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## WetlandCare Australia News

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## Wetland Restoration

### **Celebrating Waterbird Breeding Success On World Wetlands Day (NSW)**

On World Wetlands Day this year the value and beauty of wetlands is more evident than ever with wetlands across the Murray-Darling Basin in their best shape in 10 years and up to half a million waterbirds breeding in our iconic wetlands.

[Read the full article 'Celebrating Waterbird Breeding Success On World Wetlands Day \(NSW\)'](#)

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/media/DecMedia11020201.htm>

## Wetland Management

### **Land added to SA conservation park (SA)**

More than 300 hectares of wetlands in South Australia's southeast have been added to a conservation park to protect local wildlife, including an endangered parrot.

[Read the full article 'Land added to SA conservation park \(SA\)'](#)

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/8205304/land-added-to-sa-conservation-park>

### **Draft State Planning Policy: Protecting Wetlands of High Ecological Significance in Great Barrier Reef Catchments (Qld)**

On 10 December 2010, the Queensland Government released a Draft State Planning Policy: Protecting Wetlands of High Ecological Significance in Great Barrier Reef (GBR) Catchments and an associated guideline for public consultation. Submissions are open until 28 February 2011.

[To find out more about the 'Draft State Planning Policy: Protecting Wetlands of High Ecological Significance in Great Barrier Reef Catchments \(Qld\)' follow the link](#)

<http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/wildlife-ecosystems/ecosystems/draft-spp.html>

## Wetlands Under Threat

### **Floods Endanger Australia's Great Barrier Reef (Qld)**

Floods in Australia's northeastern state of Queensland may have another victim: the Great Barrier Reef. The expansive swath of coral reaching over 1,430 miles along Queensland's coast is in trouble, experts say.

[Read the full article 'Floods Endanger Australia's Great Barrier Reef \(Qld\)'](#)

[www.ecoworld.com/recycling-waste/wastewater/floods-endanger-australias-great-barrier-reef.html](http://www.ecoworld.com/recycling-waste/wastewater/floods-endanger-australias-great-barrier-reef.html)

### **Dam push: to damn or not to damn? (Qld)**

*Daniel Hurst*

Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott has called for more dams to be built in Australia, saying it's odd that virtually no water storages have been built in the past two decades.

[Read the full article 'Dam push: to damn or not to damn? \(Qld\)'](#)

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/environment/water-issues/dam-push-to-damn-or-not-to-damn-20110107-19ilw.html>

## **Wetlands Around the World**

### **Fake seagrass could help boost fish numbers (NZ)**

*Andre Hueber*

Scientists are using fake grass mats under the sea to prove how New Zealand's fish stocks can be boosted.

[Read the full article 'Fake seagrass could help boost fish numbers \(NZ\)'](#)

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/environment/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=39&objectid=10702983](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/environment/news/article.cfm?c_id=39&objectid=10702983)

## **Wetland Education and Resources**

### **Starting in Your Backyard - 'Train the Trainer' Program (NSW)**

Have you been noticing the urban pressure on your local environment? Does inspiring your local community to work together to make a lasting difference for the environment motivate you into action? We've got all the information you need! FREE!

For further information visit [WetlandCare Australia](#)

[http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news\\_detail.asp?articleid=850&zoneid=1](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=850&zoneid=1)

### **Floodplain Wetland Biota in the Murray Darling Basin Review (NSW)**

This book provides a comprehensive review of the water and habitat requirements of the unique floodplain wetland flora and fauna of the

Murray Darling basin.

[For further information visit WetlandCare Australia](#)

[http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news\\_detail.asp?articleid=851&zoneid=1](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=851&zoneid=1)

## Wetland Research

### [Robot glider to investigate Australia's floodwaters \(QLD\)](#)

A gliding robot is set to cruise over a stretch of Australian coast that has been devastated by the recent flooding. The device's mission will be watching how the ecosystem of Moreton Bay handles the rush of turbid water from the monumental floods.

[Read the full article 'Robot glider to investigate Australia's floodwaters \(QLD\)'](#)

[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41236389/ns/technology\\_and\\_science-science/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41236389/ns/technology_and_science-science/)

## Wetland Events

### [Wetland Hydrology Course - Restoring the Basics \(NSW\)](#)

Presented by a range of wetland experts, this 2½ day course hosted at the Hunter Wetlands Centre will provide fundamental skills to understand wetland hydrology, hydraulics & hydrodynamics.

[For further information on the 'Wetland Hydrology Course - Restoring the Basics \(NSW\)' follow the link](#)

<http://www.wrl.unsw.edu.au/site/2010/11/wetland-hydrology-course-restoring-the-basics/>

## WetlandCare Australia News

### [World Wetlands Day Mid-north Coast \(NSW\)](#)

Although World Wetlands Day was internationally celebrated on February 2nd, WetlandCare Australia is hosting events across the mid-north coast during the entire month of February to mark the occasion. Events at Red Rock (Thursday 10th), Macleay Valley (Saturday 19th) and Hastings Valley (also Saturday 19th) are yet to be held.

[For more information on these events visit the WetlandCare Australia website and follow the links](#)

[http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news\\_detail.asp?articleid=842&zoneid=1](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=842&zoneid=1)

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