

You're invited to an "Ask the Expert" webinar

An inspiring pre-recorded virtual session about

## How River Detectives can shape your life

*The River Detectives program connects young people with nature. By adopting a local waterway and engaging in fun citizen-science activities the program aims to foster a life-long appreciation of the inextricable way that water, land, plants, animals, people and communities are linked.*

*It strives to foster young people who will champion waterways, embed a connection to nature into their lives and share their passion for nature with others. And who knows . . . it may inspire positive actions to real environmental issues in the local environment – if not during school years, then perhaps some time in the future. For **Tess Williamson** this is certainly the case;*



*"Hi my name is Tess and I have been a WaterWatch Volunteer for six years now. My involvement with WaterWatch started in primary school when I participated in the River Detectives program in Grade Four at Woodend Primary School. I remember testing the water and searching for water bugs—it was here that my passion for the environment began! After completing high school I knew my passion lay in the environment, so I enrolled in a Bachelor of Advanced Science at Monash University majoring in environmental science. I am currently still at Uni completing my honours year after which I hope to get a job in the environmental science field!"*

*During this pre-recorded 30-minute interview, we will learn about Tess's journey and she will share stories, listen to yours and answer your pre-submitted questions!*

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED . . . .

- Watch a short video to tune into the topic of environmental education/nature connection [Costa and Junior Landcare](#) [Healthy Parks Healthy People](#) [Back to Nature](#)
- Read Tess's story and reflect on your own experience in the River Detectives program
- Send in your question / reflection via google forms [HERE](#) before **Friday 3rd September**
- We will answer your questions and share your reflections during the webinar
- We'll send schools a link to the pre-recorded webinar on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September
- Watch the virtual session at school or home during the last week of Term 3

*For questions about getting involved please contact Nicole via [riverdetectives@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:riverdetectives@nccma.vic.gov.au)*