***Frogwatch media release***

ACT & Region FROGWATCH program, <https://ginninderralandcare.org.au/frogs/>

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**Please sign up to help record our local frogs during October this year!**

*Frogwatch is looking for volunteers to help during this year’s FrogCensus Month, OCTOBER!*

*No previous experience is required. Our training events will tell you what you need to do.*

*This year the FrogCensus runs throughout the* ***whole of October****, to maximise opportunities to hear and record the local frog species.*

You are invited to take part in this exciting annual community-driven volunteer Frogwatch program that monitors frog populations in ACT.

It’s very easy – you just need to visit one or more local frog-breeding sites (usually a pond or lake or wetland) on a few evenings during October to record the frog calls there. Later, you upload that data to the Frogwatch online site.

*If you are interested, please book into one of our* ***training events***,where you will hear all about the program and be assigned a site(s). The training events are on **Friday 27 September** and on **Friday 18 October**. You need *only attend* *one* of them; they are both the same.

The training covers all you need to know about the *When, Why, Where* and *How* of Frogwatching. Each training session is at Jerrabomberra Wetlands office, 2 Dairy Road, Fyshwick, starting at6.00 pm and ending at 8.30 pm.

There is an *introductory talk* (6.00 – 7.15 pm) that explains what Frogwatchers have to do. That is followed by a *practical session* (a walk) from 7.15 pm to 8.30 pm: this is an easy walk around part of Jerrabomberra Wetlands, so that you can put your newly learnt theory into practice and investigate key components of frog habitat and behaviour.

At the training you will also receive a **Frogwatch Kit**. The kit includes everything you need so as to take part in this year’s FrogCensus.

***All new*** *Frogwatch volunteers* **must attend** one of the training sessions before starting your observations. The training is also a useful refresher for people who have been Frogwatch volunteers in previous years. It is ***essential that you book*** *if you plan to attend*.

***Please book at*** <https://jerrabomberrawetlands.org.au/events-and-activities/>.   
We provide hot drinks, nibbles and a soup dinner, included in the cost: **$16.50 per person** (i.e. $15 + booking fee) (children under 16 are free). There is room for 30 people at each training event.

For the walk, please wear sturdy shoes and bring a torch and warm clothing or wet-weather-gear as necessary.

Frogwatch ACT and Region is run by the Ginninderra Catchment Group through funding provided by the ACT Government.

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*For more details, or interview* ***after 23 September***:   
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*Online Information about local frogs:*   
<https://ginninderralandcare.org.au/frogs/> and <https://frogwatch-act.naturemapr.org/>