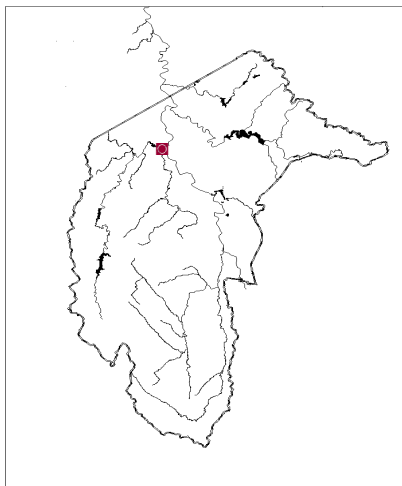


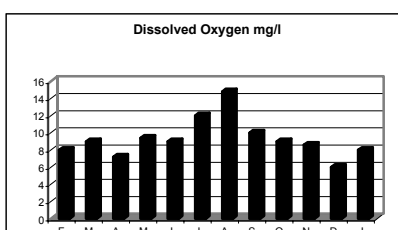
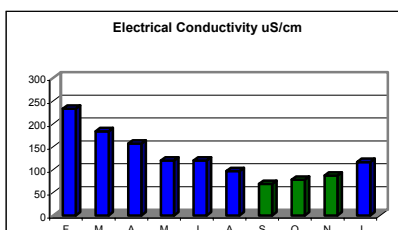
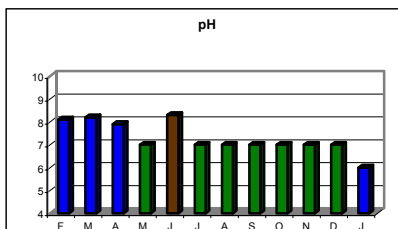
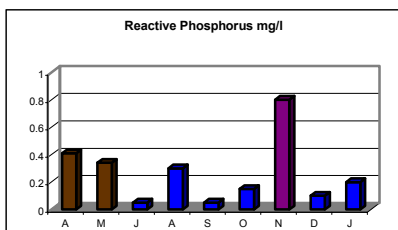
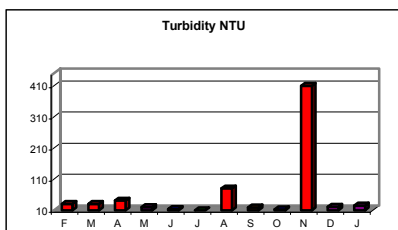
Casuarina Sands—Murrumbidgee River



Participant Comments: Bidgee Blue Group

- Heavy rain caused high turbidity and spikes in phosphorus levels.
- At times high turbidity made algal monitoring difficult due to visibility.
- Algal growth fluctuated with increased algae observed at times of low turbidity, slow flows and moderate water levels.
- After rain, extreme amounts of black sooty silt deposited on river banks after the water level dropped.
- Slow regrowth of vegetation on the surrounding hillsides.
- Few insects sighted along river and fewer insect eating birds present.
- No river erosion.
- No point source pollution activities noticed.
- Weeds have become a major problem with noticeable increases in areas severely affected by fire.
- Casuarina's struggling to regrow.
- Fires have impacted on recreational opportunities including picnics and swimming.

Water Quality



Habitat Recovery



February 2003



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July 2003



November 2003