

Monthly Waterwatch Report,

May 2010

Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI):

Catchment Health Indicators Data collected and recorded:

Conducted water monitoring on the Gibraltar Ck, Paddy's River, and Tuggeranong Ck for April and May (28/4/10 & 19/5/10). Three new sites for the Cotter catchment are now active. This is planned to provide background data for a proposed NRM CFoC project.

Data bank up to date to April 2010.

Groups now adapting to the new algae monitoring regime being trailed by Dr Skinner (MCG).

Monitor key indicator species:

Facilitated the 'Turtle Talk' presentation for ACT Waterwatch (27/4/10)

Waterwatch groups in our region continue to submit information on species sightings as part of their valuable water monitoring efforts. There is a continued growth in groups conducting macroinvertebrate surveys and submitting the associated 'signal 2 scores' with their data on a regular basis.

Community skills, knowledge and engagement:

○ **Support access to knowledge and skills**

Field days:

Attended ActewAGL's 'Mini Catchment Tour' to assess suitability as an excursion for schools (21/5/10).

Public events:

Attended Weston Creek Community Council's meeting with a presentation by ActewAGL on the Cotter enlargement project. Distributed info on SACTCG and Waterwatch (28/4/10).

Appeared on 2XX Radio Landcare (18/5/10)

Attended release of NRM's 'Understanding the Land through the eyes of the Ngunnawal People' education program (18/5/10).

Assisted with the 'Living with Love Grass' public seminar hosted by SACTCG's illustrious Steve Welch (22/5/10).

Volunteer training:.

Organised venue for follow up 'Algae Workshop' evening training.

Projects developed/assisted:

Attended Mt Taylor erosion works planning meeting. Organised involvement by D.Tongway (consultant.) (14/5/10).

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

Holiday Programs Delivered:

(none this period)

Educational programs delivered:

(See Water Education Officer report for this month)

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

Groups supported:

With the assistance of 'Bidgee Blue' monitored site for volunteer who is recovering from an injury. This included conducting a signal 2 score assessment (19/5/10).

Website publications:

Posted group profile of CVA Tidbinbilla Waterwatchers on 'Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch' newsletter.

Now have access to posting content on SCATCG web site.