

# national science week

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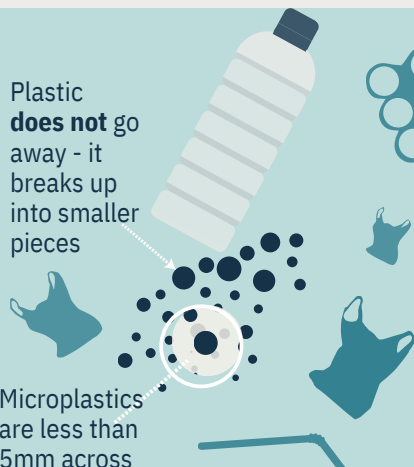
# AUSMAP



## The Issue

Plastic **does not** go away - it breaks up into smaller pieces

Microplastics are less than 5mm across



**Microplastic pollution** is one of the biggest threats to aquatic wildlife and the human food chain

To understand the impact of this growing problem and develop solutions, we need extensive data collection to record microplastic pollution from Australian shorelines

At least **80%** of plastic pollution is from local sources



Microplastic moves quickly through the food chain and are responsible for harming **over 70%** of wildlife



## About the Program

### BECOME AN ACCREDITED AUSMAP AMBASSADOR

Join Dr Scott Wilson (Research Director) & Dr Trudy Costa (AUSMAP Research Associate & Wollongong Council Environmental Project Officer) - learn about AUSMAP in this full-day training & accreditation on collecting, sorting & identifying microplastics as part of Australia's leading citizen science program.



Learn how to sample for microplastics using the standardised AUSMAP method



Identify, sort and compare different types of microplastic found



Learn and discuss the different sources of microplastics



Be empowered by the ways in which you can help reduce your environmental impact !



Receive a **Certificate of Accreditation**

The data you collect will help AUSMAP understand the microplastic issue nationally & to help find effective remediation strategies. The program is designed for people from a variety of sectors, including council staff, waste educators, wetland/coastal team and stormwater managers, teachers, NGOs and local communities - including retirees!

## Register

**DATE:** Friday 11th August, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00 am - 3:30pm

**LOCATION:** Koonawarra Bay sailing Club, located on Kanahooka Point, Dapto

**COST OF TRAINING :** FREE (max 20/per session)

Link to register



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