

1) FORWARD

I would like to acknowledge the work of all the community Landcare and Waterwatch Groups in the Southern ACT Catchment Group. The community people give of their time to support the environment in a multitude of ways from planting, weeding, community education and awareness raising to water monitoring. Without support from these people this plan would not have eventuated and would not be possible to implement.

I would particularly like to acknowledge some of the Community Groups that have been with us since the beginning: Cooleman Ridge Park Care, Farrer Ridge, Friends of Tidbinbilla, Gudgenby Bush Regeneration Group, Lanyon High School, Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead (MOTH) and Mt Taylor Parkcare. I would also like to acknowledge one of our more recent members CROWK – Concerned Residents of West Kambah who are taking an active position in promoting an environmental learning and well-being precinct.

I must also thank:

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- The Natural Heritage Trust for funds received through the National Landcare Program to initiate and maintain various projects
- National Action Plan monies which helps support group objectives
- Environment ACT for their ongoing support and
- Many ACT Government departmental officers for their participation in the consultation process

I would also like to acknowledge the work done Briony Woolaston (our former coordinator) in bringing this report together.

This plan is a living document. While based on national and regional objectives it is owned and will be updated by the Southern ACT Catchment Group who are responsible for progressing integrated catchment management in the Southern ACT region.

If you would like more information on this plan, the catchment group or its activities please contact me, or our coordinator, on (02) 62966400

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2) LAYOUT OF THE STRATEGY

The Southern ACT Catchment Management Strategy (CMS) has been developed in 3 main parts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

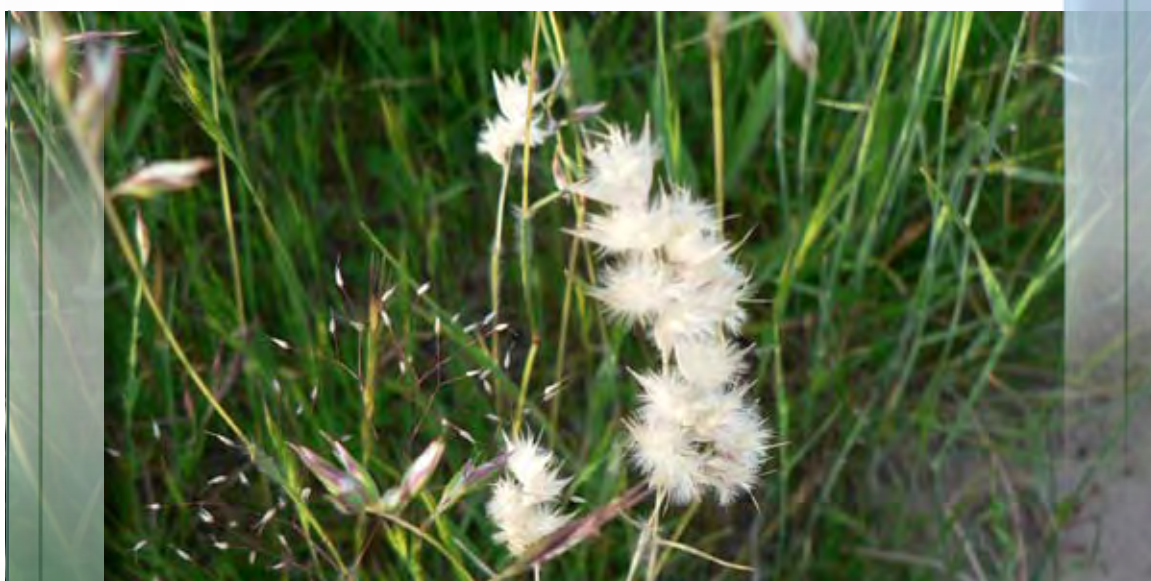
This section provides information on the development of the Catchment Management Strategy, the Southern ACT Catchment Group (SACTCG) and the demographic, social and economic factors of our catchment.

2 TARGETS AND ACTIONS

Sets out the management categories that form the foundations of the CMS and outlines the management targets and actions developed to implement sustainable Natural Resource Management now and in the future. This section also shows how specific management targets link to existing NRM strategies in the ACT NRM Region and Murrumbidgee Catchment.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E)

Defines the monitoring and evaluation needs for the SACTCG to ensure that the CMS is being implemented effectively and to assess the progress made by the group in NRM.



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