



United for Nature

## Molonglo Conservation Group

### Community Environmental Education and Stewardship Program

#### Final Report 2023 -2024

##### Program Description

Under this program, Molonglo Conservation Group (MCG) has worked with their local communities to deliver two key components of community participation in caring for urban open space, local waterways and reserve lands and improving environmental literacy in their catchment areas.

Molonglo Conservation Group has worked with ACT NRM to implement these programs, engaging with Landcare and Parkcare member groups, the local community and businesses, schools and community groups to undertake community environmental management through Landcare.

The scope of each catchment-specific program will vary according to the regional requirements for land management and community engagement. Molonglo Conservation Group has undertaken a strategic NRM program targeting the deliverables under two main outcome areas.

##### Program Goals

MCG, with the other two Catchment Groups, has undertaken a strategic program review supported by ACT NRM which has further informed targeting the deliverables under two main Program Goals:

1. *Community stewardship and shared care for managing ACT Environments is maintained and increased.*
2. *The ACT community has increased environmental awareness.*

**Supported Member and community Groups (*Actions to achieve Program Goal 1*)**

Focus on supporting community to care for local landscapes through a range of membership services and activities that build local land stewardship.

- Project development and management
- Funding support
- Coordination of on-ground and capacity building events and activities
- Administration support and financial management
- Communication services and IT support
- Resource provision (tools, equipment and community hub)
- Establishing new community groups and revitalizing stagnant or dormant groups
- Information Sharing, knowledge brokerage and representation

**Community Engagement and Education (*Actions to achieve Program Goal 2*)**

Focus on improving the knowledge, awareness and participation by the community to increase environmental literacy and encourage adoption of new behaviours within the Molonglo Catchment area.

- Coordination of community capacity building events and activities
- Promote Landcare and NRM to grow the resource and volunteer base, through events like market days, public stalls and other community events
- Targeted information dissemination through newsletters, website, social media, mainstream media interviews etc.
- Cultivating partnerships with regional catchment and NRM organisations, including Waterwatch, Frogwatch, Vegwatch, UMCN etc

**Lead Agency**

Molonglo Conservation Group

**Program Partners**

Ginninderra Catchment Group, Southern Catchment Group, ACT NRM, ACT Gov Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate, Member Urban Landcare and Parkcare Groups.

**Other Key Stakeholders**

ACT Transport Canberra and City Services, ACT Parks and Conservation Service, Landcare ACT, Aboriginal groups, ACT and Region Frogwatch Program, Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch Program, Friends of Grasslands, Canberra Ornithologists Group, Community Councils and residents' groups, Conservation Council, Wildlife Groups, schools, businesses, Universities, users of local lakes, ponds and creeks, Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Network, New Urban development, Suburban Land Agency, Murray Darling Basin Authority.

**Guideline Documents, Reports and Strategies**

- *ACT and Region Catchment Management Strategy (2016 - 2046)*
- *ACT NRM Plan (2021)*
- *Catchment Group Strategic Plans*
- *Communications Strategies*
- *ACT Nature Conservation Strategy (2012 - 2023)*
- *ACT Weed Strategy (2009 - 2019, latest version not publicly available yet)*
- *ACT Healthy Waterways Basin Project – Consultation Report, February 2017*
- *ACT Water Strategy and Plan (2014 - 2044)*
- *ACWA (UM Actions for Clean Water) Report (2012)*
- *Murray Darling Basin Plan*

### Project Budget

**\$559,500 over four years, with the following annual allocations:**

2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
\$131,500	\$135,500	\$142,000	\$150,500	\$559,500

### Timeline and Project Reporting

The below workplan outlines yearly deliverables for the **2023-2024** financial year as the **third** year of a four-year contract term from July 2021 - June 2025. A new workplan will be developed at the beginning of each financial year.

This workplan has been established during ACT's COVID lockdown. With the uncertainty around the resumption of volunteer activities and restrictions to face to face interactions, deliverables may need to be altered. Workplan activities and deliverables will be reviewed yearly in consultation with ACT NRM.

All annual program activities are expected to be completed by the end of June each year. Annual reporting will be completed by the end of August each year. Mid-term reporting will occur at the end of February each year.

Outcome Area	Description	Output measurement	Deliverables /year	Outputs	Additional Notes
<b>Supported Member &amp; Community Groups</b>  <b>\$65,500</b>	Facilitate project development and management. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• site visits and assessments</li> <li>• work planning</li> <li>• approvals</li> <li>• stakeholder and Government liaison</li> </ul>	<i>Number of projects scoped</i>	10	39	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Majura Valley – woolshed creek</li> <li>2. Helen – Yarralumla Creek revegetation</li> <li>3. SLA Whitlam – Species in the suburb</li> <li>4. Friends of Light St park Griffith planting</li> <li>5. Canberra Seed Savers and work, Wright</li> <li>6. See-Change Downer Group Restoration</li> <li>7. Eco Management Plan – CNCP Fisher Park Ainslie Grassroots Environment</li> <li>8. Campbell Community Association Garden</li> <li>9. Watermarks Catchment Studio Dickson Tradies. Sullivans Creek</li> <li>10. Bragg St Hackett Nature Play</li> <li>11. Watermarks Catchment studio Arts Grant</li> <li>12. Friends of Doonkuna Braddon – Landscape laneways</li> <li>13. Friends of Grevillea Park Workshops</li> <li>14. New Kingston Group – Bee Friendly Garden</li> <li>15. Friends of Magpie Hill Lyneham Reveg</li> <li>16. Ainslie Volcanics - Reveg</li> <li>17. Fisher Park Ainslie Restoration</li> <li>18. Bragg st Hackett– Water supply</li> <li>19. Friends of Narrabundah Wetlands Planting</li> <li>20. Dawson St Gardens Landscape Plan</li> <li>21. Cat containment – NSW</li> <li>22. Urban Rivers stream 2 – Platypus monitoring QPRC</li> <li>23. Community Garden Grant Dryandra</li> <li>24. Environment Grant Mnt Pleasant</li> <li>25. Friends of Mount Majura – Management Plan St John Wort</li> <li>26. Friends of Molonglo Green Training Workshops</li> <li>27. Friends of Dryandra – Environment group</li> </ol>

					28. NatureArt Lab – Environment Grant 29. MCG/GCG/Frogwatch – Environment Grant 30. Bragg St Hackett – Environment Grant 31. Canberra Birds Conservation Fund Grant Application 32. Grevillea park – Community support and infrastructure Auspiced 33. Fisher Place – Environment Grant 34. Grevillea Park – Environment Grant 35. Magpie Hill – Environment Grant 36. Honeysett Park garden – Environment Grant 37. Bragg St Hackett Planting – Wheen Bee Foundation 38. MCG Canberra Birds Education 39. Oz Fish – Tackle Bins Lake Burley Griffith
	Facilitate funding support through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>grant applications</li> <li>corporate sponsorship and</li> <li>other funding opportunities and partnerships</li> </ul>	<i>Number of applications for funding submitted</i>	5	32	1. Campbell Community Association Garden 2. Watermarks Catchment Studio Dickson Tradies 3. Bragg St Nature Play – Dickson Tradies 4. Watermarks Catchment studio Arts Grant 5. Friends of Doonkuna Braddon – Landscape laneways – Adopt -a-park 6. Friends of Grevillea Park – Adopt-a-park 7. New Kingston Group – Adopt-a-park 8. Friends of Magpie Hill – Adopt-a-park 9. Mnt Ainslie weeders – Adopt-a-park 10. Fisher park Ainslie – Adopt-a-park 11. Bragg st – Water supply – Adopt-a-park 12. Friends of Narr Wetlands – Adopt-a-park 13. Dawson St Gardens – Adopt-a-park

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	<p>Information Sharing and knowledge brokerage</p> <p>Linking volunteers with NRM/science institutions and stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Facilitating community information sharing through forums and meetings</p>	<p><i>Number of information brokerage sessions or activities</i></p>	2	17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Landcare ACT AGM</li> <li>2. LACT members council Quarterly meetings and AGM x 4</li> <li>3. Conference Program AWMS2023 5/6/7<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>4. Minister Vassarotti Round Table legislative assembly 4<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>5. UMCN AGM and meetings x 2</li> <li>6. MCG AGM 2021/2022 Sept 2023</li> <li>7. MCG AGM 2022/2023 Nov 2023</li> <li>8. MCG Members Forum 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024</li> <li>9. ACT Environment Grants Launch 5<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>10. Environmental Volunteers End of Year Party</li> <li>11. Biodiversity Conservation Forums x 3 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 23, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2024, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024</li> </ol>
	<p>Assisting community understanding of ACT Government policies, procedures, and processes at an operational level. Consultation with member groups regarding relevant ACT Government on NRM and related ACT Government policies and strategies.</p> <p>Assist ACT Government to implement overarching NRM and Land Management programs through cross-agency engagement and communication (e.g BCF)</p>	<p><i>number of contributions to consultation reports and submissions made to ACT Government and other organisations</i></p>	2	8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creek naturalisation Workshop 11<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>2. ACT Natural Resource Management - -- Community Program Development Workshop 2<sup>nd</sup> November</li> <li>3. Landcare ACT Urban rivers meetings</li> <li>4. Strategic review of Nature Conservation Workshop in the ACT 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 -EPSDD Biodiversity Policy</li> <li>5. ACT Environmental Volunteers Stakeholder Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</li> <li>6. EPSDD Nature Conservation Biodiversity Network discussion – Sarah Sharp 11<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>7. MCG representation submitted for DA 202342506 209 Majura Rd. 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024</li> <li>8. Ainslie Volcanics Petition EPSDD against development of Telecommunications Tower</li> </ol>



	Other membership services including:	<i>Number of groups involved in program activities</i>	15 Groups	<b>28</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Friends of Watson green Spaces</li> <li>2. Friends of Light St Griffith</li> <li>3. Bragg St Park Volunteers</li> <li>4. Friends of Doonkuna Heritage Laneways Braddon</li> <li>5. Friends of Honeysett Gardens Kingston</li> <li>6. Friends of Magpie Hill Lyneham</li> </ol>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration support, such as financial management of small group funds and insurance</li> <li>• Resource provision of tools and equipment, including for weed management and planting.</li> <li>• Establishing new and revitalizing stagnant or dormant groups. Succession planning- assist recruitment and training of new leaders in long serving groups</li> </ul>		New Member Groups	<b>6</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program and Communication and IT support such as hosting webpages, production of group brochures, social media presence and access to computers, printers etc.</li> </ul>	<i>Number of communications activities including newsletters, social media and information pieces</i>	10	<b>16</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Launch new Website Jan 2024</li> <li>2. Members Page on website – 25 Member links</li> <li>3. MCG Spring Newsletter</li> <li>4. Facebook/Instagram</li> <li>5. Landcare Radio x 2</li> <li>6. New MCG Flyer</li> <li>7. 22 x New MCG Individual Members Flyer</li> <li>8. Hosting Facebook Pages</li> <li>9. ONCC Stall Narra College – Flyers Jerra Wetlands 21/9/23</li> <li>10. Urban Rivers Media Statement 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023</li> <li>11. Urban Rivers Funding Launch with Minister Plibersek Jerra wetlands</li> <li>12. New MCG Flags for Volunteering events</li> <li>13. MCG Summer Newsletter</li> <li>14. ABC Radio Drive – Molonglo valley Bridge and Path Environment Issues Jed Person MCG</li> <li>15. WIN News – Species in the Suburb Launch</li> <li>16. MCG Autumn Newsletter</li> </ol>

<b>Community Engagement and Education</b>  <b>\$61,500</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION</b> Coordination of capacity building or awareness raising activities for the broader community and members such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>weeding and planting events,</li> <li>clean up days,</li> <li>interpretive walks,</li> <li>corporate volunteering,</li> <li>school engagement,</li> </ul>	<i>Number events hosted or coordinated.</i>	4	9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queanbeyan Art Society -3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023</li> <li>Aprasia Education at Wildbark</li> <li>Wildbark Education Conservation Connections</li> <li>(ELC) Narrabundah School Wetlands Education 31<sup>st</sup> August</li> <li>(ELC) Narrabundah PTWL 21<sup>st</sup> September</li> <li>Interfaith Event – Grevillea Park</li> <li>CIT weeding and clean up Oaks Estate</li> <li>2024 Schools climate action conference Guest speaker MCG</li> <li>Cleanup Australia 3<sup>rd</sup> March</li> </ol>
	Promote Landcare activities to grow the volunteer base, through events such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>market days,</li> <li>public stalls and</li> <li>mainstream media</li> <li>other community events</li> </ul>	<i>number of activities / events building stewardship recruitment, increasing environmental literacy and promoting Landcare</i>	2	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Festival of Nature Landcare Event Stall 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023</li> <li>Landcare Conference (Registration and set up) 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023</li> <li>End of year volunteer party with Landcare ACT</li> <li>ACT Volunteer Expo 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024</li> <li>World Environment Day Expo 5<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ol>
	Broad community education through communication activities and information dissemination through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>newsletters</li> <li>website posts</li> <li>social media</li> <li>mainstream media interviews etc.</li> </ul>	<i>number of communication activities</i>  <i>number of people actively engaged through communications activities</i>	10  e.g FB analytics	10+	<b>178 Posts on Facebook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website New visitors 84%</li> <li>Website Member Page with 25 Group links created</li> <li>168 Visitors</li> <li>116 Facebook/Instagram posts</li> <li>1200 Followers Facebook</li> <li>399 Followers Instagram</li> <li>Facebook Reach 9600</li> <li>Instagram Reach 619</li> <li>Facebook visits 2500</li> <li>Instagram visits 396</li> <li>New Facebook followers 90</li> <li>New Instagram followers 44</li> </ul>

	<p>Network connections and skill-sharing, including maintaining collaboration with regional catchment and NRM organisations to develop new and maintain existing partnerships</p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Groups</li> <li>• Private enterprise / business</li> <li>• Community Groups</li> <li>• Community Councils</li> <li>• Schools</li> </ul>	<i>number of partners engaged</i>	10	29+	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wildbark</li> <li>2. Landcare ACT</li> <li>3. UMCN</li> <li>4. ACT NRM - EPSDD</li> <li>5. NEOEN – Capital Battery</li> <li>6. Queanbeyan Art Society</li> <li>7. Waterwatch</li> <li>8. Narrabundah School</li> <li>9. Old Narrabundah Community Council</li> <li>10. PCS</li> <li>11. TCCS</li> <li>12. QPRC</li> <li>13. SLA</li> <li>14. Icon Water</li> <li>15. Canberra Institute of Technology</li> <li>16. Canberra Ornithologist Group</li> <li>17. Grassroots Environment</li> <li>18. Catchment Studios</li> <li>19. See Change</li> <li>20. ACT Gov Sustainable Schools</li> <li>21. National Zoo and Aquarium</li> <li>22. Canberra Reptile Zoo</li> <li>23. Oz Fish</li> <li>24. ACT Frogwatch</li> <li>25. Landcare ACT</li> <li>26. Southern ACT Catchment Group</li> <li>27. Ginninderra Catchment Group</li> <li>28. LACT members Council</li> <li>29. Lake Burley Griffin Canoe Club</li> </ol>
<b>Project administration and management</b>	<p>Catchment Groups will undertake all project management and administration overseen by the Program Manager including:</p>	<p>Mid term Report due 25th February</p> <p>Quantitative summary due 30th June</p>			<p><b>Submitted 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b></p> <p><b>Submitted 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b></p>

<b>\$15,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Planning schedule of activities and logistics.</li> <li>· Partnership and contract management</li> <li>· Financial management</li> <li>· Reporting – final report template as agreed with ACT Government.</li> </ul>	Final Report due 31st August			<b>Submitted 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>
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Overview - July 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023 – June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Target	Actual
<b>Activities have been delivered by MCG Program Manager, Project officer and Volunteer Board President</b>		
<b>Landcare and Member Group Support</b>		
Number of projects scoped	10	39
Facilitate funding support through – Number of applications submitted for funding	5	32
Number of existing groups receiving ongoing support	10	28
Total Number of members all groups		200+
Hosting member Web pages and Social media links		25
Number of community users accessing Catchment Group Hub	20	100+
<b>Information Sharing and Knowledge Brokerage</b>		
Linking volunteers with NRM/science institutions and stakeholder engagement.		
Facilitating community information sharing through forums and meetings.	2	17
Number of contributions to consultation reports and submissions made to ACT Government and other organisations	2	8
<b>Community Engagement and Education</b>		
Number of partners engaged	10	29
<i>Total Number of attendees</i>		200+
Number of activities / events building stewardship recruitment, increasing environmental literacy and promoting Landcare	2	5
<i>Total Number of attendees</i>		200+
<b>Communications</b>		
Number of communication activities on behalf of member groups	10	20+
Number of communications activities including newsletters, social media and information pieces	10	16+
Number of Newsletters published		3
Social Media Posts		178

### Supported Member & Community Groups - 39 Projects Scoped / 32 Grant Submissions

Groups	Grant submission	Status
Campbell Community Association Garden	Community Garden	Approved
Watermarks Catchment Studio, Sullivans Creek	Dickson Tradies	Approved
Bragg St Hackett Nature Play	Dickson Tradies	Approved
Dryandra Community Garden	Community Garden	Approved
Watermarks Catchment studio Sullivans Creek	Arts Australia	Approved
Friends of Doonkuna Braddon – Landscape laneways	Adopt-a-park	Not Approved
Friends of Grevillea Park	Adopt-a-park	Not Approved
Honeysett Garden Kingston	Adopt-a-park	Approved
Friends of Magpie Hill	Adopt-a-park	Approved
Mount Ainslie weeders	Adopt-a-park	Approved
Fisher Park Ainslie	Adopt-a-park	Approved
Bragg St Hackett – Water supply	Adopt-a-park	Not Approved
Friends of Narrabundah Wetlands	Adopt-a-park	Approved
Dawson St Gardens Curtin	Adopt-a-park	Not Approved
Cats and conservation building cat safe communities and thriving ecosystems	NSW Environment Education Grant	Pending Approval
Urban Rivers stream 2 – Platypus monitoring QPRC	Commonwealth – Urban Rivers	Pending Approval
Mount Pleasant	Environment Grant	Not Approved
Friends of Mount Majura – Management Plan Weed	Environment Grant	Approved
Friends of Molonglo Green spaces	Environment Grant	Approved
Friends of Dryandra	Environment Grant	Approved
Nature ArtLab	Environment Grant	Not approved
Grivillea Park	Environment Grant	Approved
Frogwatch/MCG/CGC	Environment Grant	Approved
Bragg St, Hackett	Environment Grant	Not Approved
Grivillea Park	Community Support Grant	Approved
MCG Education	Canberra Birds Conservation	Pending Approval
Fisher Place Grassy Woodlands Restoration	Environment Grant	Approved
Magpie Hill Lyneham	Environment Grant	Approved
Honeysett Pond	Environment Grant	Approved
Bragg Street Hackett	Wheen Bee Foundation	Pending Approval
MCG Fishing Tackle Bins	Conservation of flora & Flora	Approved

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

### Queanbeyan Art Society and Molonglo Conservation Group Art Exhibition 3rd July 2023

#### *People for Nature, Nature for People in and around the Molonglo Catchment*

The People for Nature, Nature for People theme explores ways that help to build a more harmonious and helpful relationship between people and nature, for the future of the Molonglo Catchment.

Our community would be working to rebalance nature for a stronger, more resilient future, if we chose to create healthy habitats for wildlife in our own backyards, encourage and care for native habitats while farming in a sustainable way, volunteer with a Landcare or Park Care group in a nature reserve, regenerate native vegetation to protect remnant mature hollow bearing trees in our urban parks and woodlands collect rubbish for a clean-up day out of our rivers and lakes, there is a healing value in all this. Recycle, reuse, repurpose, renew things we have made or built in the urban, rural and natural landscape.

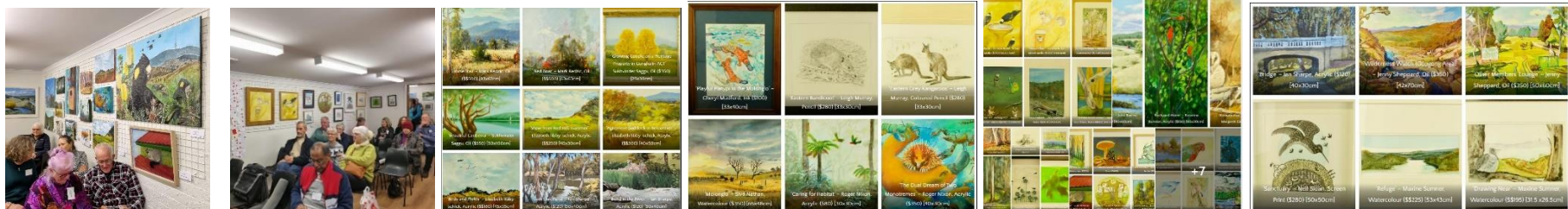
With over 60 entries by local artists the show exhibits some remarkable works and showcases the link between People, Nature and Art.

Special speakers joined on Sunday 3rd June to open the exhibit and announce winners in different categories.

**Speakers:** *Mark Butz, Environmental Scientist, Historian and Author - Karen Williams, President Molonglo Conservation Group - Mayor, Kenrick Winchester*

**Art pieces for sale can also be found on the Queanbeyan Art Society webpage** <https://gasarts.org>

A winning art piece has now been earmarked to help promote the ACT Latham Snipe project. Design will be used on promotional material.





### Interfaith Forum Friends of Grevillea Park Barton 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Canberra Interfaith forum at Grevillea Park in Barton for the 12th anniversary of the Environment Mediation and healing Garden where a number of guest speakers, cultural performances from Indigenous and faith traditions joined together to celebrate and an opportunity to talk about volunteering.



### Aprasia PTWL Education Wildbark July 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 (2 Events Hosted)

As part of broader community education and awareness, our Project Officer Elyssa Castles visited the [Wildbark](#) Education Centre at Mulligans Flat to talk about the Pink-Tailed Worm Lizard conservation efforts. The children learnt about 'Pinkies' during the presentation and then had the opportunity to make their own 'Pinky Pet' to take home. Elyssa returned the following week to engage with more children and connect with the wider community about conservation practices.





### **Clean up Australia Day 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

Thank you all who joined us and Parks and Conservation Services at Jerrabomberra Wetlands today for Cleanup Australia Day.

We had participants join from [#friendsofjerrabomberrawetlands](#) [#dceew](#) [#youngprofessionals](#) [#burleygriffincanoclub](#) and [#ministershanerattenbury](#) along with others who contributed in making a difference.

38 participants collected rubbish around Jerrabomberra Creek and Molonglo peninsula. We filled a large skip. Plastics still being a number one contributor to the pollution in our waterways.



## World Environment Day Networking Expo

On 5th June we participated in the World Environment Day Networking Expo with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council alongside other local environmental organisations, community groups and passionate community members. This was a great opportunity to showcase some of our projects in both NSW and the ACT, find ways to collaborate with other groups and build our knowledge of what's happening across the catchment and surrounding areas.



## World Environment Day Environment Grant Recipient Launch 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The theme for World Environment Day 2024 is "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience." This theme highlights the urgent need to restore degraded lands, combat desertification, and build resilience against droughts. These efforts are crucial for ensuring a sustainable future and combating the adverse effects of climate change.

Quite fitting we celebrated with Friends of Grevillea Park this morning and Minister Vassarotti and NRM for the announcement of the 2024-2025 ACT Environmental Grants Program recipients.



*Photos taken by ACT NRM EPSDD*

## World Water Day March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

Healthy waterways are of the utmost importance for existence 💧

Today, many gathered at Croke place Evatt Wetlands' for the launch of the Upper Murrumbidgee waterwatch CHIP report (Catchment Health Indicator Program).

This annual report is a collaboration by many and is significant in collecting important research of our waterways.

Over 200+ Citizen Science volunteers led by Catchment Group Waterwatch Coordinators, EPSDD, Frogwatch along with many more, have and continue to contribute to this important data.

Monthly waterwatch sampling, waterbug, platypus and frogwatch surveys will continue and we invite anyone to join 💧🐸

Our waterwatch coordinator Jed Pearson continues to be instrumental in putting this scientific waterwatch data together aswell as delivering other environmental projects with our MCG team.

➡️ To read the 2023 Catchment Health Indicator Program (CHIP) Report, visit <https://www.act.waterwatch.org.au/data/chip-reports>





## PROMOTE LANDCARE ACTIVITIES TO GROW THE VOLUNTEER BASE, THROUGH EVENTS SUCH AS:

### **Festival of Nature Launch with Landcare ACT - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Launch of the “Festival of nature” in Whitlam. Landcare ACT, An event that brought many environmental organisations together to promote opportunities to engage with our natural environment through volunteering. MCG Held a stall as part of this festival.



### **Volunteer Expo 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The Volunteer Expo is held every year to connect the Canberra community to volunteering opportunities. MCG Held a stall promoting our many volunteer groups and citizen science projects.





## COMMUNICATIONS EXAMPLES

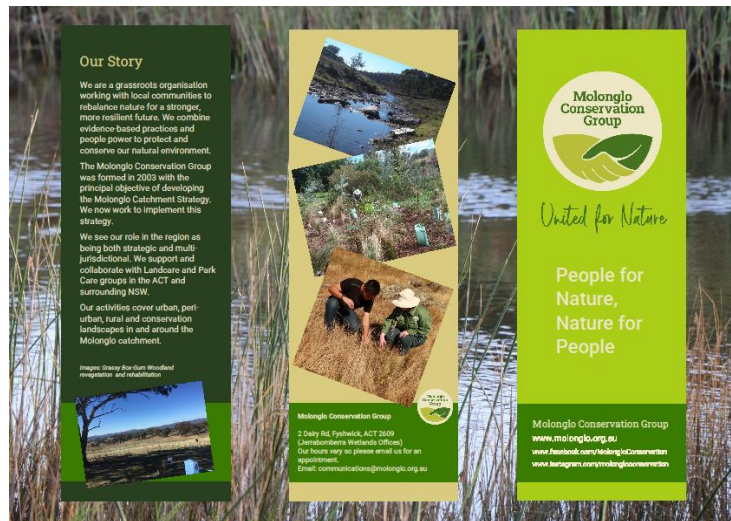
Launch of new MCG Website January 2024, Members Page on website, Facebook/Instagram Posts Supporting members by promoting activities, Landcare Radio presentations x 2, MCG Newsletter x 3, Hosting member Facebook Pages, Hosting Member Website Pages, New Flyers promoting volunteering activities. Urban Rivers Media Statement, New Promotional Flags designed and manufactured for volunteering events, 22 Individual Volunteer Group Flyers created and provided to MCG volunteer member groups and for use of community engagement and promotion events.

### New Promotional Flags designed and manufactured for volunteering events November 2023





## New MCG Flyer Designed and Created “About us”



## New MCG Flyer promoting volunteering opportunities through Landcare, Parkcare and citizen science activities.



New member flyers have been designed and printed for each member groups. Examples Below: 22 Individual Flyers Created as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
A 3 month Work Experience opportunity was provided for a job seeker to help design and create each flyer.

## Bragg Street Park Hackett Volunteer Group



Swale January 2024

Supported by  
Molonglo Conservation Group  
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### About Us

The aim of the Bragg St group is to get more local interest in the park, which is about 1ha in size. The group, formed in 2016, is registered with the Urban Parks Volunteers program. In 2020-21, the Group received a Nature in the City grant of \$9,100 to construct 7 swales. Swales are mounds of soil (approximately 1m high) built across a slope which capture water and direct it into the sub-soil, rather than letting it run across the surface. Capturing water has reduced minor flooding of gardens below the park. The group then received grants under the 2021-22 and 2022-23 Adopt a Park program to purchase plants which were planted in the swales. As the first urban space in Canberra, where swales have been built, the park is a valuable resource to help understand how to enhance such spaces. The group also supports the provision of recreational elements that can be used by people of all ages and abilities. The front photo shows the plants that have grown in one of the swales that were built in August 2021 (photo below).

📍 Bragg Street, Hackett ACT 2602




Swale construction 2021      Swale after rain 2022

**Want to get involved in volunteering?**

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## Friends of Jerrabomberra Wetlands



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The Friends of Jerrabomberra Wetlands get together for working parties to help take care of the Jerrabomberra Wetlands Nature Reserve between Kingston and Fyshwick.

We call them parties because a lot of chatting goes on as well as the work of planting and caring for native trees, shrubs and grasses, also removing weeds such as blackberry, briar rose, St John's Wort, periwinkle, alder and other exotic trees. We also do ad hoc projects to improve conditions for visitors, such as cutting back reeds blocking birdwatchers' views and erecting nesting boxes in the swamps. New members will learn a lot about the plants, birds and animals in the Reserve, get some exercise, and meet friendly people who share your willingness to make a difference in their community.

The group meets at 09.30 – 12.30 (09.00 – 12.00 in daylight savings) on the first Tuesday and third Saturday of each month.


📍 Parks and Conservation Service  
Offices, Dairy Flat Road, Fyshwick



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New MCG Website – President Karen Williams created all content for our new Website which was launched in January 2024

See new website here: [Home | Molonglo Conservation](#)



New MCG website Members Page dedicated to support our members with information and direct links to visit media pages for each group (25 Groups)



Example of member group web page

## Example of members being supported through MCG Media Communications. “Promoting Volunteer Activities”

50+ Member activities posted through MCG media pages (more activities can be found on our media pages in the links below)

[www.facebook.com/MolongloConservation](https://www.facebook.com/MolongloConservation)

[www.instagram.com/molongloconservation](https://www.instagram.com/molongloconservation)





## MCG Members Forum 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Held at Jerrabomberra wetlands. An opportunity to bring members up to date on current projects and to hear from our members.



## Spring Newsletter 2023

[Molonglo Conservation Group Autumn Newsletter 2024 \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:newsletter@molongloconservationgroup.org.au)

## Summer Newsletter 2024

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## Autumn Newsletter 2024

<https://mailchi.mp/947b20d53143/molonglo-conservation-group-spring-2023-newsletter-6740491>

## MEDIA STATEMENT

10 August 2023



### Statement from Dr Maxine Cooper, Independent Chair of Landcare ACT:

"The Landcare movement has been working tirelessly to restore, enhance and protect the natural environment right across the nation for over 30 years. With almost 100 local volunteer landcare groups across the Capital region, active community engagement in this essential work has never been greater or more necessary."

"We welcome this significant investment by the Australian government to support us and landcarers throughout the National Landcare Network as we continue to improve the health of our waterways and increase their resilience in the face of a rapidly changing climate"

### Statement from Jim Adams, CEO of the National Landcare Network (NLN):

"This is a fantastic outcome for Landcare ACT, their members and volunteers. Supporting the expansion of landcarers' critical work to improve local waterways is a promising step forward from the Australian Government to deliver on their election commitments to community landcare, and will undoubtedly lead to a great deal of discussion at the ACT Environmental Volunteers Conference tomorrow."

There is an enormous amount of work that needs to be done to address biodiversity loss, environmental restoration, and the impacts of climate change on our environment both in the ACT and nationwide. With funding uncertainty impacting the wider community landcare movement across Australia, the National Landcare Network welcomes further commitments from government to bolster community-based approaches and maximise the value of volunteer-based grassroots efforts this Landcare Week."

### Statement from Kat McGilp, Catchment Coordinator, Ginninderra Catchment Group:

"The Ginninderra Catchment Group and our 31 volunteer groups are dedicated to revitalizing waterways and fostering resilient ecosystems, and we welcome the Australian Government's support for on-the-ground restoration of our urban rivers. This funding program empowers our community to ensure the biodiversity and health of our urban rivers and creeks, creating a positive impact on both the environment and our local communities."

### Statement from Martine Franco, General Manager, Southern ACT Catchment Group:

"The Southern ACT Catchment Group welcomes this fantastic initiative to improve the health of our local urban waterways. The Murrumbidgee River and its tributaries are heavily affected by urbanisation in the Tuggeranong Valley. As a much-loved river for Canberrans, this program will provide an opportunity for local communities to engage in restoration activities and help restore the beautiful natural environments along the river corridor."

### Statement from Jeannine Fromholtz, Program Manager, Molonglo Conservation Group:

"Molonglo Conservation Group welcomes and supports the federal urban rivers initiative. Funding from this program will support our organisation to empower community stewardship groups to engage in riparian restoration to improve the health, resilience and productivity of natural and managed waterways along Molonglo River and its many tributaries throughout the ACT."

## Urban Rivers Funding announcement with Catchment Groups, Minister Plibersek, MP Alicia Payne, Landcare ACT Media Statement 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Jerrabomberra Wetlands





### Landcare Radio presentations:

Our Project Officer Elyssa Castles was invited to join Tom Baker and Margaret Piper recently on Radio Landcare to talk about Luna the Stay-At-Home Cat, a resource we recently published to promote community conversations and education around cat containment 25<sup>TH</sup> July 2023.

Elyssa also joined Radio Landcare on 31<sup>st</sup> October to talk further about projects Molonglo Conservation Group are engaged with.

You can listen to the episode here: <https://www.2xxfm.org.au/shows/radio>



### WIN News 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Launch of Species in the Suburbs by MCG

