



Tamworth Regional Landcare Association Small Grants Program 2023

Namoi River Kayak Environmental Exploration Sunday 23rd & Monday 24th February 2024

Purpose:

The Namoi River plays a key part in the environment of the Gunnedah region.

Many of the community live quite removed from interacting with the river and the only recognition it often receives is during episodes of flooding.

The aim of Namoi River Kayak Adventure was to invite members of the community to experience the river at a closer level and grow their understanding of the key role that it has in the environment and ecology of our region, the plant and animal life dependent on the river.

Peter Vaughan from Out and About Adventures was engaged to provide a Kayak trip down the Namoi river on two mornings 9am - 1pm Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th February 2025 for 20 people each trip. Phil Spark of Northwest Ecological Services was engaged to give educational discussion related to the ecology of life along the river along the way, during the stop for morning tea and at the culmination of the trip while participants had lunch.

Funding for the excursion was provided by Tamworth Regional Landcare Association and Federal Govt funding under NSW Reconstruction Authority, facilitated by Gunnedah Shire Council's Community Recovery Officer and Gunnedah Urban Landcare Group providing volunteer support and organisation of the event.

The objectives of engaging members of the community who have not had an experience of being on the river in this way before, bringing a closer appreciation of the issues facing the river from a Landcare perspective and providing an unforgettable educational experience were satisfied. The two days were successful and the feedback was very positive.

Feedback from Attendees:

"Thankyou! What a great way to see the river! Loved seeing how Landcare are healing our river scape. Much appreciation and respect. Thanks again"

"An absolutely amazing day. So much fun and incredibly educational! Thankyou Gunnedah Urban Landcare, TRLA, Gunnedah Shire and Out & About Adventures for a great experience on the river!"

"Thankyou so much for an excellent trip down the river. The guides were fabulous, the river so beautiful. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with the river ecology and I am very grateful to be given the opportunity".

"I enjoyed everything about today. Pete & Andy did a wonderful job of teaching & encouraging & keeping us safe. Phil did a good job pointing out special things along the riverbank and explaining the animals and reptiles of the river, good and bad. His knowledge is amazing! Lunch and morning tea were wonderful."

Photos of the day:

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