



United for Nature

Molonglo Conservation Group

Community Environmental Education and Stewardship Program

Final Report 2022 -2023

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 Outcomes:

- 1) **Supported Member and community Groups:** actively supported member & community groups undertaking local activities that improve the health and number of community stewarded sites
- 2) **Community Engagement and Education:** improved adoption of new behaviours and environmental literacy in the community and information dissemination to reduce pollution of local waterways

Supported Member and community Groups

MCG member groups and community groups working across multiple tenures.

- 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
- Establishing new community groups and revitalizing stagnant or dormant groups
- Stakeholder engagement with members and the community, to provide consultation on ACT Government policies and strategies.

Community Engagement and Education

- Promotion of H2OK messaging and stormwater education within the community, through education events and activities, communications activities
- On-ground event organisation, including weeding and planting events, clean up days, interpretive walks, corporate volunteering, school engagement, forums, project based work parties.
- 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.
- Network connections and skill-sharing, including habitat for wildlife and land for wildlife, adaptation for a changing climate
- Developing partnerships with regional catchment and NRM organisations and 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 2021-2022 financial year as the first 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. A brief, quantitative summary of achievements will be provided by 30th June each year to assist with ACT Government reporting.

Outcome Area	Description	Output measurement	Deliverables/year	Outputs	Additional Notes
Supported Member & Community Groups \$45,500	Facilitate project development and management. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site visits and assessments • work planning • approvals • stakeholder and Government liaison 	<i>Number of projects scoped</i>	10	20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fisher Park Ainslie - community restoration project 2. Ainslie Volcanics Site – restoration to protect the native grasslands. 3. Corroboree Park site Ainslie -Community restoration project 4. Reid Site – Weed removal in Laneways. 5. Merici College - Rewilding 6. Canoe club – Molonglo Reach Restoration 7. Majura Solar Farm volunteer group – Community restoration project 8. Nature-Art-Lab – Nature Journalling Yarralumla 9. Mingle/SLA Whitlam – Habitat for Wildlife Workshops 10. Neoen Capital Battery – Molonglo River Restoration 11. Friends of Blk Mnt – Reprinting Interpretive signs 12. Friends of Bragg St, Hackett – Planting and Maintenance 13. Friends of Honeysett Pond – Planting 14. Oaks Estate – Riparian Improvement 15. Mt Pleasant Parkcare – Controlling Vinca 16. Dryandra Pt4 - Restoration 17. Campbell Park Care – Community Garden 18. Qby Art Society - Connecting People and Nature art competition. 19. Friends of Braddon – Laneway Restoration 20. Dawson St Curtin – Landscape designing

	<p>Facilitate funding support through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● grant applications ● corporate sponsorship and ● other funding opportunities and partnerships 	<p><i>Number of applications for funding submitted</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>ACT Environment Grants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of Blk Mnt – Restoring Signs 2. Oaks Estate Pt2 – Riparian Improvement 3. Dryandra Pt4 - Restoration 4. Nature-Art-Lab – Nature journaling 5. Mt Pleasant Parkcare – Controlling Vinca 6. Ainslie Volcanics – Restoring native grasslands. 7. Black Mnt weeding – Reprinting Interpretive signs. <p>Adopt-a-park Grants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of Bragg St, Hackett - Planting 2. Friends of Honeysett Pond Pt2 - Planting 3. Campbell Park Care – Signage 4. Dawson St Curtin – Landscape design <p>Other Applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IMB Grant - 2. Friends of Dryandra – Open Garden Grant 3. Neoen Capital Battery – Secured ongoing yearly funding support for Molonglo River Restoration 4. CNCP – Ainslie Volcanics 5. CNCP – Corroboree Park Ainslie 6. CNCP – Narrabundah Wetlands 7. CNCP – Bragg St, Hackett 8. Catchment Studios – Watermarks (Auspice) 9. Volunteer Grants - Alicia Payne

	<p>Information Sharing and knowledge brokerage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking volunteers with NRM/Science institutions and stakeholder engagement to provide consultation on NRM and related ACT Government Policies and Strategies, <p>Assisting community understanding of ACT Government policies, procedures, and processes at an operational level.</p>	<p><i>Number of information brokerage sessions or activities</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>Have your say: Shared with member groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NRM Caring for Dhawura Ngunawal A natural resource plan. 2. Save Ainslie Grasslands petition. 3. CNCP Liaison for MCG members 4. Representation for member groups Landcare ACT members council Quarterly meetings 5. International Woman’s Day event 6. UMCN Member’s Council Representation for member groups Quarterly meetings 7. Consultation focus group reserve management planning review – April 27th 8. UMCN MDBA Water forum
	<p>Other membership services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration support, such as financial management of small group funds and insurance • Resource provision of tools and equipment, including for weed management and planting. • Establishing new and revitalizing stagnant or dormant groups. Succession planning- assist recruitment and training of new leaders in long serving groups 	<p><i>Number of groups involved in program activities</i></p>	<p>10+ Groups</p>		<p>Member Groups = 32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups supported through day-to-day communications and engagement. • Provision of Tools provided to members at various working Bees. • Administration support, Insurance, Grant applications, Financial Acquittals. • Access to office space at Jerrabomberra Wetlands for meetings, forums and a place for volunteers to sit chat and have a coffee.

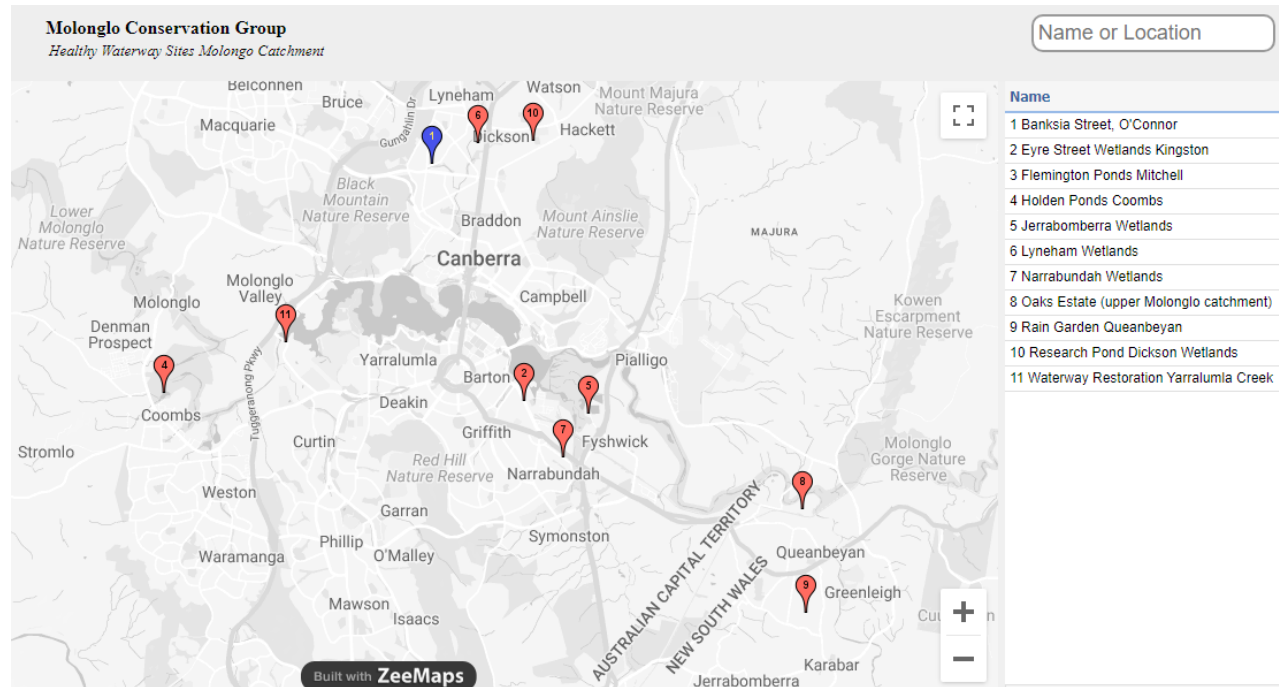
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program and Communication and IT support such as hosting webpages, production of group brochures, social media presence and access to computers, printers etc. 	<i>Number of communications activities including newsletters, social media and information pieces on member activity and knowledge sharing activities</i>	10	10+ Social Media posts 264 over 12 months Social media reach 2467 over 28 days Social media engagement with posts 456 over 28 days	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of member activities via our media pages Numerous Facebook posts Numerous Instagram posts Updates of MCG happenings via Newsletters 20/12/22 Members Forum held at office 22/3/23. Members Monday (Information on member groups featured weekly) Flyer and online Mapping featuring our member groups (Currently in process of putting together) Media Training, recent facebook training for member group Hosting Facebook Pages for Members 5 Pages currently hosted by MCG. Hosting member pages on our website (Currently in progress) Soon to be launched. Online calendar of events shared with Landcare ACT Podcast - Canberra conversation in the Capital 3/5/2023 Promoting activities.
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Community Engagement and Education \$75,000	HEALTHY WATERWAYS and STORMWATER EDUCATION Promotion of H2OK messaging within the community, through education events and activities, eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● interpretive walks ● waterway clean ups ● community group presentations and online options (where more suitable under COVID restrictions) 	<i>number of education activities and events promoting H2OK messaging and broadening general community knowledge</i>	5	8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterways Education Walk and talk Oaks Estate 2. Waterways Education – Narrabundah Primary x 3 3. Waterways Education Narrabundah College at Narraundah Wetlands 4. National Museum 3-day Symposium “Following Sullivan’s Creek” MCG Presentations 5. Waterways Education Dickson Wetlands 6. Cleanup day MCG & PCS Jerra wetlands & Lake Burley Griffin 7. World Wetlands Day Stall & Film night PCS Jerra Wetlands 8. Healthy waterways promotion ACT volunteer’s expo
	Targeted healthy waterway and stormwater education communication activities and information dissemination through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● newsletters ● website, ● social media ● mainstream media interviews etc. 	<i>number of waterway communication activities</i> <i>number of people actively engaged through communications activities</i>	10 FB Analytics	10+ Facebook Followers 1152 New followers 119 Site visits 1370 Instagram Followers 377 New Followers 70 Site visits 1117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Multiple Facebook & Instagram Posts ● Videos x 2 ● Radio x 1 ● Waterways Symposium x 1 ● Podcast x 1 ● Riotact news x 2 ● H2OK Messaging Brouchures Community Stall ● Creation of Healthy waterways Map for online use ● promote World Wetlands Day ● promote local wetlands and waterways ● clean-up events and H2ok Messaging ● Sharing Leaf Collective posts ● Riot Act Honeysett Ponds, Kingston ● Facebook/Instagram Posts ● Waterways Symposium - Landcare radio ● Advertised World Wetlands Day and Cleanup event Radio Landcare ● Following Sullivan’s creek film



	<p>BROAD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>On- ground event organisation with the broader community such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> weeding and planting events, clean up days, interpretive walks, corporate volunteering, school engagement, habitat and land for wildlife project based work 	<p><i>Number of on-ground community events organised</i></p> <p><i>(Community groups presentations and online options (where more suitable under COVID restrictions)</i></p>	3	13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MCG & CIT – Campbell Legacy Park Weeding MCG & CIT – Campbell Planting CIT Weed ID Workshop – Oaks Estate Merici College – Rewilding MCG Art competition - QAS MCG & Landcare ACT Wellbeing – Planting Bragg St Hackett, Barton Solar Farm – Majura Rural (Woolshed Creek) Workshop Neoen Battery Plant Oaks Estate Corporate event planting & waterways education Habitat for Wildlife, Stromlo Cottage Coombs LFW Training workshop held by MCG & CEN for new assessors in the ACT Planting with SolarShare at Majura ARRC – Jerra Wetlands – Reconciliation Cultural Exchange – Indigenous Canadians, TOAC, MCG
	<p>Promote Landcare activities to grow the volunteer base, through events such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> market days, public stalls and mainstream media other community events 	<p><i>number of activities / events building stewardship recruitment, increasing environmental literacy and promoting Landcare</i></p>	2	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> World Wetlands Day Stall 4/2/2023 Volunteer EXPO Landcare Radio Media pages sharing Landcare events

	<p>Network connections and skill-sharing, including maintaining partnerships with regional catchment and NRM organisations, such as UMCN, bush on the boundary and LACT working groups etc</p>	<p><i>number of partners engaged</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>24</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Schools CIT, Colleges, Primary 2. (Landcare activities at various sites) 3. Sea scouts (Clean up event) 4. Canoe Club Molonglo Reach (Clean up) 5. TCCS – New Activity plans for members 6. PCS Parkcare 7. Landcare ACT Members council 8. UMCN Members council 9. ACT NRM 10. Parks and Conservation World wetlands day 11. Trash Gather (Clean up events) 12. Icon Water (Sullivan’s creek symposium) 13. Buru Ngunawal (Sullivan’s Creek project) 14. Old Narrabundah Community Council (15. ACT For Bees (Habitat for Wildlife workshop) 16. Community Environment Network 17. (LFW & HFW Training and support) 18. Grassroots Environment (Majura Workshop) 19. Southern Catchment Group 20. Ginninderra Catchment Group 21. SolarShare (Majura solar Farm) 22. Queanbeyan Art Society (People and Nature art event) 23. Neoen Capital battery – Planting event and future funding support 24. TOAC – Cultural awareness Jerra wetland
<p>Project administration and management</p> <p>\$15,000</p>	<p>Catchment Groups will undertake all project management and administration overseen by the Program Manager including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Planning schedule of activities and logistics. · Partnership and contract management · Financial management · Reporting – final report template as agreed with ACT Government. 	<p>Mid term Report due 25th February</p> <p>Quantitative summary due 30th June</p> <p>Final Report due 31st August</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted 24th February 2023 • Submitted 25th August 2023 • Submitted 25th August 2023

Waterways Map in progress – Each pin drop when selected provides information at each healthy waterway site in the Molonglo Catchment



example of information on pin drop

<p>Narrabundah Wetlands</p> <p>Matina Street Narrabundah Australian Capital Territory 2604</p>  <p>Description The new wetland off Matina Street in Narrabundah will transform that section of Jerrabomberra Creek into a haven for wildlife and a great asset for local residents.</p> <p>It will also play an important role in removing pollutants from the water before the creek flows into the Jerrabomberra Wetlands downstream.</p> <p>The new 420m long wetland, constructed within Jerrabomberra Creek, will include a chain of open water ponds (typical depth 1.2m), a sediment basin, a high-flow diversion structure and bypass channel to protect the site from flooding. Construction will be completed by the end of June 2019.</p>	<p>Lyneham Wetlands</p> <p>Goodwin Street Lyneham Australian Capital Territory 2602</p> <p>Description The Institute for Applied Ecology at the University of Canberra has conducted research to find out how changing the water level in urban ponds affects water quality. The findings will help us better manage the ACT's many urban ponds.</p> <p>Our ponds and wetlands Cities like Canberra change the way water moves in our landscape. Lots of hard surfaces, like concrete and paving, mean rain doesn't soak into the ground. Instead, it runs off into our stormwater system and urban streams.</p> <p>Greater volumes of faster moving water pick up all sorts of pollutants along the way, including sediment, nutrients and rubbish.</p> <p>Urban ponds are designed to filter that water before it enters the waterways. This slows the flow of water and allows...</p>	<p>Jerrabomberra Wetlands</p> <p>2 Dairy Road Fyshwick Australian Capital Territory 2609</p>  <p>Description Wetland, Jerrabomberra Creek, Dairy Road Fyshwick</p> <p>The new wetland off Dairy Road in Fyshwick will connect to an existing channel, creating a much larger chain of functional wetlands. Construction will be completed by the end of June 2019.</p> <p>Once part of Jerrabomberra Creek, the old channel has minimal stormwater flow but the new works will make it functional once more.</p> <p>The total treatment area of 9,200 square metres makes the Dairy Road wetland one of the biggest of the ACT Healthy Waterways projects and will have a significant impact on the stormwater that flows into Jerrabomberra Creek and downstream into Lake Burley Griffin.</p>
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HEALTHY WATERWAYS and STORMWATER EDUCATION

World Wetlands Day – Waterways Education 4th February 2023 – Jerrabomberra Wetlands (Over 100 participants)



Over 100 participants braved the windy and cold day and with a few lost Gazebos the world wetlands day was still a success. Molonglo Conservation Group worked with Parks and Conservation group to promote this event and we held a stall where participants were given a chance to learn about our programs and how they can be involved. Young and old enjoyed identifying waterbugs, colouring in from our woodlands birds book and information about our waterways.

As the sun set, we watched a series of short films from local and non-local film makers. (Titled Fire and water)
One including our Following Sullivan's creek Project Film.



Clean up our waterways Jerrabomberra Wetlands – Waterways Education - 5th February 2023 (50 Participants)



To follow up with World wetlands day. Molonglo Conservation Group in partnership with Parks and Conservaton and Trash Gather ran a Clean up our waterways event. With approx 50 participants divided into 4 groups we tackled various locations around Jerrabomberra wetlands and Molonglo River. Participants included the Canoe club at Molonglo Reach and also Sea Scouts at Jerrabomberra Creek whilst other participants were on foot. By the end of our collection we almost filled a large truck. This opened a discussion by many as to what was found and how do we reduce these pollutants.

Following on from our Following Sullivan's Creek project reported June 30th 2022

(Catchment Studio Waterways Country Symposium) 16th, 17th, 18th November 2022



**Waterways Country Symposium by Catchment Studios
Following Sullivan's Creek Molonglo Conservation Group**

Location: National Museum of Australia (Peninsula Room and Visions Theatre)

- Monday, 14 November, - Wednesday, 16 November, 2022, 10am - 3pm daily

- Building on insights developed during the *Following Sullivans*, *Learning Country* program, the *Waterways Country* symposium brings together people from across the ACT community to consider our relationships with water systems. We'll learn about and consider how we can centre Indigenous perspectives, think about how scientific inquiry contributes to our understanding and explore how the arts help us creatively re-imagine ourselves as part of waterway communities.
- The symposium ran over three days, each inspired by the themes: 'Looking to See', 'Listening to Hear' and 'Learning to Understand'. Panel discussions will present and consider different ways of responding to Sullivans Creek,
- Indigenous voices will weave through each conversation, leading, facilitating or reflecting on shared points of view, bringing us back to consider the pre-eminence of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives in our relationships with waterways. And while discussions will start with Sullivan's Creek, they'll broaden out to consider water systems across the ACT.

- Panel discussions held by Karen Williams and Jeannine Fromholtz

Waterways Country
Workshop Series | Nov 3 - 1
Symposium Event | Nov 14-16



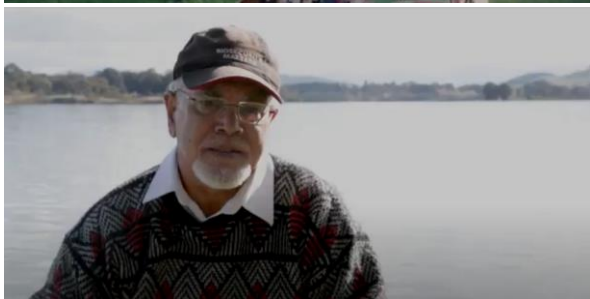
Join the Waterways Country collective at the symposium and through the workshops series. (left to right, back row) Paul Wyrwoll, Aunty Karen Denny, Uncle Wally Bell, Jeannine Fromholtz, Rebecca Palethorpe, Faith Bentley, BYRD, Tom Grey, Kirsten Wehner, Brooke Clinton. (front row) Kate Harriden, Amanda Stuart, Kate Murphy, Jess Nguyen, Sarah Bachelard, Bruno Ferronato, Mark Butz, Cameron Muir, Nicola Lambert. Photo by Sammy Hawker.

Following Sullivan's Creek, Molonglo Conservation Group and Catchment Studio - Video now available on request

This video documents three curated walks led by Ngunawal Elders along Sullivans Creek. The 'Following Sullivans: Learning Country' project is a collaborative exploration, responding to and creatively documenting Sullivans Creek.

It brings together a multi-disciplinary collective to learn about, listen, investigate, discuss, photograph, write, measure, draw, compose or otherwise document what they discover during these journeys. Looking at this creek in its entirety, we are exposed to a big picture view of our treatment and relationship to our waterways and the greater story these waterways can tell about the impact of colonialism on Country.

Following Sullivans is a call to discover, celebrate and re-imagine the possibilities of a renewed relationship with water and Country.



Waterways Country Symposium Panel discussions



<https://vimeo.com/nma/review/824974052/be879dd100>

Jeannine Fromholtz Molonglo Conservation Group speaks on education, youth and community



<https://vimeo.com/nma/review/824961681/b6380e5947>

Karen Willilams Molonglo Conservation Group speaks on country and creative practices

DICKSON WETLANDS – Waterways Education - 10th November 2022

WATERWAYS COUNTRY PROGRAM

Workshop Series

Locations: Along Sullivans Creek, click through to registration pages below for details

Waterways Country kicks off with a series of public workshops inviting you to walk the creek. In these events, a participant in the *Following Sullivans, Learning Country* program will help you discover the creek as they have. You'll learn new ways of seeing and feeling the waterscape, learn about aquatic life and consider current initiatives to improve the corridor's health.

Saturday, 5 November, 9.30 am: A contemplative walk on Country with Sarah Bachelard.

Sunday, 6 November, 9.30 am: Connecting to wetlands with Bruno Ferronato.

Thursday, 10 November, 10.00 am: [Healthy waterways with Jeannine Fromholtz.](#)

(12 Participants)



We had participants enjoy a walk around Dickson wetlands whilst talking on a number of topics such as Waterwatch citizen science program. Healthy Waterway Infrastructures such as wetlands and the link with our creeks and lakes. H2oK only rain down the drain and what we can do in our households to lesson pollutants in our waterways.

We were especially privileged to have Botanist Isobel Crawford from friends of Dickson Wetlands guide us, as we learnt about plant species in this area.

NARRABUNDAH WETLANDS – Waterways Education - 21ST September 2022 (60 Participants)



Our healthy waterways program had the opportunity to engage with Narrabundah college students yesterday at Narrabundah Wetlands. 3 separate classes including forestry, biodiversity conservation, ecosystems and science and the student led green team.

Over 60 students and 3 teachers joined us at 3 separate intervals at the same location as we talked about the ACT healthy waterways infrastructures and the function of wetlands, ponds, swales and rain gardens in filtering our water.

We spoke on biodiversity conservation threats and solutions to these problems along with fauna and flora species of the area.

Volunteers from friends of Narrabundah wetlands also joined in where we were able to talk about community stewardship of the area.

What a great success!

We now have students wishing to volunteer onsite.

The college has now also joined in our habit for wildlife program.

Students will be provided with native seeds to propagate in the greenhouse at the school.

Students will return to the wetlands to plant once the tubestock is ready and also take to their own backyards at home to create a corridor for our local habitat.

MOLONGLO and QUEANBEYAN RIVERS – OAKS ESTATE 17TH September 2022 (15 Participants)



This morning we had our Water Quality Walk at Oaks Estate, educating participants about the ACT healthy waterway infrastructures and looking at the health indicators of the waterways whilst learning about the rich history of the Queanbeyan and Molonglo Rivers along Oaks Estate.

Speakers: Jeannine Fromholtz H2ok messaging, Karen Williams History of Oaks Estate

Jed Pearson also spoke about the species that live in the river, including Platypus and Rakali, and helped participants identify waterbugs collected from the river. Elyssa facilitated the event.

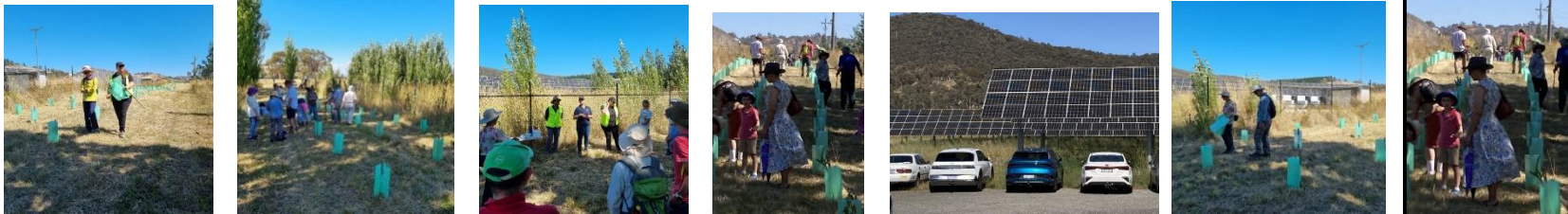


The Molonglo River is changing with each set of heavy rains. The banks are slumping, the sediment is shifting, the wildlife is moving and more and more litter is accumulating. There's a lot of work to be done, if you're interested in volunteering or joining one of our member groups please reach out or go to <https://www.molonglo.org.au/> to find out more

Corporate Community Engagement

MCG WORKSHOP WITH SolarShare MAJURA VALLEY SOLAR FARM – 28th January 2023

Surveying survival rate of plants



We recently had the opportunity to run workshops with Solarshare members at the Majura Valley Community Solar Farm

On 28th January 2023 we held a workshop with over 30 volunteer participants who are shareholders in the nation's first community solar farm. Participants came to learn about the importance of this area. The vicinity to Woolshed creek and its hydrology, Latham snipe tracking program, Majura Valley Landcare history and information. Followed by a tour of the Solar Farm.

600 Plants were previously planted around the perimeter of the Solar farm. Participants were led to survey the survival rate. Unfortunately, we have lost some due to 2 years of heavy rainfall with volunteers counting 117 dead plants.

On 29th April 2023 Volunteers returned to site to replace the dead plants. Guided by our project officer Jed Pearson, the volunteers managed to plant 117 new plants provided by Provincial Plants and Landscapes.

MCG PLANTING WORKSHOP WITH SolarShare MAJURA VALLEY SOLAR FARM – 29th April 2023

Volunteers replacing plants



SOLARSHARE INVESTOR EVENT



Majura Valley Community Solar Farm, 303 Old Majura Road

Speakers:

- Welcome - SolarShare Chairman, Nick Fejer and Marea Fatseas
- MC, Molonglo Conservation Group, Program Manager (Jeannine Fromholtz)
- CHIP reporting on the nearby Woolshed Creek catchment (Jed Pearson)
- Significant migratory birds like Latham's Snipe in the Majura Valley (Ecologist Lori Gould)
- Majura Valley Landcare Group History of the Valley (Sherry McArdle-English, Vice Chair, MVLG)
- Tour of the solar farm by SolarShare Chair (Nick Fejer)

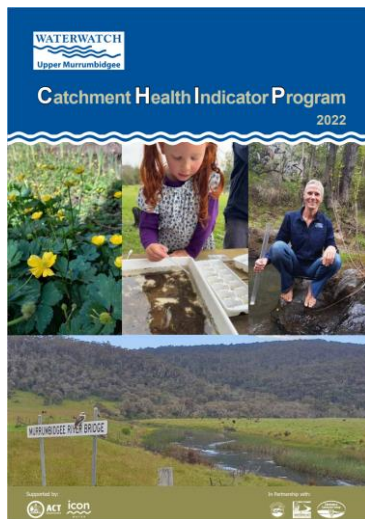
❖ *Speaker Jed Pearson - Molonglo Conservation Group Waterwatch Coordinator and Project Officer
Woolshed Creek, Majura Valley*



https://www.act.waterwatch.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/2196051/catchment-health-indicator-program-report-2022.pdf

Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch engages with the community to monitor, raise awareness, educate, restore and protect our local waterways. Waterwatch has been running in the ACT region since 1995 and covers the Murrumbidgee catchment upstream of Burrinjuck Dam, with the exception of the Goodradigbee catchment. The total area monitored by Waterwatch is more than 11,400km²

The purpose of the CHIP The Waterwatch annual report card is called the Catchment Health Indicator Program (CHIP) and is based upon the data collected by volunteers throughout the preceding year. The purpose of the report is to give the community a better understanding of waterway and riparian health issues in the catchment as well as providing an ongoing baseline assessment of catchment health, to assist natural resource managers and policy-makers in addressing these issues. The CHIP contributes to multiple monitoring programs and reports within the ACT Government and Icon Water.



Woolshed Creek WOO1
Headwaters to Molonglo River confluence

2022 CHIP Result by Reach

Parameter	Rating	No. Survey
Water quality	Good	20
pH	Excellent	
Turbidity	Excellent	
Phosphorus	Excellent	
Nitrate	Excellent	
Electrical Conductivity	Degraded	
Dissolved Oxygen	Degraded	
Waterbug	Fair	2
Riparian condition	Poor	2

Reach Facts
Reach network length: approx. 18km
Dominant land uses: Rural, urban, site of Majura Parkway
Woolshed Creek originates at a farm dam situated over a spring. It flows through highly modified rural land with some native riparian vegetation in the upper sections and some significant waterholes. Two short sections of the creek were reserved to make way for Majura Parkway. The creek joins the Molonglo River near Fairbairn Avenue, just upstream of Lake Burley Griffin. Lower Woolshed Creek has an important fossil site with rare Silurian Period fossil beds.
Given its hydrogeology and extensive historical land clearing, the Majura Valley has soil saltbreaks on the landscape which can strongly affect electrical conductivity in the creek. Waterwatcher Terry Moore recorded a huge range in electrical conductivity readings at WOOD06, near where the groundwater feeds into the creek proper. 270µS/cm was measured in September when surface flows from upstream had a diluting effect, though to 1200µS/cm in February when groundwater influences dominated.
Despite degraded electrical conductivity readings, waterbug diversity was high, finding 13 Orders, as well as an impressive diversity of protozoans. Stoneflies, sensitive to higher salinity levels, have still never been detected in Woolshed Creek.
Large flows noted by Terry in October caused some banks, lowering the flood depth meter under Majura Road and helping disperse blackberry boulders that are starting to take hold in the downstream section at WOOD06.

Evidence of high flows at WOOD06 on Woolshed Creek in November

MOLONGLO CATCHMENT

❖ *Speaker Ecologist Lori Gould - Latham Snipe project*



<https://lathamssnipeproject.wordpress.com/news/>

The Latham's Snipe Project was started by a group of passionate ornithologists to better understand the ecology of the Latham's snipe *Gallinago hardwickii* and their use of wetlands.

Our efforts focus on the Port Fairy area in south-western Victoria, Jerrabomberra wetlands in Canberra, breeding areas in Hokkaido, Japan and the migration patterns along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.

We use a range of techniques to better understand the species: observations, habitat monitoring, geolocators and satellite tracking. Funding has been provided by the [Australia Japan Foundation](#) and the ACT Government.

We also engage the communities where we work to encourage ownership and protection of the local environment that Latham's snipes relies on.

❖ *Speaker Sherry McArdle-English President:- Majura Valley Landcare Group*

Majura Valley Landcare Group was formed in 2011. The members are the Landholder's, and leaseholder's who live in the Majura Valley, ACT. Majura Valley Landcare Group's vision for the Majura Valley is one which combines sustainable farming, local produce, the protection and further development of native woodlands and grasslands, a focus on eco tourism, while working in harmony with light industry such as the solar project. We, the group, understand SolarShare is committed to help to create a Majura Valley which reflects the bush capital values of Canberra.

www.majuravalley.com.au

Capital Battery NEOEN – Solidarity Day - 4th November 2022 (20+ Participants)



Capital Battery Neoen is a specialist, independent power producer with a long-term vision that translates into a strategy to produce renewable energy. New site for battery plant in Beard/Oaks Estate

Molonglo Conservation spoke about the history of Molonglo and Queanbeyan river, threats, and how to protect it now and into the future. Queanbeyan Landcare volunteers worked alongside the enthusiastic Neoen staff to plant 250 plants.

Neoen “Capital Battery” have now gone into partnership with Molonglo Conservation Group and will support some of our on-ground projects through the ACT, funding will support projects for many years to come.

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT - Supporting our Landcare Groups



GOOGONG

[Canberra Institute of Technology](#) Conservation and Ecosystems Management class and ACT Parks and Conservation Service for your helping to undertake some maintenance works on a Pink-Tailed Worm Lizard conservation site in the Googong township. With half a day of hard work we were able to pin down the entire site fence perimeter, plant native grasses and forbs in place of weeds and even rescue an Eastern Long-Necked Turtle that had been caught in the fence.



OAKS ESTATE

[Canberra Institute of Technology](#) Conservation and Ecosystems Management joined in for a Weeds ID Workshop with Ecologist Alison Elvin. Followed by removal of weeds on the historic Oaks Estate Heritage track along Molonglo River.



CAMPBELL LEGACY PARK

[Canberra Institute of Technology](#) Conservation and Ecosystems Management joined Molonglo Conservation Group and Friends of Legacy Park.

2 Separate working bees to remove weeds and plant.



MERICI COLLEGE BRADDON – 26th August 2022

The Sustainability at Merici Group, MCG and ACT Urban Woodlands Rescue came together with the aim of developing an ongoing program for students to learn about our local ecosystems and how we can change what we do in our schools, parks and suburban gardens to protect and enhance native biodiversity. With some initial weeding followed by some planting, we introduced some important species from the Yellow Box-Red Gum Grassy Woodland, one of Canberra's key ecosystems. This project has continued with ACT Urban Woodlands Rescue and the students to further develop this site.



NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE – 7th February 2023

We were happy to provide native seeds for [Narrabundah College](#) at their recent 'Being at Bundah' Day, which encouraged students to become involved in activities outside of their standard curriculum. The students planted *Chrysocephalum semipapposum* and *Hardenbergia violacea* seeds which will eventually be transferred into garden beds on the campus and into their own backyards. This will help encourage a native food resource network in the Narrabundah area and support local pollinators. We'd like to applaud these students for trying out a green thumb and hope to see them at future conservation events at Narrabundah wetlands.



EVELYN SCOTT SCHOOL – COOMBS

Students from Evelyn Scott school join Molonglo Conservation Group and Friends of Molongo Green Spaces to help plant native bushes around and to learn about the importance of these species.

THE ARTS - Broader Community engagement

Molonglo Conservation Group Art Exhibition – Caring for Nature in and around the Molonglo Catchment 3rd July 2022



Dear artists, The Caring for Nature in and around the Molonglo Catchment theme explores what the Molonglo Catchment could be like if we were all to care for nature in a way that helps build a more harmonious and helpful relationship between people and nature, for everyone's future. Our community would be working to rebalance nature for a stronger, more resilient future, if we were to choose to: create healthy habitats for wildlife in our own backyard gardens or balcony, encourage and care for remnant native habitats while farming rural landholdings in a sustainable way, volunteer with a Landcare or Park care group working to protect a nature reserve, regenerate native vegetation to protect remnant mature hollow-bearing trees in our urban parks and woodlands, on the surrounding hills and along our rivers and creeks, collect rubbish as part of a clean-up day being held in support of the health of our rivers and lakes. Recycle, reuse, repurpose, renew things we have made or built in the urban, rural and natural landscape. We encourage you to explore the healing values associated with Caring for Nature In and around the Molonglo Catchment as you create your artworks. **(Special Guest speakers: Jamie Pittock, Nicole Overall, Karen Williams)**

MOLONGLO CONSERVATION GROUP WINNERS



OVERALL 1st MARK REDZIC "Guardian Well Station" This painting has a pervading presence. It captures the theme beautifully; a perfect blend of human and nature's spirit co-existing in a sustainable way, while the subtle and judicious use of colour moves the eye across the canvas. Strong control of composition and execution of medium, space and light. The Guardian speaks to us - Eyes, Clothes, Hands and Being.

Overall 3rd LANDCARE AWARD—ANNETTE RENNIE "Mother Nature's Help" Bright lights, dynamic composition, contrasting colour all contribute to the sense of a land carer in action. The grass moves, the guards haphazard, counter the solid, well-anchored stance of the carer. Good control of space, movement and colour.



ACRYLIC: 1st TRISH DILLON



Acrylic 2nd SUE RABBIDGE



Acrylic 3rd ROGER NIXON



OIL: 1st PRIZE SANDRA HOUSE



MIXED MEDIA: 1st CAMELIA SMITH



MIXED MEDIA 2nd GRAEHE HARVEY-WALKER



MIXED MEDIA 3rd ROGER NIXON



OIL 2nd PRIZE EDWINA WALSH



WATERCOLOUR: 1st ANNA VAN AAKEN



WATERCOLOUR 2nd LAL WARUSEVITANE



WATERCOLOUR 3rd KAREN HALL



OIL 3rd CRAIG MCARTHUR



PASTEL: 1st DEE BOARDMAN



PASTEL: 2nd CAROLINE REID



PASTEL: 2nd LEIGH MURRAY



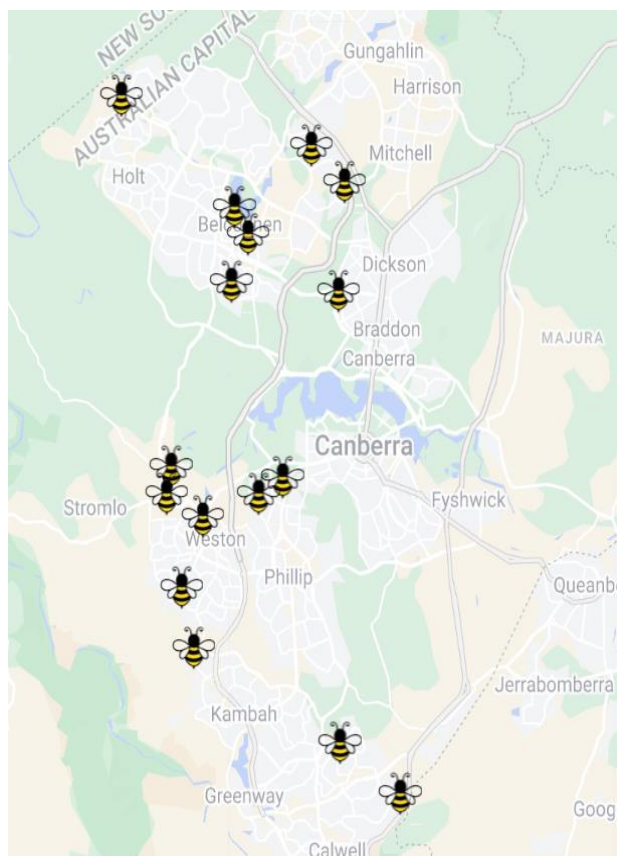
Judge Karen Williams

MOLONGLO CONSERVATION GROUP



Habitat for Wildlife

Workshop - Molonglo Conservation Group and ACT For Bees - 16th December 2023



We held our first Habitat for Wildlife event at Stromlo Cottage, Coombs aiming to increase the food resource network for local pollinators in urban areas. By adding bee-friendly plants to backyards or apartment balconies we help connect greenspaces and make corridors for our bug buddies. This image shows the distribution of plants we provided at our event with ACT for Bees, and with future events we hope to add more bees to the map!



Mapping households involved in Habitat for Wildlife

Ongoing discussions are taking place with Mingle/SLA to seek support for our Habitat for Wildlife Program in Whitlam.

Volunteer Expo 20th May 2023



The Volunteering Expo is the perfect opportunity for individuals to engage with volunteer-involving organisations to find out about volunteering opportunities in the Canberra community while enjoying great food and music. Molonglo, Southern and Ginninderra Catchment groups held a stall together to promote environmental engagement, citizen Science and Landcare ACT wellbeing opportunities.



Reconciliation day Jerrabomberra wetlands 4th June 2023 (30+ participants)

ARRC/TOAC/PCS/MCG

Last Sunday, in recognition of National Reconciliation week, Australian River Restoration Centre held a sold-out event at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands for the Canberra community to come together to enjoy a cultural tour and bush tucker lunch, and the opportunity to reflect on what reconciliation really means.

Richie Allan, a Ngunnawal Kamilaroi man who is the cultural Director of [Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation](#), welcomed us to Country before leading a walk around the wetlands to show us all the different plants and animals used for food, medicine, and indicators of seasonal change. He also taught us about the importance of totems and the deep connection between people and land.

Following the walk, Tanya Keed, a Dunghatti woman who runs Clybucca Dreaming, led us through a yarning circle where an open conversation was encouraged, with no questions out of bounds. This enabled people to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of reconciliation and walking forward together, our nation's true history and the practical actions that each of us can take to improve the plight of many of our First Nations Peoples.

Feedback from participants was extremely positive! Special thanks to Richie and Tanya for your knowledge, guidance, wisdom and awesome chef skills, and to Miriam Fokker from the [ACT Parks and Conservation Service](#) and Jeannine Fromholtz from the [Molonglo Conservation Group](#), who were instrumental in assisting with all aspects of the event.



Cultural Exchange Jerrabomberra wetlands 30th June 2023 (30 participants)

The Canadian Indigenous ice hockey team were in Canberra for the second leg of their 'Tour of Hope'. Both the team and Canadian Embassy joined us in a 'Walk on Country' for a cultural exchange at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands, Facilitated by MCG and led by Ngunnawal Custodian Richie Allan.

The walk offered both Canadian "Angela Lightning and the Alberta Woodland Cree" and local participants the chance to learn about the local flora and fauna, the practical, medicinal, and ceremonial use by the traditional owners of this land.

They had a chance to share in traditional knowledge and the important practice of caring for our natural environments.



Supporting our members: Example weekly member groups featured on our media pages

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Elyssa Castles · August 29, 2022 ·

Featured this Members Monday is- The Friends of Dryandra Woodland, O'Connor! This community group is dedicated to restoring degraded forests and woodlands along the western edge of O'Connor. Soon enough the area will be alive with the beautiful spring flowers, plants and orchids!

#NaturalResourceManagement #naturalresourcemanagement #tccs #landcareact #landcareACT #MembersMonday



Featured this Members Monday is- Queanbeyan Landcare! For almost 30 years the Queanbeyan Landcare Inc. has been working within the community to improve the health and biodiversity locally. You can find out what events are happening here:

<https://www.molonglo.org.au/queanbeyan-landcare-projects>

Photo: <https://www.queanbeyanlandcare.org.au/>

#molonglo #volunteer #environment #queanbeyan #landcare #landcareNSW



Featured this Members Monday is- The Friends of Mount Majura! This volunteer Park Care group works to protect and enhance the natural environment of Mount Majura and its surrounds. Explore their website to find out about upcoming events and learn about the wildlife on the mountain here: <https://majura.org/>

#NaturalResourceManagement #naturalresourcemanagement #tccs #landcareact #landcareACT #MembersMonday #membersmonday



Featured this Member's Monday is- The Friends of Dawson Street Gardens, Curtin! This group is helping with one of our active projects, helping to transform an urban garden into a functional and beautiful greenspace filled with a variety of plant species. If you would like to find out more or join in on the next working bee follow Dawson St Gardens

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Featured this Members Monday is- The Friends of Molonglo Greenspaces! This group of dedicated volunteers help beautify greenspaces in the catchment using native plants and thoughtful gardening. This group has some workshops coming up in the next few weeks, join the Friends of Molonglo Greenspaces facebook page to find out more!

#molonglo #environment #MembersMonday #volunteer



Featured this Members Monday is- The Friends of Narrabundah Wetlands! This group is dedicated to conserving the health and beauty of the wetlands in their neighbourhood, which can sometimes be tricky in these extreme wet periods. They are always welcoming to new volunteers so if you'd like to know more or join in on some events please reach out to us! We'll also share the details of some upcoming events soon so watch this space!

#landcareACT #landcareact #tccs #NaturalResour... See more



Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Elyssa Castles · July 11, 2022 ·

Featured this Members Monday is- Friends of Black Mountain! Friends of Black Mountain is a passionate community volunteer group who help to conserve and promote Black Mountain's biodiversity and values. 'Black Mountain: A natural history of a Canberra icon' by Ian Fraser and Rosemary Purdie celebrates Black Mountain's 50th year as a conservation reserve. You can find out more information about the group and the book here: <https://www.molonglo.org.au/friends-of-black-mountain>
#friendsofblackmountain #blackmountain #molonglo #MembersMonday #membersmonday



Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · May 2 ·

Volunteer with the Friends of Legacy Park (FOLP)


Legacy Park needs you – to work with the ACT Government's volunteers (Friends of Legacy Park / FOLP) to improve the Park – removing weeds and planting natives. Legacy Park, Campbell was dedicated on 30/09/2001 to commemorate the 78th anniversary of Legacy (the organisation dedicated to the welfare of widows and children of veterans).

FOLP meet once a month on a weekend for two hours, weeding and planting, before a delicious m... See more



Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · March 1 ·

Join Friends of Black Mountain to learn about and observe beautiful butterflies!



SUN, MAR 26
Butterflies on Black Mountain
Black Mountain Telstra Tower
107 people interested

☆ Interested

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · February 16 ·



Dawson St Gardens
February 16 ·

Recent gardening sessions have involved a keen group of volunteers spreading mulch, weeding, planting and generally tidying up the park - followed, of course, b... See more

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · June 3 ·



SUN, JUN 4
Ainslie Weeders
Quick Street Ainslie 2602
1 person went

☆ Interested

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · November 17, 2022 ·

Are you interested in volunteering in a wonderful location with an existing volunteer group. We are looking for a convenor who could lead this group "Friends of Jerra Wetlands"

The group meet twice a month, first Tuesday and third Saturday of the month, 9-12 in summer/daylight saving and 9:30 to 12:30 in Winter/non daylight saving.

The job will involve informing the group of the activity coming up each month and keeping good communication with the ParkCare Rangers and the Jerra Wetlands ranger.

If you are interested please contact jeannine.fromholtz@molonglo.org.au

#parkcareact
#landcareACT



Information Sharing: Example weekly Identification updates on our media pages

Wednesday Weed Warriors

Hello our Wednesday Weed Warriors! This week we are looking at *Eragrotis curvula*, better known as African Lovegrass. This Declared Pest Plant flowers year round, posing a major threat to critically endangered Natural Temperate Grasslands. African Lovegrass is highly invasive and can form dense monocultures. You can find out more information in our weeds information pack here: <https://www.molonglo.org.au/post/weeds-information-pack> #weeds #weedwarrior #africanlovegrass



Hello our Wednesday Weed Warriors! This week we are looking at *Acacia baileyana*, better known as Cootamundra Wattle. This Declared Pest Plant flowers June through September, capable of forming dense canopies that shade out and out-compete native species. Cootamundra Wattle seeds can remain dormant in the soil for over ten years. It has a distinct compound leaf arrangement with only 3-4 pairs of pinnae, unlike the similarly coloured *Acacia dealbata*, better known as Silver Watt... See more



Hello our Wednesday Weed Warriors! This week we are looking at *Crataegus monogyna*, better known as Hawthorn. This Declared Pest Plant flowers November through February, growing in grassy woodlands, woodlands and riparian areas. This plant can form dense stands that shade out native species, and also provide habitat for pest animal species. You can find out more information in our weeds information pack here: <https://www.molonglo.org.au/post/weeds-information-pack> #weeds #weedwarrior #hawthorn



It's time for Flora Friday, and this week we are looking at *Eucalyptus blakelyi*, better known as Blakely's Red Gum. This tree is one of the two key species of the endangered Red Gum-Yellow Box grassy woodlands in the ACT and is a very valuable plant in our ecosystem. You can learn more about it by downloading our free colouring book here: <https://www.molonglo.org.au/.../explore-a-diverse...>

Photo credit: Helen Cross



It's time for Flora Friday, and this week we are looking at *Leucochrysum albicans*, better known as Hoary Sunray. These flowers look like dainty little fried eggs nestled in the grasslands and woodlands they grow in. They flower October through December, often on undulating slopes and hillsides.



Flora Fridays

Communications: Examples

Our Project Officer Elyssa Castles had the opportunity to speak with Henry Xu from [Canberra: Conversations in the Capital](#) about some of the Molonglo Conservation Group's ongoing projects for a podcast episode.

Through his podcast Canberra: Conversations in the Capital, Henry speaks with a diverse range of people throughout the region and helps build a strong sense of community by sharing ideas, stories and knowledge. We strongly recommend all Canberrans tune in to learn more about the city we live in and the people that are shaping it.

Now live on iTunes, Spotify and directly through <https://conversationsinthecapital.com/>



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#pinktailedwormlizard #podcast #aprsiaparapulchella



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<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../world-wetlands-day...>



EVENTBRITE.COM.AU
World Wetlands Day short films evening & display stalls
Celebrating World Wetlands Day

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EVENTBRITE.COM.AU
Clean up our Waterways
Join Molonglo Conservation Group, Parks and Conservation and Tr...

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · June 27 at 5:56 PM · 🌐



SUN, JUL 2
Molonglo Conservation Group and Queanbeyan Art Society Exhibition
6 Trinculo Pl, Queanbeyan New South Wales 2620

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · May 19 · 🌐

This week is National volunteers week and we would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who are making a difference. With over 80 parkcare and Landcare groups and 200 waterwatch volunteers there is an array of opportunities for anyone to be part of our environmental network.

Come and see us at the volunteer expo tomorrow to find out how you can be involved. 🌱 🐼

#landcareACT
#southernactcatchmentgroup
#ginninderracatchmentgroup




HELP PROTECT THE AINSLIE GRASSLANDS

This important ecological and heritage site is under threat and **we must act now** to protect the Ainslie Grasslands for future generations!

SIGN THE PETITION




INVITATION
The President and Committee of the Queanbeyan Art Society invite you and your friends to the Official Opening of the

United for Nature

ART EXHIBITION
OPENING Sunday 3rd July 2022

- Guest Speakers at 2-00pm
- Official Opening
- Music/Drinks and Refreshments
- Christmas In July Market!

All welcome - All for sale - All free entry!

At the Queanbeyan Art Society Gallery Trinculo Place Queanbeyan, go under the bridge on the Queanbeyan River bank.

Barry Cranston President 0439392709





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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 AT 10 AM

Water Quality Walk

Oaks Estate River Corridor Heritage Walk

GrassRoots Environmental
May 28 · 🌐

Reconciliation Day Event on Sun 4th June at Jerrabomberra Wetlands



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Connection to Self, Country and Community

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Celebrate **World Wetlands Day** at Jerrabomberra Wetlands



Saturday 4 Feb from 5pm

ACT

Molonglo Conservation Group
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Have your say!
Help protect Ainslie Native grasslands.
Join the online campaign launch tonight with Ainslie Parks Restoration Group to hear how you can help protect this area.
#ainslieparkrestorations
#landcareACT



MON, MAY 22

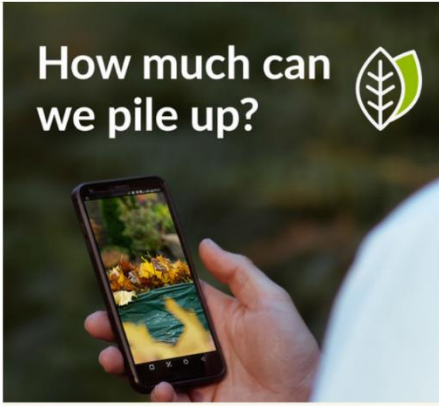
Protect Ainslie Grasslands

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The Leaf Collective
May 7 · 🌐

Since launching The Leaf Collective program more than 340,000L of leaves have been diverted from gutters and drains, protecting Canberra's lakes. 🍃
Join in by c... See more



How much can we pile up?

The Leaf Collective ACT Griffith UNIVERSITY Social Marketing @ Griffith leafcollective.com.au

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FRIDAY 9 JUNE

The Leaf Collective Community Forum

Canberra Southern Cross Club Tuggeranong

The Leaf Collective ACT Griffith UNIVERSITY Social Marketing @ Griffith leafcollective.com.au

FRI, JUN 9

The Leaf Collective Community Forum

Interested

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Elyssa Castles · February 28 ·

It's #TrackTuesday and we'd like to know whose hand print you think was left in the mud! Leave your guesses in the comments 🐾



MOLONGLO CONSERVATION GROUP

Membership benefits

The Molonglo Conservation Group is a grassroots organisation working with local communities to rebalance nature for a stronger, more resilient future. We engage communities and collaborate with government and other organisations to raise awareness and implement practical initiatives with positive environmental outcomes. Memberships contribute to our ability to support local groups in their conservation efforts.

Annual membership fees are \$40 and include the following benefits:

- Groups are supported through Environment Grant application processes for conservation projects on their site.
- Groups are covered for Public Liability while working on grant projects.
- Groups are listed as a member on our website and linked through social media including Facebook.
- Groups are placed on an online interactive map that helps guide potential volunteers.
- Groups are promoted at Landcare events.
- Groups are supported to increase awareness of their work and promote increased volunteer activity through the Landcare Shared Calendar.
- Groups are invited to join our membership forums with other volunteer groups to share ideas and collaborate.
- Groups have access to many of our resources including plant lists, weed calendars and newsletters.
- Groups are connected with volunteers and encouraged to collaborate with educational institutions.

To become a member, please email communications@molong.org.au to register your interest on behalf of your group.




Molonglo Conservation Group
United for Nature

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · December 14, 2022 ·



The Leaf Collective is in Canberra.
December 13, 2022 ·

The Leaf Collective will be back up and running and bigger than ever from February 2023! 🌿 Working together to get leaves out of street gutters and stop them g... See more

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · September 20, 2022 ·

The Leaf Collective is in Canberra.
September 19, 2022 ·

Since launching The Leaf Collective last Autumn, we have recorded a whopping 25,450L of leaves collected by Canberrans! 🌿
Though the true scale of leaves colle... See more




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The Leaf Collective - Supporting people to keep leaves out of Canberra waterways [Learn more](#)

Molonglo Conservation Group
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The Leaf Collective
September 15, 2022 ·

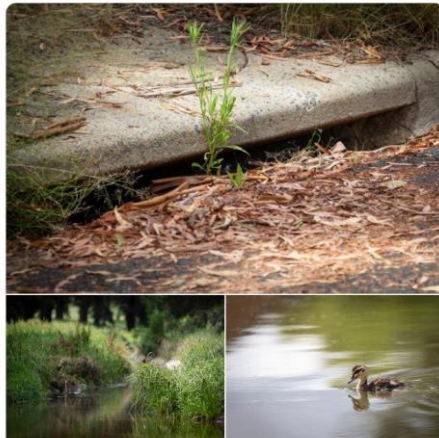
Leaves are good for your vegetable gardens and leaves are good for compost 🍂 No matter which way you use leaves in the garden you are recycling them ♻️
Here ar... See more



LEAFCOLLECTIVE.COM.AU

4 Creative ways to reuse leaves in your garden - The Leaf Collective [Learn more](#)

Molonglo Conservation Group
Published by Jeannine Fromholtz · August 4, 2022 ·



The Leaf Collective
August 4, 2022 ·

Many of us just didn't know that leaves left in the wrong place are litter. When leaves make their way down our stormwater drains, there is simply too much. They... See more

Riotact 3rd September 2022 - Friends of Honeysett Pond, Kingston

The 80-year-old resident of Kingston Foreshore had spent the past seven years looking at, walking past, and just generally being confronted by a mess on the shoreline.

Jerrabomberra Creek feeds into the East Basin of Lake Burley Griffin at the Kingston Foreshore, but right before it does, it goes past a small pond called 'Honeysett Pond'.

"It was a very pleasant place to walk past," Sue says.

"Until the temporary construction fencing went up for the Sapphire apartment complex. Then it just became a mess – full of weeds, pests, and metal stakes. We couldn't even see the pond anymore."

Sue worked as a landscape architect until she retired, and even owned her own local building company called Ambience Homes.

"Landscape design was one of the things I did for decades, so I'm very familiar with it," she says.

Once the construction teams moved out, Sue wasn't sold on the job they'd left behind.

"It had been landscaped, but it was still a mess," she says.

She and a group of equally miffed volunteers dubbed themselves 'Friends of Honeysett Pond' and devised a plan.

They would clear the land around the pond and hire earth-moving equipment to form four layered garden beds, replete with native plants and mulch.

Along the path, there would be a spring-themed garden, decked out with more than 700 jonquils and daffodils worthy of a Floriade display.

All they needed was permission, gardening tools, and money. **So, with the help of the Molonglo Conservation Group, they approached the ACT Government and secured an adopt-a-park grant,**



Kingston Foreshore resident Sue Welbourn. Photo: James Coleman.

Riotact 17th June 2023 – Ainslie Volcanics

What is the Ainslie Volcanics site and why do almost 600 Canberrans want it protected?

Ainslie resident Amy Blain, and a small but dedicated group of around five volunteers have been regularly travelling to an area at the foot of Mount Ainslie since last December (2022).

Officially named the Ainslie Volcanics site, the part-grassland, part-woodland area stretches from the corner of Quick Street and Limestone Avenue towards Ainslie Village.

Molonglo Conservation Group have secured an Environment grant for restoration of this this area.

17 June 2023 | [Travis Radford](#)



The Ainslie Volcanics Weeders: Danny Jowers-Blain, Marianne Albury-Colless, Peter Boreham, Amy Blain, Bertie Jowers-Blain and Ann Hare. Photo: Danny Jowers-Blain.

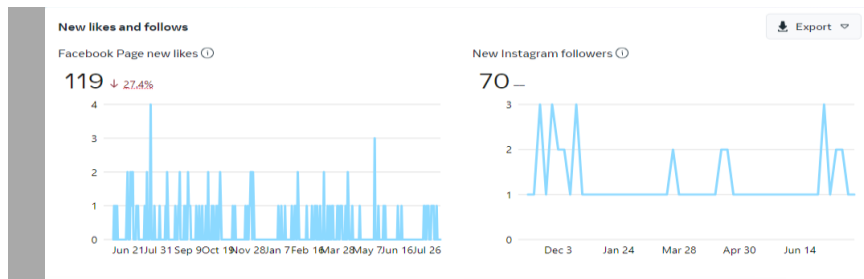
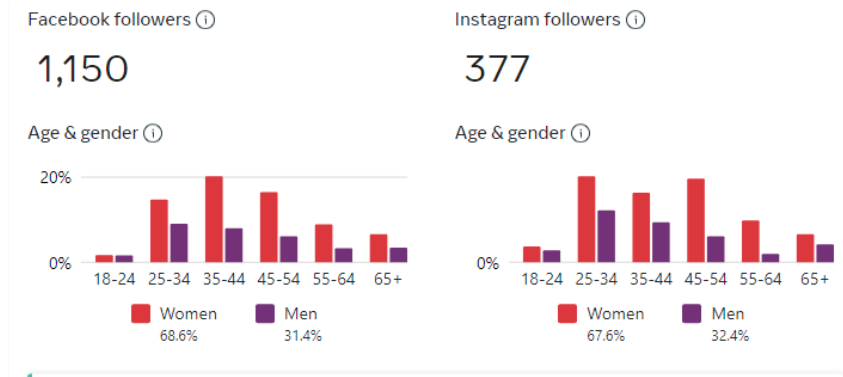
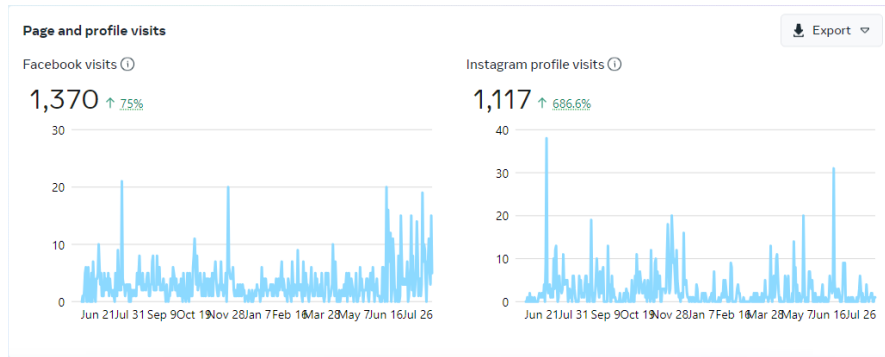
Celebrations

National Landcare Conference, Oaks Estate Spring Festival, Friends of Molonglo Green Spaces xmas, Caring for Dhawura Ngunnawal plan, ACT Environmental end of year party



World environment Day Conservation Council dinner

Facebook/Instagram Stats



ANALYTICS:

Items listed in workplans

MCG

Stewardship - support for member groups		
<u>Landcare and member group support</u>		
Number of existing groups receiving ongoing support	Total	32
Total number of members of all groups	Total	250+
Assist groups with project development and management. No. projects scoped.	Target	10
Assist groups with project development and management. No. projects scoped.	Actual	20
Facilitate funding support - no. applications submitted	Target	5
Facilitate funding support - no. applications submitted	Actual	20
No. comms activities on behalf of member groups	Target	10
No. comms activities on behalf of member groups	Actual	10+
Social media posts	Total	264 12 months
Reach of posts	Total	2476 last 28 days
Engagement with posts	Total	456 last 28 days
Number of newsletters published	Total	1
<u>Information sharing and knowledge brokering</u>		
Number of stakeholder engagement sessions	Target	2
Number of stakeholder engagement sessions	Actual	8
Healthy Waterways/Stormwater education (H2OK)		
Stormwater education-focused activities and events	Target	5
Stormwater education-focused activities and events	Actual	8
Total attendees at education-focused events hosted/coordinated	Total	300+
No. stormwater/waterway comms activities	Target	10

No. stormwater/waterway comms activities	Actual	10+
Broad community education		
No. of on-ground community events organised	Target	3
No. of on-ground community events organised	Actual	13
Total attendees at general community events organised	Total	250+
Activities/events to build stewardship vols, increase env. literacy and promote Landcare	Target	2
Activities/events to build stewardship vols, increase env. literacy and promote Landcare	Actual	4
Total attendees at above multi-purpose events	Total	100+
Number of partners engaged	Target	5
Number of partners engaged	Actual	24