## **Drain Detectives**

## Volunteer as a citizen scientist and help protect our beaches

We are inviting members of the public to help us monitor water quality at our beaches. Take photos of stormwater drains with your phones, or complete a simple water quality test. Every piece of information helps protect our beaches from the effects of pollution.

## Drain Detectives: what do they do?

Pollution from stormwater drains can impact the water quality of our beaches. The Drain Detectives project will monitor beaches in Sandringham, Mentone, Mordialloc, Dromana and Rye during 2018 - 2019. From November, a combination of water quality sensors and public information will help us better understand and manage pollution from drains.

## Get involved!

Want to take part in Drain Detectives? Here's how:

- 1. Register your interest at **epa.vic.gov.au/DrainDetectives** with your name and preferred beach.
- 2. Complete our 2-hour sample collection training in October.
- 3. Choose any of the five beaches and monitor at times that suit you.
- 4. Take a water sample and smartphone pic when you pass drains flowing in the vicinity of the beach.

Even if you don't join to monitor, keep an eye out for Drain Detectives signs at the five beaches requesting your photos of stormwater flow.

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