

MEDIA RELEASE

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NATIONAL WATER WEEK

October 21-27th

WATER FOR LIFE – Protect, Conserve & Get Involved

National Water Week is a nation-wide event, the week's theme 'Water for Life' brings water into focus, making people more aware of how precious and important water is in our lives. The week provides a great opportunity to get involved in some of activities and learn more about our regions streams, creeks, rivers and wetlands in the region.

This year the North East Catchment Management Authority and Waterwatch in partnership with North East Water has organised a number of events and activities around our catchment. A Calendar of Events has been put together which features all regional events and activities available to the local community in National Water Week. Events include: guided interpretive walks, wetlands tours, children's activities, Horseshoe Lagoon fish-a-thon, Wonga Wetlands open day, regional library displays and a Water Roadshow. This year Wodonga, Bright and Wangaratta libraries will also showcase National Water Week, displaying water related information and interesting water facts.

The **Water Roadshow will be held at Willow Park, Wodonga on Thursday the 25th of October** and will involve a number of the local schools in awareness raising activities in the morning. **From 2pm onwards the general public are invited to join us** for a number of workshops and informative sessions hosted by various NRM organisations in the region. The workshops will include an Aquatic weeds workshop, Indigenous workshop and a Fish workshop - the event is free so we encourage you to come along and join us. The North East Waterwatch program will also be holding a Waterwatch Monitors BBQ at the event in Wodonga. All Waterwatch monitors from the North East are invited to come and join us and meet the Waterwatch and CMA staff, other Waterwatch monitors and local Council representatives.

For a copy of the calendar or events or for any further information on National Water Week activities please call: Carolyn Humby on **02 6043 7622**

- *Suggested media/photo opportunity:
Water Roadshow, Willow Park Wodonga 9.30- 2pm: Schools & 2-4.30pm: Community*