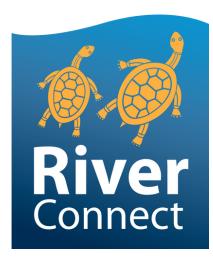
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WATERWAYS AND WATERBUGS

Discover the world of aquatic macroinvertebrates, find and collect waterbugs sampled from Victoria Park Lake. This session includes an overview of the local Goulburn Broken River systems and what lives there. Year ½ students explore living and non-living things. Year ¾ students explore lifecycles.

Locations: Victoria Park Lake or Gemmill Swamp Mooroopna

Duration: 45 minute session

Age: Year 1 to 6

Group Size: Max 24 students





A HOLLOW IS A HOME

Learn about the wildlife that relies on old growth trees for habitat in our river environment and meet a variety of taxidermy animals. This session includes an overview of the local Goulburn Broken River systems and what lives there.

Locations: Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton, Kialla or

Boulevard Bush Reserve, Shepparton

Duration: 45 minute sessions **Age:** Foundation to Year 6 **Group Size:** Max 30 students

LITTLE PLATYPUS

Discover the secret life of the platypus with puppet storytime. What makes them so special and what threatens their survival. Learn about *seize it, snip it, bin it* and meet our new platypus plush squad.

Locations: Various

Duration: 30 minute session

Age: 3 & 4 Year old Kindergarten

Group Size: Max 30 children





NATURE STEWARDSHIP & CONSERVATION

On ground nature volunteering:

Planting, weeding, watering, guard removal, litter pick up, habitat restoration (nest boxes), biodiversity surveys (citizen science).

Activities depend on needs of local environment at the time of booking.

Planting season is between June and August.

Locations: Various

Duration: 45 - 90 minute sessions

Age: Primary and Secondary School

Group Size: Max 1 class

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION DAY

Our popular Outdoor Classroom Day's are held in November and May! Heard of Groovin at Gemmills, Rambling at Reedy or Zombie Fish Day?

Join Goulburn Murray Landcare Network, RiverConnect and other partners for a unique day of education in nature! Students will see native wildlife up close, learn about where they live and threats to their habitat while engaging in a range of interactive activities to learn about our local ecosystem.

Duration: Whole day. 4 x 35 minute sessions

Age: Year 3 - 4 Students

Group Size: Maximum 100 students from minimum 2 schools



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ONE TREE PER CHILD

Help plant 10,000 plants each year with Greater Shepparton City Council's One Tree Per Child Program. All materials are provided for your session outside in the river and bushland environment.

Planting season is between June and August.

Locations: Various

Duration: 45 - 90 minute sessions **Age:** Primary and Secondary School

Group Size: Max 2 classes

BOOKING ADVICE

- All sessions are free of charge to Greater Shepparton Schools
- Booking limit of one session per class per year (with the exception of Conservation Projects)
- Bookings are subject to availability
- Please book at least eight weeks in advance. We can accept booking with four weeks notice but availability may be limited.
- Only *One Tree Per Child* planting sessions will be booked between June and August. This is via a separate EOI Form.
- RiverConnect Bookings can be made via our <u>online booking form</u>



SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Teachers MUST supervise and manage behaviour of students (presenter has the right to cancel if this does not occur)
- Actively help students with tasks to ensure the session runs safely and to time
- Organise own transport for excursions
- Bring own first aid kit and qualified first aid staff member for excursions
- Ensure students dress appropriately for outdoor conditions, including wet and muddy, cold or sunny conditions.



