independent artist Adam Fromholtz



Acknowledgement of partners who helped make this event possible from the concept, approvals, sponsorship and education on the day of the event.

Partners Involved:

- Molonglo Conservation Group
- Icon Water
- Capital Ecology
- WaterWatch
- Googong Township – Communications & Promotion
- ACT Snake Removal
- NSW Government “Saving our Species”
- Adam Fromholtz – Sculpture creation and installation at Aprasia Park Googong.
- QPRC

