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Wetland Management

Ningaloo World Heritage, at last! (WA)

In response to Ningaloo Reef's World Heritage Listing by UNESCO overnight, WWF-Australia WA Director and former Save Ningaloo Reef campaigner Paul Gamblin said: "This is an historic moment for Western Australia's Ningaloo Reef.

[Read the full article 'Ningaloo World Heritage, at last!'](#)
<http://wwf.org.au/news/ningaloo-world-heritage-at-last/>

Government to limit recreational fishing (SA)

A plan to introduce a possession limit on recreational fishers has been announced by the South Australian Government. Fisheries Minister Michael O'Brien says South Australia is the only state without such a limit and attracts anglers from interstate keen to exploit the lack.

[Read the full article 'Government to limit recreational fishing'](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/06/13/3242611.htm>

Wetlands Under Threat

Should the Lower Lakes be fresh or salt? (SA)

Matthew Cawood

It is the acid question: should the lakes of the lower Murray River in South Australia be freshwater or estuarine?

The "Myth and the Murray" campaign launched earlier this month argues for salt. It wants the 7.6 kilometres of concrete barrage erected along the outflow of Lake Alexandrina to be removed so that seawater can flow back into the lakes when freshwater outflows drop.

[Read the full article 'Should the Lower Lakes be fresh or salt? \(SA\)'](#)

<http://sl.farmonline.com.au/news/nationalrural/agribusiness-and-general/general/should-the-lower-lakes-be-fresh-or-salt/2201999.aspx>

Seagrass meadows remain 'forgotten' in conservation debate (Qld)

Every hour, an area of seagrass the size of two football pitches is lost. The rate of loss is equal to that occurring in tropical rainforests and on coral reefs yet it receives a fraction of the attention.

[Read the full article 'Seagrass meadows remain 'forgotten' in conservation debate'](#)

http://www.theecologist.org/News/news_analysis/932660/seagrass_meadows_remain_forgotten_in_conservation_debate.html

Councils criticised for lack of forward planning (NSW)

North coast councils are being criticised for putting too much focus on the impact sea level rise will have on infrastructure, and not enough on other consequences. A report by the Department of Climate Change states many coastal areas are at risk of erosion or inundation in the next century. Josh Keating from WetlandCare Australia says wetlands are at the forefront of any sea level rise impacts.

[Read the full article 'Councils criticised for lack of forward planning'](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/06/08/3238738.htm>

Wetlands Around the World

Bulgaria names its 11th Wetland of International Importance (Europe)

The Ramsar Secretariat is pleased to announce that the Government of Bulgaria adds Dragoman Marsh Karst Complex (14,967 ha; 42°56'N 023°01'E) to the Ramsar List. The site is also registered as a Protected Area and a Natura 2000 site.

[Read the full article 'Bulgaria names its 11th Wetland of International Importance'](#)

http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-news-latest-rs-bulgaria/main/ramsar/1-26-76%5E25194_4000_0

Norway designates 14 new Ramsar Sites (Europe)

The Government of Norway has designated 14 new Wetlands of International Importance. Norway now has 51 sites on the Ramsar List, totaling 838,127 hectares. All 14 sites are protected under national law as nature reserves, national parks or protected landscapes and have now been selected as new additions to the Ramsar List of Wetlands due to their international importance.

[Read the full article 'Norway designates 14 new Ramsar Sites'](#)

http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-news-latest-rs-norwayintro/main/ramsar/1-26-76%5E25177_4000_0

Wetland Education and Resources

New document launched – National guidance for the management of acid sulfate soils in inland aquatic ecosystems

Acid sulfate soils in inland aquatic ecosystems are an emerging issue of national importance. Australian, state and territory governments are working together to address acid sulfate soil issues and this collaboration has resulted in the National guidance for the management of acid sulfate soils in inland aquatic ecosystems. The document provides an authoritative reference on the best practice management of inland acid sulfate soils to reduce or prevent the risks they pose to the Australian environment, economy and society.

[Download 'National guidance for the management of acid sulfate soils in inland aquatic ecosystems' here](#)

<http://www.environment.gov.au/water/publications/quality/guidance-for-management-of-acid-sulfate-soils.html>

Wetland Research

New research boosts post-flood water quality management (NSW)

With floodwaters receding on the mid north coast, landowners and fishers are now bracing for the water quality problems that tend to follow. But researchers at Southern Cross University's Centre for Coastal Biogeochemistry Research say a naturally-occurring gas, known as radon, can act as an early warning system.

[Read the full article 'New research boosts post-flood water quality management'](#)

<http://theland.farmonline.com.au/news/state/agribusiness-and-general/general/new-research-boosts-postflood-water-quality-management/2201832.aspx>

Wetland Events

20th Anniversary NSW Coastal Conference (NSW)

The NSW Coastal Conference Committee invites you to participate in our annual state Conference, hosted this year by Tweed

Shire Council. The theme for the 20th Anniversary of the NSW Coastal Conference is: "20 / 20 Vision for the Coast - lessons learnt and looking toward future improvement".

[To register for the '20th Anniversary NSW Coastal Conference' click here](#)
<http://www.coastalconference.com/default.asp>

Dance your way to \$500 (Qld)

South-East Queensland Catchments and the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee are working together with the International Water Centre to protect our waterways. Get your dance shoes out and win \$500. To win, simply film yourself dancing to the funky, hip blues number Dugong Rock and upload to youtube.

[Click here for more information](#)
<http://www.bmrq.org.au/information.php/2/80/71>

WetlandCare Australia News

Launch of Indigenous art prizes

Indigenous artists have a new opportunity to communicate the cultural and environmental value of wetlands and waterways to a national audience. WetlandCare Australia is pleased to announce the inaugural Indigenous Art categories in the WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition 2012.

[Read the full article 'Launch of Indigenous art prizes'](#)
http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=876&zoneid=1

Restoring Jali Lands at Wardell Project (NSW)

WetlandCare Australia and Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council have been highly successful in undertaking the Restoring Jali Lands at Wardell Project. This has involved managing the ecological and biodiversity values of these culturally and environmentally significant lands with funds from Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority.

[Read the full article 'Restoring Jali Lands at Wardell Project'](#)
http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/projects_repaired_detail.asp?articleid=872&zoneid=96

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