



# Zika Mozzie Seeker

Hello All

Trust you are keeping safe! We wanted to share a few updates with you.

## A. ZIKA MOZZIE SEEKER – PAUSED, FOR NOW.

### Metro South

Includes the south side of Brisbane, Logan, Redland and some of Scenic Rim Regional Councils.

Please accept our apologies for not being able to deliver Round 7 in April -May 2020.

We hope to offer Round 7 at a later date (perhaps Oct – Nov 2020) pending COVID-19 developments. So please spread the word and register your interest.

### Mackay

You may have noticed Zika Mozzie Seeker (or ZMS) on the Mackay Health website? They have been impressed by your work and are interested in using ZMS to refresh their data on Zika mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*) distribution up there. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has meant that this work has been pushed back also.

## B. NEW RECOGNITION – Australia Post releases a ZMS stamp

On a brighter note, please take a bow! Your contributions to making ZMS a successful citizen science project has been recognized on a national and international stage, courtesy of an Australia Post stamp! The stamp was officially released on 19 May 2020 - see [Zika Mozzie Seeker and other citizen science stamps](#) (pages 14 – 16). The stamps have been publicised via the [Australia Post Collectables Facebook channel](#).

This amazing opportunity was brokered by Ms Michelle Neil, a ZMS participant and Secretary of Australian Citizen Science Association.

Read the full story via CitizenScience – [Putting a citizen science stamp on it](#). So, once again, thanks to Shell and all of you, whether you are a regular participant, or gave it a go once or twice, your contribution is much appreciated and valuable.

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A Metro South Health citizen science project



[www.metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/zika-mozzie-seeker](http://www.metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/zika-mozzie-seeker)



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The Zika Mozzie Seeker stamp by Australia Post. Yes, it is real!



Brian Montgomery thanking Michelle Neill for promoting Zika Mozzie Seeker to Australia Post, as part of the citizen science series, released 19 May 2020.

## C. NOVEL DIAGNOSTIC?

We will look to develop an ability to pre-screen samples before sending to FSS in future. For any 'science geeks' out there please have a read of this new method [LAMP](#) developed by FSS.

Thanks again everyone, we hope to reconnect with you soon. Please stay safe!

**Zika Mozzie Seeker team**