

# Monthly Waterwatch Report, December 2009/January 2010

## Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI):

### *Catchment Health Indicators Data collected and recorded:*

December: Phys/Chem analysis conducted on 23 sites by SACTCG volunteers.  
RARC assessments conducted on 3 sites. Photo point records taken for min 3 sites.  
5 groups conducted the new testing for nitrates/nitrites.

### *Monitor key indicator species:*

Macro-invertebrates surveys conducted on 2 sites.

## Community skills, knowledge and engagement:

### ○ Support access to knowledge and skills

#### *Field days:*

Attended 2 day course on Indigenous Cultural Site awareness held by NRM.(3 & 4/12/09).

#### *Public events:*

Appeared 2XX Radio Landcare with Fiona Spier representing 'Friends Of Tidbinbilla' Parkcare group.(15/12).

Represented SACTCG at Murry Darling Basin Commission stakeholder's forum (15/12).

#### *Volunteer training:*

5 Groups trained in conducting tests for nitrate and nitrite nutrient pollution.

#### *Projects developed/assisted:*

Interviewed Tidbinbilla CVA Waterwatch volunteers for 'Tales of Tidbinbilla'.

Wrote chapter on Water for 'Tales of Tidbinbilla' project. (25/11).

Attended action plan meeting with government, N.G.O and corporate representatives over the issue of continued high turbidity in the Murrumbidgee River(16/12).

Attended CLA meeting (17/12).

Applied for funding under the federal 'Jobs Fund' on behalf of Molonglo CG to establish a position for a Waterwatch and/or Catchment coordinator in the Cooma/Monaro region. (mid Dec 09).

Assisted with weeding work with 'Mindors of Tuggeranong Homestead' (30/12).

### ○ Increase youth volunteer involvement in NRM:

#### *Holiday Programs Delivered:*

Held 3 meetings with National Museum staff in preparation for H2O=Life event. (7/12-16/12).

Delivered 4 day holiday program at the Australian National Museum, as part of H2O=LIFE exhibition.(11-15/1).

#### *Educational programs delivered:*

Macro invertebrate field activity planned for Chisholm HS (10/12)

### ○ Support community groups and build capacity:

#### *Groups supported:*

Assisted 'Bidgee Blue' with Water testing. (9/12).

Assisted 'Daniel and Eric' Waterwatch group with Macro invertebrate survey and new nitrate/nitrite test.(19/12)

#### *Website publications:*

'Graffiti: Public Notice or Public Nuisance?' on Website.