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Monitoring Groups/Site Information

76 Groups, 1290 participants, 201 sites

Coordinators

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Corangamite Catchment Poster

A significant milestone for Corangamite Waterwatch was the development and publication of a Corangamite Catchment Poster. Designed to illustrate the issues that affect both rural and urban sectors, both positive and negative impacts were identified in the poster to give a holistic view of a catchment. The poster is used to make both groups aware of the impacts different land uses and the result of those activities on water quality of their waterway. It's primary goal was to balance out the 'blame' placement that is all too often given in subjective manner.

World Environment Day

At Lake Colac on World Environment Day over 250 students from 13 Colac and district schools participated in activities including tree planting, seed sowing, paper mache brick making, create a critter and bird surveying. The Wolfgang Theatre Group performed on the day highlighting the need for rehabilitation and revegetation in areas such as Lake Colac.

Activity days continue to be conducted on the first and third Friday of each month at the Rex Hunt Future Fish/Barwon Water Environment Education Centre. Activities include macro-sampling



and fishing. The centre caters specifically to school children, disabled people and disadvantaged youth. Over 180 primary school students participated in an activity day at the centre as part of the National Water Week activities. Fishcare volunteers, the Barwon Water Corporate Communications team and the Corangamite WW team ran activities including fishing lessons, macro-sampling, water boatman races and the history of water supply to Geelong. A highlight of the day was the arrival of Rex Hunt and his camera crew.

Catch-a-Carp Competition

In addition to the inaugural Catch-a-Carp competition held at Lake Colac, the forth-annual Geelong Catch-a-Carp competition was held again on the Barwon River. In Colac over 120 competitors caught 78 carp, whilst the Barwon competition attracted 50 more competitors than last year's competition. Fishcare volunteers from Warrnambool and Geelong

together with local angling clubs, participated in the day's activities including distributing spot prizes, weighing in carp and providing information relating to carp and other fish species. Interest in this event grows every year.

Waterwatch, Central Highlands Water, City of Ballarat and LINKS held a number of revegetation and biodiversity days in the catchment. 2400 school students within the region participated in the days. These workshops consisted of 16 days with a focus on tree planting, biodiversity and water awareness.

Central Highlands Region conducted a Soap, Salt, Understanding, Snapshot 'SSUDS'

Central Highlands Waterwatch conducted SSUDS during February and October 2002 where 120 sites throughout the Yarrowee Catchment were monitored in one day. SSUDS major focus is the water quality of the Yarrowee River

Fresh water biologist Alison Pouliot conducting and demonstrating correct techniques on macro-sampling.

Geoff Bird (Lorne School) and Alain Purnell (Lornecare) at Erskine River.

Rex Hunt Future Fish Education Centre.



Daniel and David Banham fishing at Lake Colac, Catch-a-Carp day.

and it's connecting tributaries. The group's aim is to measure the impacts in the river system.

Waterwatch and the Victorian Landcare Centre conducted a travelling frog show with assistance from local frog enthusiast Ray Draper. Waterwatch demonstrated the importance of habitat and water quality for frog survival and how to create a wetland to encourage frogs in and around our local environment. The program also saw the release of a Ballarat and district frog census.