

## Hello everyone

this is a jam-packed newsletter- so please read carefully to ensure you do not miss all the good bits!!

### 1. New funding situation

### 2. Climate change Proposal- **we need volunteers NOW** for helping with weekly monitoring of sites in Weston Creek/Duffy, Mulligans Flat, and Dunlop

#### **FIRSTLY: Lots of good news**

Frogwatch is getting back on the funding track!! We were actually an item in the latest ACT budget speech (Chris Bourke) " *One of the great local programs, the ACT and Region Frogwatch has been doing great work monitoring and restoring frog habitats throughout Canberra. Their Tadpole kits for school kids engage a new generation in caring for the environment while learning valuable scientific lessons.... Given the great community engagement of Frogwatch and their contribution to our environment's biodiversity, I am pleased to say the ACT government will be able to step in with funding to support their great work.* "

The very appreciated **financial support from the ACT Government** (ACT Conservation, Research and Planning ) over the next 3 years will see the annual Frogwatch Census into 2017. Yeahhh

In addition to that, Frogwatch has just received the "THUMBS UP" for our **Climate Change Project**- monitoring designated sites across the ACT weekly, to investigate for changes in breeding behaviour. A very exciting and applied project and we need your help (More details about this below)!!!

These both funds will sustain the Frogwatch monitoring activities. We are still seeking funds for the educational components of Frogwatch – and for the day-to-day running of the program- so keep your fingers crossed!!.

Before I go into more details about what is happening frog-wise I would like to express my gratitude for the donations made to Frogwatch, to keep the program afloat during our funding crisis. The money was carefully used to develop and implement strategies for potential funding, to write grant applications and respond to ongoing requests from schools and community members regarding frogs. Frogwatch could not have secured funding without your generous support and I wish I could give you all a great big hug now instead of just saying *THANK YOU SOOOOOOOOOOOO MUCH!!*

Now on to

**Climate change proposal – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!**

We are going full steam into the weekly monitoring of designated ACT sites, starting asap.

Below the list of involved sites- 5 discreet groups, all linked to historic data about frog calling behaviour in the ACT. We do need volunteers for three of the clusters!!!

**Can you help out??** Occasional monitoring, adopting a site/cluster for a month, 2 month or the entire period – **just let me know how you want to contribute asap.**

**Need to be partnered up???** Let me know and I might be able to help!!

Time is prime real estate in this project, We will organise a get together with a bit of strategic planning and some more information on the project aim in a few weeks.

#### **CLUSTER 1 West Belconnen**

**DGP001 Dunlop** Grassland , accessible from Shakespeare Drive, Fraser, -35.185, 149.0332

**FRA200** Grassland off Edlington St, Fraser, -35.18735, 149.04338912

**FRA201** Adjacent to CSIRO land in cow paddock, Fraser. 300mNW of FRA200,-35.1874771092, 149.0400978847

#### **CLUSTER 2 Weston Creek**

**DUF100**, southern dam on Narrabundah Hill, -35.34371, 149.02301

**DUF200**, northern dam on Narrabundah Hill, -35.344363, 149.022882

**COO100** Cooleman Ridge N-dam off Karthner Street, -35.350089, 149.02255

#### **CLUSTER 3 Mulligans Flat**

**4 ponds, bike riding will speed up visiting the 4 sites!!**

#### **CLUSTER 4 Mt Majura (partly booked till October, but free for additional monitoring)**

**FMC220** - Mt Majura Dam, lower, via Jukes St, -35.2412, 149.1688

**FMC200** - Mt Majura Dam, bottom, via McKenzie St. -35.251, 149.1745

**FMC210** - Mt Majura Nature Reserve, top dam, via McKenzie St, (uphill from FMC200), -35.2506, 149.1769

#### **CLUSTER 5 Weston Park- done by Will Osborne**

This is it for now

Please please please let me know if you can chip in some hours to do monitoring from next week onwards!!

Looking so much forward to hearing from you!!

big smiles Anke Maria