

BELLINGEN RIVERWATCH - 2019 TESTING SCHEDULE

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

MONTH	DATES FOR WATER QUALITY TESTING – SECOND TUES & WED EACH MONTH	DATA TO BE UPLOADED BY
2019		
JANUARY	TUES 8TH & WED 9TH	MON 14TH
FEBRUARY	TUES 12TH & WED 13TH	MON 18TH
MARCH	TUES 12TH & WED 13TH	MON 18TH
APRIL	TUES 9TH & WED 10TH	MON 15TH
MAY	TUES 14TH & WED 15TH	MON 20TH
JUNE	TUES 11TH & WED 12TH	MON 17TH
JULY	TUES 9TH & WED 10TH	MON 15TH
AUGUST	TUES 13TH & WED 14TH	MON 19TH
SEPTEMBER	TUES 10TH & WED 11TH	MON 16TH
OCTOBER	TUES 8TH & WED 9TH	MON 14TH
NOVEMBER	TUES 12TH & WED 13TH	MON 18TH
DECEMBER	TUES 10TH & WED 11TH	MON 16TH

Reminder emails will be circulated to volunteers and schools to alert you that your monthly Bellingen Riverwatch testing is coming up.

If you are unable to complete the monthly testing at your nominated site, please contact the Bellingen Riverwatch Coordinator on riverwatch@ozgreen.org.au or 0455 602 571 AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO SCHEDULE TESTING to arrange an alternative monitor to cover testing at your usual location.

POST RAINFALL DATA COLLECTION (optional extra activity)

The Bellingen Riverwatch project 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 monitoring team members. 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? - On a safety point, 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!