

Follow the Yellow Fish Road – Goulburn Broken

'The Drain is just for Rain'. This is the message that students from right around the Goulburn Broken Catchment heard loud and clear after watching and being involved in the Waterwatch pantomime 'Follow the Yellow Fish Road' during National Water Week. The focus of the performance was stormwater and the pantomime highlighted the issues and also actions that students can take to lower the impact of urban stormwater on our waterways.

Actors, Nathalie Chambers as Goodie Two Shoes, Damien Davis as the Nasty Pasty and Goulburn Broken's Stormwater Project Officer, Matthew Burke played the River Wizard and narrator. Students learnt how each of us unknowingly contributes to stormwater pollution and how each of us can change the little things in our lifestyle that translates to huge benefits to the health of our Rivers.

The pantomime was performed 17 times during National Water Week in 15 towns and reached over 3,900 students in the Catchment. The Week was supported by Waterwatch, Goulburn Valley Water, Goulburn-Murray Water, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, City of Greater Shepparton, other local Councils, NRE and Landcare groups.

Dryland Regatta – Mallee

To launch National Water week in the Mallee region, the Waterwatch Mallee program in conjunction with Mallee CMA, NRE and other local authorities held the annual Dryland Regatta. Held at River Park (formally Apex Park) in Mildura, the event was a major success. Targeted primarily at local authorities, agencies, media and teachers. Used as a focus to get people to think about water, 6 teams completed for line honours with over 100 people in attendance.



Mallee's Dryland Regatta.

national waterweek



Warrembeen workshop attendants are introduced to a diverse array of River Health Assessments.

Damien Davies, Matthew Burke and Natalie Chambers deep in character.

Workshop attendants carry out a macro invertebrate survey.



Warrembeen Landcare – Corangamite & Central Highlands

Corangamite and Central Highlands Waterwatch in conjunction with Warrembeen Landcare and the Corangamite CMA, held a Waterwatch awareness day, designed to give new Waterwatch volunteers a thorough introduction into the world of River health assessments. Held at Warrembeen Landcare Centre, Waterwatch coordinators with the help of waterbug expert Alison Pouliot, water plant enthusiast Tim D'Obraine and Waterwatch Victoria's Science Coordinator John McCoy, demonstrated to NRE staff, Glenelg Hopkins CMA staff and volunteers, methods and techniques required to carry out a comprehensive river health assessment.



Stormwater stencils used by students following the 'Follow the Yellow Fish Road' pantomime.