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NORTH EAST SET TO CELEBRATE PRECIOUS RESOURCE

North East residents can catch a carp, spot a frog or learn more about their local water supply during National Water Week (18-24 October 2009).

A range of organisations will support the national celebration by running events and activities across the region.

“National Water Week is a great time to focus on the many ways that we can enjoy and share this important resource,” said Carolyn Humby, North East Waterwatch Facilitator with the North East CMA.

“After many years of drought, communities across the North East have learnt to be water wise. We also need to know how to protect the quality of this resource. After all, the North East region of Victoria supplies 38% of the total surface water for the Murray-Darling Basin, despite forming only 2% of the total land area.”

Ms Humby encouraged people to support National Water Week activities in their local community:

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	EVENT SUMMARY	CONTACT
Mon 19 Oct – Mon 26 Oct	Wodonga Library	Information display – books, posters.	Free – please visit Library
Sun 18 Oct 10am – 4pm	Bridge, Horseshoe Lagoon Albury.	Catch a Carp Day. \$1500 in prizes to be won	Col Johnson Tel: (02) 6023 8170 cjohnson@alburycity.nsw.gov.au
Mon 19 Oct 10am & 11 am	Wodonga Library	Pre-school session - free	Dianne/Sharon Tel: (02) 6022 9117
Tues 20 Oct 10am	Wangaratta Water Treatment Plant, Faithful St	See where your water supply comes from and how it is treated before it reaches your tap.	RSVP: Friday 15th October Diane Doyle Tel: (02) 6022 0580 ddoyle@nerwa.vic.gov.au
Wed 21 Oct 10.30am	Wodonga Library	Pre-school session - free	Dianne/Sharon Tel: (02) 6022 9117
Wed 21 Oct 2pm	Old Barnawartha Rd, Wodonga	EGL will provide a tour of the wastewater treatment plant in Wodonga.	RSVP: Friday 15th October Diane Doyle Tel: (02) 6022 0580 ddoyle@nerwa.vic.gov.au

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Wed 21 Oct 6pm-8pm	Wonga Wetlands	Indigenous artwork, listen to frogs, spot birds and bats.	Free BBQ facilities available for use Col Johnson Tel: (02) 6023 8170 cjohnson@alburycity.nsw.gov.au
Thurs 22 Oct	McNamara's Reserve, Lewis Ave, Myrtleford	Interactive and informative activities for years 5 & 6 students in Alpine Shire	Karen Jones, Project Officer Tel: (03) 5722 9232 seed@nevrwaste.vic.gov.au
Sun 25 Oct 10am-4.30pm	Wonga Wetlands	Open Day - talks and guided walks	Cost: Free Contact: John Hawkins Ph: 0418 267 805 Email: jhawkins@alburycity.nsw.gov.au

Further information about National Water Week 2009 is available at
<http://www.nationalwaterweek.org.au>

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