

## **Monthly Waterwatch Report March 2009**

### **Community Awareness:**

*Media Releases:* None this month.

*Waterwatch Newsletter Articles:* Contribution to article in Autumn 2009 WW Newsletter on Murrumbidgee turbidity.

*Public Activities:* Staffed Waterwatch and 'Combined Catchment Groups' stall at 'Corinbank' festival. Staffed a successful Catchment Group's display at the 'Festival of the Forests'.

*SACTCG Newsletter Articles:* (See below- website.)

### **Monitoring:**

*Training sessions, workshops or similar:* Attended UMCCC planning day. Accompanied Doug Kerruish, UMCCC Willow Project Officer, visit to Wee Jasper to study needs for local community's action around appropriate willow control. In-service in willow identification and control techniques.

*QA/QC session:* Next QA/QC training on 19th April.

*Community Groups or Projects Assisted:* Monitored 3 sites for WW Feb and March data. Visited 'Sands' Group water monitoring session. Visited 'Friends of Tidbinbilla' water monitoring session. Assisted CVA group water monitoring in Tidbinbilla wetlands.

### **Natural Resource Management Targets:**

*State of Database:* Up to date for all current monitoring sites for 2008. 2009 data yet to be entered. Problem with entry of monitoring dates issue identified and resolved. CVA volunteer at Tidbinbilla site has raised issue with 'Phosphate' readings and possible recording of false information by WW ACT wide. This has been raised with Tanya.

### **Partnerships Towards Healthy Waterways:**

*Waterwatch Meeting report*

*Activities:* Able to now assist groups in identifying problem willow species at monitoring sites thanks to in-service with Doug UMCCC. Secured invitation of concerned monitoring groups to next UMCCC workshop on Murrumbidgee. Visited Corin Forest Park site, talked with park manager and clean-up crew, took photos of site and monitored Gibraltar Ck water after 'Corinbank' festival to assess impact for SACTCG members.

### **School and Community Learning Opportunities:**

*SACTCG website updates:* Article 'Muckybidgee!!' posted on SACTCG website.

*SACTCG Meeting attendance:* Attended February meeting. Provided information gained regarding Calwell carwash approval.

*Educational Programs Delivered:* Visited Orana School to discuss Waterwatch involvement in a project being coordinated by a Yr12 student for Yr8-9 environmental group. Visited Calwell HS to discuss Waterwatch's (and affiliated groups e.g. Frogwatch) inclusion in an environmental unit. This is to begin next semester.