

Dear Members of the Brisbane Catchments Network,

The last fish survey training workshop in Nov 2013 was a resounding success. As you may already know from *This Week by the Creek*, Brisbane City Council's Creek Catchment Officer Program will generously sponsor a second workshop. We are looking forward to seeing many members of Brisbane catchment groups participate.

Fish Survey Training/Teaching Workshop
for Members of the Brisbane Catchments Network
Saturday, 12th March 2016 - 8.00 am till 1.00 pm (morning tea and lunch included)

Location: Cubberla Creek, off the Akuna Ovals. We will meet at the **Cubberla Witton Catchments Network (CWCN) Centre, 47-57 Hepworth St, Chapel Hill** and move from there. Should for reasons only the Weather Gods understand this section of the creek dry up too, you'll have re-arrangements announced before the workshop.

What happens on the day?

Fish geneticist and expert **Leo Lee** will guide us through the day, explain procedures and requirements. Leo is also the president of Save Our Waterways Now (SOWN – Enoggera Ck, Ithaca Ck, Fish Ck). We will place bait traps, use dip nets effectively, learn how to identify fish and also good sampling sites, conduct water quality monitoring and general creek health assessments, learn to use forms and follow animal ethics guidelines and much more, all to help the catchment groups to do their own fish surveys. CWCN will provide their own bait traps, dip nets, Horiba device for water quality monitoring, and containers, buckets, trays, ID charts and whatever else is needed on the day and will have forms printed and ready for you to use.

Don't wear your best gear, if you have gum boots, bring them along. If you have a little stool to sit on while you identify the catch, that would be helpful too. Otherwise, wear protective clothing, sunscreen, and hat.

If you have never done it before, a fish survey is not only a very interesting activity, it provides an opportunity to learn about local fauna and flora, about creek conditions, aquatic and riparian habitat health, and it will help to guide your rehabilitation efforts. Fish surveys are also great for catchment group team work and they are fun!

RSVP to cwcncmail@tpg.com.au or phone by 11th March lunchtime.

Best wishes,

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