

# 4) TARGETS AND ACTIONS

## 4.1 Interpreting the Strategy

The following section outlines the management targets and actions developed by the Southern ACT Catchment Group to work toward sustainable NRM in our catchment area. These targets and actions have been broken down into four management categories that correspond with the existing NRM plans for the region. These NRM categories are:

- Community
- Biodiversity
- Water
- Soil Health

### MANAGEMENT TARGETS

Management targets have been established by the SACTCG as achievable outputs (changes) for the community to aim towards in implementing NRM programs and practises. These targets allow the SACTCG to breakdown each management category into achievable outcomes that relate to the NRM in the southern ACT catchment.

Timelines for each target have not been included in the CMS. This enables the SACTCG to exercise greater flexibility in developing projects and programs for NRM. The SACTCG acknowledges that as a community group we may not be able to achieve all the targets laid out in the CMS but as a group these targets gives us strategic direction for the future.

Over time these targets will need to be reviewed and modified by the SACTCG to ensure that we are keeping up to date with the NRM Plans for the region. Specifically, SACTCG will review and redefine targets within this CMS to align with the reviewed ACT NRM Plan after its release.

### MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

The management actions outlined in the CMS were developed by the SACTCG as necessary outcomes for achieving the management targets under each NRM category. These actions all contribute to achieving effective NRM in the southern ACT catchment area and should be reflected in the work plans for both the Group Coordinator and the Waterwatch Coordinator. Certain actions acknowledge the work being carried out by our member groups in contributing to the bigger picture of NRM in the southern ACT catchment area.

## OUTCOMES

Outcomes are listed to develop an indicator for monitoring and evaluation so that the SACTCG can assess the progress we are making in achieving our set management targets. This process needs to be reviewed each year to ensure that the SACTCG is being an effective resource for NRM. Further procedures for M&E are outlined in section 5 of this strategy.



Farrer Ridge Walk (September 2007)

## THE BIGGER PICTURE

Each management target relates to the targets set out in the ACT NRM Plan and the Murrumbidgee CAP. This demonstrated how the SACTCG CMS fits into the bigger picture of NRM in the ACT and NSW.

### ACT NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM) PLAN – MANAGEMENT TARGETS

	Target
BMT1	By 2006 plans, strategies and implementation programs to protect and improve the biodiversity value of significant ecological communities including habitats for threatened species in the ACT will be developed.
BMT2	By 2006 threats (invasive plant and animal species, fire and human associated impacts) to biodiversity, especially threatened species and communities will be minimised.
BMT3	By 2006 Wetland and Riverine Management policies and management actions to meet determined aquatic ecosystem targets will be developed and progressively implemented.

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BMT4	By 2006 targets for urban biodiversity and integrated urban ecological function targets will be developed and progressively implemented.
CBMT1	By 2006 the community will have access to information, skills and knowledge required to undertake activities towards achieving the targets in the Plan.
CBMT2	By 2006 a strategy for investment to support environmental outcomes through appropriate cost sharing will be implemented.
CBMT3	By 2004 an ACT Communication Strategy that includes nature conservation, community awareness raising, NAP and NHT2 and that is also aligned with the Murrumbidgee Catchment Communications Strategy will be developed and implemented.
CBMT4	By 2005 strategies to encourage individuals and groups in the general community to take responsibility for the impact of their activities on the environment will be developed.
CBMT5	By 2004 an ACT Communication Strategy that includes nature conservation, community awareness raising, NAP and NHT2 and that is also aligned with the Murrumbidgee Catchment Communication strategy will be developed and implemented.
CBMT6	By 2004 programs that enable community groups to undertake monitoring and evaluation in all urban and rural catchments and that change NRM practice in partnership with government where necessary will be established.
SHT1	Land capability classes identified Rural lessees have incorporated land classes into Land Management Agreements Land managers participating in soil health programs
SHT2	Soil chemistry has been benchmarked. Land managers participating in soil health programs.
SHT3	Soil fertility benchmarked. Land managers participating in soil health programs.
SHT4	Land managers participating in soil health programs.
SHT5	Land managers participating in soil health programs.
ST1	Baseline data achieved Numbers of lessees involved in program
ST2	Baseline data achieved Numbers of lessees involved in action activities.
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WMT3	Monitoring activities and data indicate improvement.
WMT4	Extent of improvement in river health based on accepted indicators.

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