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## **GOING WITH THE FLOW ON MOORE RIVER**

Citizen Science continues at Moore River Estuary thanks to a strong partnership between the Friends of Moore River Estuary (FOMRE), NACC and Department of Water. Last Friday saw the third round of estuary monitoring for the NACC Healthy Estuaries project supporting FOMRE to collect valuable data for the Department of Water.

Even a last minute change of vessel did not concern participants who took it all in their stride. A successful morning of logging data on temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and salinity followed as well as the collection of water samples to be analysed for nutrient and heavy metals in the laboratory.



Bob Johnson (Friends of Moore River Estuary) and Ryan Kam (Department of Water) at Moore River Estuary.



Hamish Longbottom (NACC) and Linda Johnson (FOMRE) prepared for sampling at the next site with FOMRE mascot 'Jasmine'.

If you would more information about the Healthy Estuaries project go to <u>http://www.nacc.com.au/project/healthy-estuaries/</u>

In true Science Week spirit FOMRE and NACC assisted with filtering of water samples in preparation for the laboratory analysis. NACC Project Officer Hamish Longbottom said "The group continue to show their dedication to the project and get a better understanding of the process of analysing water samples. The data collected from these sampling events is now available to guide future management of the

Moore River.



Filtering water samples before being transported to the National Measurement Institute in Perth.

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