

Monthly Waterwatch Report, February 2010

Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI):

Catchment Health Indicators Data collected and recorded:

All southern ACT Waterwatchers are now collecting data on nitrate and nitrite nutrient levels as part of their monthly monitoring.

Monitor key indicator species:

Waterwatch groups in our region continue to submit information on species sightings as part of their valuable water monitoring efforts.

Community skills, knowledge and engagement:

○ **Support access to knowledge and skills**

Field days:

Assisted in field days of 3 Waterwatch groups this month including; Conservation Volunteers Australia Tidbinbilla group, the 'Sands' group and the Gudgenby Bush Regenerators group.

Public events:

Appeared on 2XX Radio Landcare with Conservation Volunteers Australia Waterwatch volunteer and CVA Coordinator.

Investigated the inclusion of the SCATCG in this year's 'Corinbank' festival. Gained assurances of free inclusion next year.

Volunteer training:

Provided training to 6 existing Waterwatch groups in using a new test for Nitrate and Nitrite levels in their water samples.

Provided initial Waterwatch training to the new executive officer of Lion's Youth Haven.

Projects developed/assisted:

Attended UMCCC meeting (10/2/10).

Attended CLA meeting (18/2/10).

Submitted feedback to Tuggeranong Community Council on local waterway concerns.

○ **Increase youth volunteer involvement in NRM:**

Holiday Programs Delivered:

Attended debriefing meeting with Australian National Museum staff at conclusion of January holiday program.

Educational programs delivered:

(See Water Education Officer report for this month)

○ **Support community groups and build capacity:**

Groups supported:

Provided 7 Waterwatch groups with new Nitrates/Nitrites tests along with training and new Waterwatch manuals.

Website publications:

"SACTCG Waterwatch group profile: 'Friends of Tidbinbilla' on SCATCG website and submitted for Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch newsletter.

Organised the update of the Waterwatch data submission link on the SACTCG website to accommodate the new data recording format.