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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Border students to take on a bugs life during National Science Week**

Local primary school students will take a look at the world from a water bug's perspective as part of National Science Week (14-18 August) activities on the Border this week.

The Murray Freshwater Research Centre, North East Waterwatch and the North East CMA are joining forces to present the "*Under the Ripples*" Roadshow to Years 5 & 6 students from Wodonga, Albury and Bandiana.

Regional Waterwatch Coordinator, Carolyn Humby said "*Under the Ripples*" incorporates a series of fun, hands-on activities that are designed to build an awareness and understanding of aquatic ecology.

"We're hoping that students who join in these activities will develop a greater awareness and appreciation of our local waterways and the aquatic life within them."

The Roadshow will include a number of sessions where students will learn about the diversity of life in our water and what might impact on this. It will also provide a comparison of the water bugs and water quality between two local sites, House Creek in Wodonga and the Kiewa River at Killara.

"There is such an abundance of life in our waterways, we want to demonstrate this diversity, link it to water quality and look more closely at some of the critters that exist underneath the ripples" said Carolyn.

The "*Under the Ripples*" Roadshow and National Science Week activities are supported by the Australian Government through the National Science Week Grants.

"*Under the Ripples*" will be held at Bandiana Primary School tomorrow (Tuesday) and Albury Public School on Wednesday (16 August)

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#### **Photo suggestion:**

The Roadshow includes a session where students will be dress up as a local macro invertebrate.

For further information, or to arrange an interview/photograph please contact:

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