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Media Release

Dedicated Healthy Waterways Volunteers Hang Up The Ropes

Healthy Waterways Volunteers, Gail and Neil Bradley have recently decided to hang up the ropes and hand over the reign to new volunteers. Gail and Neil began volunteering with Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association, in 2003. Since then, they have dedicated one morning every month for the past eight years to monitor the health and water quality of Plane Creek; from Middle Creek Dam to Apex Park.

Regional Landcare Facilitator, Saskia von Fahland said "Gail and Neil's long term enthusiasm and commitment to water quality monitoring has been incredible".

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association would like to extend our appreciation to Gail and Neil for their dedication towards the Healthy Waterways Monitoring program.

The data collected by Gail and Neil includes physical and chemical parameters such as air and water temperature, pH, water clarity, dissolved oxygen and phosphate levels as well as observations such as algae, aquatic weeds, water flow and odour.

The data collected has provided invaluable local knowledge of Plane creek including observing seasonal changes in the health of the waterway such as sedimentation and aquatic weeds. It has been the foundation to many local and regional assessments of catchment health and has helped make informed decisions for Landcare projects.

It is wonderful to see that Gail and Neil's interest in Landcare and the local environment also extends to the SLCMA Community Nursery where they continue to participate on a regular basis with our SLCMA Community Volunteer Program.

If you are interested in becoming a Healthy Waterways volunteer please contact SLCMA on 4956 1388 for more details.

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Photo: L-R: Gail Bradley, Saskia von Fahland, Neil Bradley

