

FROGWATCH 2014



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Lovely volunteers!

Lots of things are happening at Frogwatch. Please enjoy a read through these notes to get you up-to-date with issues, events and news!!



Only 80 days till census week & still so much to do!!

To address our changed funding situation and to document the earlier onset of the breeding season we are proposing a few changes:

1. Fewer training events
2. Earlier training events-
 - in early September as refresher and for regular spring monitoring preparation.
 - in late September for October monitoring preparation
3. No more new monitoring sites

We are still keeping our hopes up high for an 2014-2015 ACT Environment Grant to overhaul our web-based data entry platform. **OPC, Phillip** has offered us the re-development at a substantially reduced price and is ready to start with the job as soon as we have "the nod". We are aiming to have the beast up and running before October. This will ensure that all survey data and recordings can be easily entered online.

Proposed Data Entry Platform - have your say!!

I would love to hear your feedback/ideas/suggestions for the new webpage and easier data entry - the sooner the better!!! Once it is established it will be the only way to submit data.

Frog pond workshop follow up

The latest frog pond workshop at the Environment Centre was a *Smash Hit* despite the freezing cold weather. Participants came up with a great plan: to build a real frog pond during the next frog friendly habitat workshop. This will be serious learning-by-doing!!! Please let me know if you are interested in giving us a helping hand or donating a no-longer needed prefabricated pond!!

Do we have your membership form??

As a member of GCG you are covered by our insurance during Frogwatch activities. Information provided will not be given to any third party. You can download the membership form from our webpage.



Have your contact details changed??

Stay in touch! If we do not have your current contact details on file, you may not receive important information from us. You can update your details by phone, email or post.

DGR status and donations

Thank you so very much to the kind people who donated to Frogwatch. I am deeply touched by your generosity and care. If you have donated but not received your tax receipt yet, please let us know!!

FW Ephemeral Revegetation Project

(2013-2014 ACT Environment Grant), is heading towards completion. There are only a few outstanding plantings, which will be tackled by **Orana Steiner School** Students (04-05/08, Kowen Forest), **CIT students** (21/08, Callum Brae Reserve) and the **Uriarra Village Landcare** group (24/08, Uriarra Village). Thanks to everyone involved in this project, especially the *Waniassa Hills PS mob* for their contribution, and *Leo Mothes* from Germany for a whole week of volunteering!!

Tadpole Kits for schools program

NSW site of things: great uptake on the first round for this new project (NSW Heritage Grant). EOI for the ACT wide version has been opened a few weeks ago and 50 of the 85 available kits were booked within 72 hours!!

What else is going on?

Frogwatch Crowd Funding

Have I mentioned already that FW is running out of funding by the end of this year?? Crowd funding might be just the way to get out of this dilemma. We do **NEED A KEEN VOLUNTEER** happy to get the ball rolling and the appeal moving!! Interested?? **PLEASE** let me know!!



FrogLog Jr is here

First edition of FrogLog Jr is now available online. Lots of information and really fun to read, not only for youngsters. Check it out!!

<http://www.amphibians.org/froglogjr/fljr001>

Upcoming events

Here are just a few interesting bites out of a treasure trove of activities- for more ideas on what to do check out our online event calendar

Help to control Feral Pigs- free workshop

Sun 10 August 2014 12.30 – 3.00 pm

The coordinated control program targets lands adjoining Googong Foreshores extending to Royalla. Burra and the Tinderry Mountains; and Queanbeyan.

Location: Burra Community Hall

RSVP by Wednesday 6th August to Bernie Bugden coordinator@molonglocatchment.com.au,

Ph: 02 6299 2119

National Landcare Program Information

Session to provide an update on the design and delivery of the National Landcare Programme and its different elements.

The Canberra session will be held on:

Monday 11 August 9:30am - 11:30am

Conference Centre, 7 London Circuit Civic

please RSVP by 31 July 2014. to

nationallandcare@environment.gov.au

Ongoing monitoring of FW sites

Why not consider adopting a Frogwatch site and monitor once or twice a month??? We really do encourage ongoing monitoring of sites, especially from late August onwards!!

This is it for today!!

Looking forward to hearing from you!!

Anke Maria



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