

Environmental Volunteer Opportunities

Always wondered what's happening under the water at your local wetland? Is it healthy? –You can become part of an extensive grass roots movement to monitor waterway health.

Waterwatch (vic.waterwatch.org.au) is a community engagement program connecting local communities with river health issues. *Waterwatch* is about the faces and actions of many volunteers who give their time to monitor and care for their local waterways. Melbourne's waterways are often popular, well used amenities, but being urban creek suffer from stormwater pollution issues that need monitoring. This is where your help is needed.

Do I need any experience?

No, you will be provided with a full day of training and will be fully assisted along the way by your Waterwatch Coordinator who will help set you up with a monitoring plan, site choice and assist in your first site monitoring's.

What are the requirements of the program?

For valuable data we ask volunteers to monitor their chosen site monthly and once a year attend a quality assurance / quality control event which involves testing mystery samples.

One member of the group will enter the data onto our state-wide Waterwatch database. This is a very simple online format and you will always have support for this.

What do I physically have to do?

Access your chosen creek side site with your water monitoring kit and conduct tests onsite. We will undertake OH&S assessment as part of your training.

What am I provided with?

You will be provided with access to all the equipment, manuals and support from your Waterwatch Coordinator. Our job is to help you feel confident to collect valuable data.

You will also have access to other exciting Waterwatch events and networks, meeting some amazing people along the way.

How do I start?

Contact the Merri Creek Waterwatch Coordinator on jane@mcmc.org.au or 9380 8199.