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Waterbug Training *Free* Workshop

Saturday, 6th Oct 2018

8:30am—12:30pm

Location: CWCN Centre, 47 Hepworth St, Chapel Hill (UBD 178 A11)

Join us for an exciting workshop and learn all about water bugs, aquatic critters which can tell us a lot about the health of our waterways and ecosystems. These tiny macroinvertebrates live in fresh-water for all or some stages of their life cycle. Among them are water striders, back swimmers, crustaceans, larvae of dragon and damselflies, nymphs of caddisfly, mayfly and stonefly, snails and water beetles. They are sensitive at varying degrees to pollutants and other changes in our local creeks thus allowing us to assess conditions by their presence or absence, by their types and abundance. Aquatic water bugs are also an important food source for native fish, frogs, platypus, and birds.

Tutorial and field demonstrations will be run by experienced **Senior Scientists for Ecology and Biodiversity Management at Hydrobiology Pty Ltd Justin Cujatar and Michelle Hobbs**. For the field part please wear **protective clothing and closed shoes**.

This workshop is for everyone who is interested in aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems, and the health of our local creeks and other waterbodies, it is for rehabilitators working along creek lines and wanting to assess their success over time, and for educators keen to transfer knowledge and to foster a better understanding of a precious natural resource.

We would also love to see you involved in the **National Waterbug Blitz**. It will take place across our catchments throughout October, and we are seeking helpers for the catching and identifying of our local water critters. The surveys will be carried out on several days (dates to be decided) and allow for different knowledge levels. We will be there to do it with you. Bring your smart devices. Apart from hardcopies we'll use apps helping us with the identification.



This workshop is free. Preference will be given to members of BCC's Community Conservation Partnerships Program (Catchment Groups, Habitat Brisbane, Land for Wildlife) and Educators from our local schools and those who register for our survey. **Morning tea** is provided.

Registration is essential latest by 3rd October as per form below. If you have any questions kindly ring Jutta on 0407 583 441 or email cwcnmail@tpg.com.au.

We are very grateful for the support of



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Registration

Waterbug Training Workshop

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone/Mobile Phone:

Member of (please tick and fill in)

Catchment Group

Habitat Brisbane

Land for Wildlife

Other
Organisation

School

Our workshops tend to be very popular and require confirmation of your booking. Please register early (latest by 3rd October) to secure your place.

Date

Signature

Yes, I am keen to participate in the National Waterbug Blitz

I can participate on weekends only

I can participate on weekdays only

I can participate on weekdays and weekends (all depending on the date)

Sorry. I can't participate because I live too far away or am not in Brisbane for the rest of October.

Please scan your registration and email to cwcnmail@tpg.com.au or snail mail to Cubberla-Witton Catchments Network, PO Box 5200, Kenmore Qld 4069