

Calling all citizen scientists during NatureBlitz Week 7-11 November 2016

**Be part of the North Central CMA's
Native Fish Recovery project.**

- ❖ **Are you inspired by your local waterway?**
- ❖ **Do you want to learn more about your environment?**
- ❖ **Are you keen to learn new skills and build on your knowledge?**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Become a Citizen Scientist and help protect your local waterway

The Native Fish Recovery Plan (NFRP) is a long-term project aimed at increasing native fish populations and ecological health by improving habitat, riparian vegetation and flows, in more than 200 kilometres of streams and wetlands in the Gunbower and lower Loddon area.

North Central Waterwatch has partnered up with the NFRP to engage community members to become Citizen Scientists and help monitor the response of native fish, waterbugs and water quality in the Box-Pyramid and Gunbower creeks and the lower Loddon and Little Murray rivers

Would you like to be a part of NatureBlitz?

The North Central CMA is seeking volunteers to help undertake the following monitoring activities. Training will be provided to monitors (refer to training details).

Macroinvertebrate monitoring: Macroinvertebrates, or water bugs, are indicators of river health and are an excellent way to measure the success of the Native Fish Recovery Plan. Waterbugs will be monitored bi-annually as a part of the Plan. Training will be provided to volunteers during NatureBlitz Week.

Water quality monitoring: This is a key tool used to understand how conditions change. Monitoring results can alert waterway managers if water-quality is at levels that can affect the survival of fish. Volunteers will be asked to collect and test monthly samples of water and report the data. Training will be provided to volunteers during NatureBlitz Week.

Fish monitoring: Angler diaries are a cost-effective way to collect data. General angler diaries can be used at any time, just download the NatureBlitz app and start recording your catch. Or you can participate in the Research Angler Diaries during December 2016.

TRAINING DATES AND DETAILS:

Day One: Monday 7 November

Meet at Cohuna Gateway Centre at 8.30am then travel to Tree Tops Scout Camp, Cohuna.

Day Two: Tuesday 8 November

Meet at Kerang Memorial Hall at 8.15am then travel to a site on the Loddon River to undertake training.

Both days finish at 5.30pm. Catering provided.

Contact Peter Rose or Cass Davis (details below) to register or to find out more.

If you would like to participate in any of these monitoring programs, then please register for training now!

The North Central CMA will provide Citizen Scientists with training and equipment. For more information, please contact Peter Rose or Cass Davis.

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