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Wetland Management

More than \$1 million extra to fight cane toads

The Rudd Government announced more than \$1 million in extra funding to help slow the advance of cane toads into Western Australia, Queensland and NSW. "Cane toads have a significant effect on native wildlife, poisoning small native animals that prey on them, and competing with native animals for food," Mr Garrett said.

[Read the full article 'More than \\$1 million extra to fight cane toads'](#)

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/garrett/2009/mr20090831.html>

Buying Cubbie would save stressed wetlands: ACF (Qld)

The Australian Conservation Foundation wants the Federal, Queensland and NSW governments to join together to purchase Cubbie Station and return the water to rivers and wetlands. Cubbie Station was one of six properties identified by ACF one year ago as properties with big water storages in the Darling Basin that could be purchased by Federal or state governments to help revive the struggling Murray-Darling system.

[Read the full story 'Buying Cubbie would save stressed wetlands: ACF'](#)

<http://theland.farmonline.com.au/news/nationalrural/agribusiness-and-general/general/buying-cubbie-would-save-stressed-wetlands-acf/1597963.aspx>

Wetland Restoration

Saving Aquatic Habitat in Stormwater Drains Workshop (NSW)

Stormwater drains probably aren't the first area that comes to mind when thinking about fish habitat, but fish, including the threatened Oxylean pygmy perch, live and breed in them. How these drains are constructed and maintained can have an impact on the potential for fish to survive and thrive.

A free practical workshop for anyone with an interest in managing stormwater in rural areas will be held at Richmond Valley Council Chambers (Casino NSW) from 8:45 am – 4:30 pm on the 3rd November (afternoon tea will coincide with Melbourne Cup coverage). Please RSVP by October 20th 2009 to Charlie Carruthers (02) 6626 1360 or email: charlie.carruthers@industry.nsw.gov.au

[Click here for more information on the 'Saving Aquatic Habitat in Stormwater Drains' workshops](#)

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/habitat/protecting-habitats/toolkit>

Dormant wetland gets much-needed drink (SA)

Ben Hyde, The Advertiser

For more information go to [WetlandCare Australia's website.](#)

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A water grant to flood the Overland Corner wetland complex is breathing life back into the dormant area. In June and July, 500 megalitres of water was pumped from the River Murray into the wetland at a rate of 26 litres a second. Berri-Barmera Local Action Planning Association project manager Paul Stribley said the grant was crucial in securing the survival of river red gums in the wetland. "A lot of river red gums have died in the past eight years because of a lack of water," he said.

[Read the full article 'Dormant wetland gets a much-needed drink'](#)

<http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,22606,25949774-2682,00.html>

Wetlands under Threat

Fishermen concerned as oil slick heads towards Ashmore Reef

West Australian Premier Colin Barnett has confirmed the oil slick created from a drill rig leak is now 30 kilometres long and is headed towards the Ashmore Reef, which is a RAMSAR-listed wetland, internationally renowned for its biodiversity. The oil slick continues to be sprayed with dispersant chemicals in a bid to stop the slick from spreading, but fishing groups say they're highly concerned the clean-up could be doing more harm than good.

[Read the full article 'Fishermen concerned as oil slick heads towards Ashmore Reef'](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/news/content/200908/s2665953.htm>

'Urgent action' needed to save wetlands (NSW)

The state and federal governments have developed a new plan to try to save the Macquarie Marshes near Warren in western New South Wales. The Adaptive Environmental Management Plan concedes for the first time the internationally significant wetlands are in trouble. To stop the decline the draft plan recommends water recovery, building on sustainable land management practices and improving water management infrastructure. It is available for public comment until September 25.

[Read the full article 'Urgent action' needed to save wetlands'](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/08/21/2662883.htm>

Wetland Research and Monitoring

Crikey! Scientists probe Steve's springs (Qld)

Danny Rose, Medical Writer, Sunshine Coast Daily

Scientists are studying a series of unique springs found on a wetland reserve created by the late Steve Irwin, in a hunt for breakthrough drugs to treat human disease. The freshwater springs are highly acidic and this has led to the evolution of specialised plants which, experts say, could hold previously unseen chemical compounds with therapeutic uses.

[Read the full media release 'Coorong's future helped by new science'](#)

<http://www.cqnews.com.au/story/2009/08/26/crikey-scientists-probe->

[steve-irwin/](#)

Wetland Education

Sign up now for Starting in your Backyard workshops!

If you are living nearby North Creek Reserve wetland, East Ballina, you're invited to attend a community workshop to learn what you can do at home to protect the wetland - your local environment.

The workshops on the 24th and 26th of September will include activities which will help you decide what you can do at home, an optional tour of the wetland, along with free native plants, other sustainable living gifts, and the chance to win a lucky door prize (supplied by Bunnings, Ballina).

[Click here for more information on the 'Starting in your Backyard' workshops](#)

http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=754&zoneid=1

Teachers become students for wetlands workshop

Wetland experts from across north Queensland have given their time to help educate a team of teachers about wetland management this week. The two-day workshop in Townsville was organised by the Queensland Wetlands Program and GBRMPA for schools implementing the Program's 10-week intensive curriculum.

The workshop is a continuation of the Queensland Wetlands Program Wetland Warrior curriculum held at Townsville Central State School and Rasmussen State School. For further information phone Donna Audas on (07) 4750 0845 or email: donna.audas@gbmpa.gov.au

Wetland Events

Ranger Tour: World Water Monitoring Day (NSW)

On the 9th and 18th of September, in recognition of Landcare Week and World Water Monitoring Day, Parramatta Park Trust Ranger, Nicola Dixon will be giving tours low-cost, easily-installed "soft" bio-engineering techniques to restore eroding sections of the Parramatta River bank. An abundance of wetland plants and riparian-zone trees were used to tie the new and existing bank material together, with the hope that the roots will stabilise the system in the long-term.

[Find out more about the 'Ranger Tour: World Water Monitoring Day'](#)

<http://www.ppt.nsw.gov.au/>

Emerging Wetland Issues for the Oceania Region Conference

The Wetland Link International conference is a chance for those involved in wetlands, wetlands centres and CEPA (Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness) to come together to share, learn and re-energise their work. The conference will be held from Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th October 2009.

[For more information go to the Hunter Wetlands Centre special events webpage](#)

http://www.wetlands.org.au/page4627/Events--News_Special-Events.aspx

WetlandCare Australia News

Launch of WetlandCare Australia National Art Competition 2010

The WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition 2010 will launch and be open for entries on Thursday the 10th of September. The theme for this years competition in *Wetlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change*, reflecting the theme of World Wetlands Day 2010. Entry forms and information on the competition can be found on the WetlandCare Australia website www.wetlandcare.com.au, or alternately contact Liz Hajenko on (02) 6681 6169.

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