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THE BETTER WATER WORKSHOP SERIES

WHO SHOULD GET INVOLVED AND WHY?

Do you have an interest or responsibility in water quality management? Are you passionate about sustaining your local or regional creeks, rivers and waterways? Then you should get involved with the Better Water Workshop Series.

WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED?

The Better Water Workshop Series aims to attract people who have key interests, responsibilities and/or a passion for water quality management. The success of this program requires key stakeholders to become participants.

Each Better Water Workshop will be an opportunity to build networks and learn from others. A high level of interactivity will be mixed with specialist presentations and consideration of case studies (local and regional) to form a useful planning and training experience.

As a participant you will be part of a mix of people from communities, government and private sector organisations. It will be a rewarding experience, as you work alongside others with a commitment to the health of their rivers, waterways and catchments.

People from state and local government, industry and diverse community organisations and interests relating to water quality and its management, are all welcome to be involved.

Depending upon the focus of individual workshops, each will bring together water quality decision makers, planners, field workers and others with a genuine interest in contributing to improved water quality and catchment management. Different locations and issues will attract people working in coastal, estuary, river, stormwater or groundwater management, and possibly potable and non-potable water supply and water recycling.

Involving people from regional Natural Resource Management bodies is vital. They coordinate catchment plans and relevant programs, are able to draw together key local stakeholders to build or strengthen networks in regions where workshops will be held.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

If you participate in one of the workshops, you will have a hands-on opportunity to:

- Help improve water quality management, monitoring and reporting in your catchment;
- Develop water quality improvements plans, and identify priority actions;
- Demonstrate your successful water quality activities and projects and learn from others;
- Gain skills and knowledge, and learn how to pass this on to build awareness as well as community and organisational capacity;
- Attain the sense of satisfaction that you have been part of something that can make a real difference to water quality and the environmental health of your catchment; and
- Work collaboratively with others with similar interests and a desire for improved water quality.

WHAT MIGHT THIS LEAD TO?

The Better Water Workshops aim to leave a legacy of improved interest and capacity for water quality management. People will pick up new ideas and ways of carrying out their interests or doing their own jobs better.

Ultimately, you might find yourself part of an enhanced existing network or possibly a new network of people who will really be able to make a difference.

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