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Families invited to discover Warriparinga wildlife

Families are invited to contribute to a database of Australian wildlife by teaming up with scientists and local experts to catalogue plants and animals at Warriparinga during a 13-hour survey next week.

The results of the BioBlitz will build a picture of life at the reserve and be added to the Atlas of Living Australia – an online database of plants and animals.

The free event will run from 9am to 10pm on Saturday, 29 October and include searches for birds, mammals, fish, frogs and wild flowers.

Night time activities will include spotlighting for possums and an Aboriginal astronomy night skies talk.

There will be arts and cultural activities, nature play for kids, animal displays, a tour of the wetlands, and a chance to learn about restoration projects run by the Friends of Warriparinga.

Mayor Kris Hanna said BioBlitz enabled the community to become scientists for a day.

“BioBlitz is a unique event that lets people be scientists for a day,” Mr Hanna said.

“I invite people to join us and help reveal the secrets of wildlife at Warriparinga.”

People can register for BioBlitz activities on the City of Marion website at marion.sa.gov.au/bioblitz

Event organiser, Dr Philip Roetman from the University of South Australia, said the event was an opportunity for people of all ages to have fun and learn.

“Warriparinga BioBlitz will be ‘hands on’, educational and exciting,” Dr Roetman said.

“It’s a chance for families to learn together in a beautiful outdoor setting and play a part in recording a huge diversity of species.”

Warriparinga is a 3.5 hectare site and home to at least 21 species of birds, including wattlebirds, rosellas, kookaburras, lorikeets and water birds.

The event is being run by the Discovery Circle, a UniSA initiative that is supported by the City of Marion.

More information about the Atlas of Living Australia can be found at ala.org.au

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