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Partners/Sponsors

Natural Heritage Trust, Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Monitoring Groups/Site Information

944 Groups, 17765 participants, 2629 sites

Coordinators

Katrina Whelen, Jane Ryan, Tarnya Kruger, John McCoy, Michelle Butler, Paul Puhar, Toni Domaschenz.

Performance indicator workshop

What is an appropriate measure of success for the Waterwatch program? That's a question that was asked by David Woodward who facilitated our Performance Indicator workshop on behalf of Waterwatch Victoria, held in March. The workshop provided a fantastic forum for Waterwatch coordinators to discuss and tease out appropriate standards and measurables we all use to evaluate the Waterwatch program.

Science Coordination

Through our Science Coordinator John McCoy, Waterwatch Victoria continued to improve community monitoring techniques and work with key scientific groups to ensure a high standard of community collected data.

In April 2002, a workshop was held to discuss the development of Community Coastal and Estuarine Monitoring in Victoria. The workshop brought together participants from a wide range of backgrounds such as, research organisations, government departments, local authorities, coastal boards and community groups. The workshop proved to be extremely valuable and has seen the formation of a technical working group. The group will ensure the most appropriate monitoring techniques for community coastal and estuarine monitoring are implemented throughout Victoria to produce data that is both informative and educational.



Paulo Lay from the Department of Sustainability and Environment demonstrates how to read turbidity tube.

Friends of Waterwatch

Forming in 2002 was the not-for-profit, Friends of Waterwatch group. Established to cater for the needs of community River Health monitors, Waterwatch volunteers can now order highly affordable merchandise simply by filling out the Friends of Waterwatch merchandise catalogue (obtainable through Waterwatch Victoria) and mailing to the Friends network (PO Box 7087, Geelong West VIC 3218).

New line of gumboots available through the Friends of Waterwatch group.

River Health assessment volunteer models Waterwatch beanie and T-shirt.

Tackling Stormwater issues have gone state-wide

This year the Waterwatch Victoria network added another project to its state-wide list of Community Capacity building programs, which until now has only previously been tackled at regional level. The Waterwatch Victoria Stormwater Action Program. Coordinating the Stormwater program is Waterwatch Victoria's, Toni Domaschenz, from the North Central Catchment Management Authority. A successful VSAP (Victorian Stormwater Action Program) bid with the Victorian EPA (Environmental Protection Authority) has given Waterwatch Victoria an opportunity to deliver on Stormwater education and awareness outcomes in our community. The state-wide project launched in July, has resulted in the production of an urban stormwater education manual (available from Waterwatch Victoria and the NRE Information centre on 9637 8325).

