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## Waterbug ID Training Session Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Heyfield Wetlands

Free Professional Development training workshop with Australia's leading waterbug expert John Gooderham

The [National Waterbug Blitz](#) is Australia's first nationwide waterway monitoring event. People can investigate how healthy their local waterways and wetlands are by exploring and identifying what waterbugs they contain.

As part of this program, John will guide participants through what lives in your local waterways and how to use the Waterbug App.



**Where?** Heyfield Wetlands Info Centre, 1a MacFarlane Street, Heyfield  
**When?** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 11am – 4pm (lunch provided)

**What is it?** Introductory training in waterbug identification (half day workshop), introducing safety, sampling and ALT method, and using the Waterbug App.

**Is it for me?** This session is targeted at people who are interested in learning about waterbug monitoring and developing skills and knowledge to teach others or work with your local groups/schools. You could then participate in the National Waterbug Blitz if you want to (but this is not a requirement of coming to the training).

**What to bring?** Sturdy shoes, gumboots/waders, hat, sunscreen, water. If possible, please download the Waterbug App and have it on your phone or tablet for this training.

This is a free workshop but **places are limited**, so please register via email to [westgippy@wgcm.vic.gov.au](mailto:westgippy@wgcm.vic.gov.au) (include name, contact details, what you're hoping to get out of the training, and any dietary requirements).



For more information about this event please email us or call Caitlin Pilkington/Matt Khoury @ West Gippsland CMA1300 094 262 or Neil Woodward @ East Gippsland CMA: 0417 309 729. For more details on the National Waterbug Blitz: <https://www.waterbugblitz.org.au/>

Note: equipment is provided for use on the day, but if you want to participate in the National Waterbug Blitz with your group at your local sites at a later date, you'll need to have access to equipment (net, trays, magnifying glass and info cards). Equipment kits are available from the National [Waterbug Blitz shop](#).