

## BELLINGEN RIVERWATCH - 2018 TESTING SCHEDULE

Bellingen Riverwatch testing **MUST be carried out within a 48-hour period** across both the Kalang & Bellingen catchments, and data uploaded within 5 days. The calendar for testing is as follows:

MONTH	DATES FOR WATER QUALITY TESTING <i>Second Tuesday &amp; Wednesday each month</i>	DATA TO BE UPLOADED BY
<b>2018</b>		
JANUARY	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 15 <sup>TH</sup>
FEBRUARY	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 19 <sup>TH</sup>
MARCH	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 19 <sup>TH</sup>
APRIL	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 16 <sup>TH</sup>
MAY	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 14 <sup>TH</sup>
JUNE	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 18 <sup>TH</sup>
JULY	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 16 <sup>TH</sup>
AUGUST	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 20 <sup>TH</sup>
SEPTEMBER	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 17 <sup>TH</sup>
OCTOBER	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 15 <sup>TH</sup>
NOVEMBER	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>
DECEMBER	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 17 <sup>TH</sup>

***Reminder emails and texts will be circulated to alert you that the testing days are coming up.***

***If you are unable to complete the monthly testing at your nominated site, please contact Jane Grant, AT EAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO SCHEDULE TESTING to arrange an alternative volunteer.***

### **POST RAINFALL DATA COLLECTION (optional extra activity)**

Bellingen Riverwatch provides a good opportunity to monitor the health of our rivers before, during and after long dry spells. Additional water quality testing, immediately after a significant rain event that occurs after a long-dry period, can contribute very useful data on areas that are being adversely impacted by low flow conditions.

We know this is outside of the normal monitoring days and we don't want to add extra work to our fantastic volunteers. However, if you are able to test your regular site(s) 24-48 hours after rainfall, and upload your data as usual, it adds extra useful information on water quality for our project.

What if it floods? - In the event of flood conditions, please ensure that you **do not enter flooded waterways** to take samples. Instead, wait at least 24-48 hours until water levels recede and access to the river is safe for you. If access is not safe, do not test!

**Find out More:** Contact Jane Grant, Bellingen Riverwatch Coordinator at [ozgreen@ozgreen.org.au](mailto:ozgreen@ozgreen.org.au) or 02 6655 2180 or visit [www.ozgreen.org/bellingen\\_riverwatch](http://www.ozgreen.org/bellingen_riverwatch).

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