



● Dr Alison Mitchell and Mr Geoff Emmanuel test the water quality at the storm water treatment pond in Willow Park. Picture: JOHN RUSSELL

Friends now able to monitor wetland's health regularly

ENVIRONMENT

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THE quality of Willow Park's storm water treatment wetland and creek in Wodonga will be better monitored thanks to an almost \$1500 grant from Dilmah Tea.

Friends of Willow Park projects officer Alison Mitchell said regular testing would now be available to detect problems in the health of House Creek's ecological system and the efficiency of the storm water system.

"The amount of litter that is in the

creek and the weeds that are around it are really not good," she said.

"The creek's not in a particularly good state."

Dr Mitchell said weeds in particular, which are being removed by Friends of Willow Park, inhibited the health of the various species.

"The weeds don't allow for indigenous plants to grow and that impacts upon the whole ecology of the stream," she said.

Dr Mitchell said residents of Albury-Wodonga should consider the environment in their actions.