

Caring for Your **Catchment**

PURPOSE:

To gain an understanding about how local groups and individual community members can make a difference in the health of our waterways.

CATCHMENT CARE GROUPS

Catchments are very **vulnerable** to human activities; everyone lives in a catchment and we all have an impact on its health and the health of its waterways. By investigating and understanding the impacts of our daily activities, we can start to work together towards improving the health of our catchment for everyone.

A Catchment Care Group is a group of enthusiastic and caring people concerned with the well-being of their catchment. Members of the group work together on projects such as tree plantings, water testing and bank **rehabilitation** to help improve water quality within their catchment. A Catchment Care Group also works towards educating others about the importance of catchment care and the health of our waterways for present and future generations.



REMINDER!!! Did you find your **key words** for this activity?

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ACTIVITY

Forming your own catchment care group

You can form your own Catchment Care Group with your classmates. The activities that you have already completed will provide a good starting point for you and your group to work from. Discuss with your group ways in which you can improve the quality of water at your site. Your group may like to:

- plant some trees on the creek bank or in the school grounds
- do up a poster about the importance of a healthy catchment to be displayed in your school grounds
- visit a land use within your catchment area and discuss how this land use interacts with catchment health
- have a guest speaker attend your school to talk about catchment issues or other environmental topics. Guest speakers may include:
 - Mining Environmental Officer
 - Meteorologist
 - Community Group Leader
 - Conservation Officer from you local Council
 - National Parks and Wildlife Ranger

