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Wetland Management

Bligh Government backs Wetland Purchase (Qld)

The State Government has made \$300,000 available to help purchase 'Wongaloo' or the Cromarty Wetlands, which will be added to Queensland's protected area estate. The 1600 hectare block of land is being sold by private landholders for \$2.5 million and the Foundation's efforts to conserve this important area has received enormous community

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[Read the full media release 'Bligh Government backs Wetland Purchase'](#)

<http://statements.cabinet.qld.gov.au/MMS/StatementDisplaySingle.aspx?id=67126>

Pelican hitch: storm brews over plans to save the Coorong (SA)

Tom Arup, Sydney Morning Herald

The secretary-general of the Ramsar Convention, Anada Tiega has warned it is too early to flood the threatened Coorong wetlands with seawater and Australia should be "very cautious" about the proposal. He said the seawater proposal by the South Australian Government, which aims to prevent acidification of the area, should be delayed until the full impact of such a move on the ecosystem of the Coorong is understood.

[Read the full article 'Pelican hitch: storm brews over plans to save the Coorong'](#)

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/pelican-hitch-storm-brews-over-plans-to-save-the-coorong-20091030-hprm.html>

Wetland Restoration

Wetland Conservation Partnerships in the Hunter-Central Rivers (NSW)

WetlandCare Australia, and other stakeholders, have recently completed a wetland enhancement project focused on reducing the impacts of invasive weeds and pest animals on the internationally significant Ramsar wetlands of the Hunter-Central Rivers region.

[Read the full article 'Wetland Conservation Partnerships in the Hunter-Central Rivers'](#)

http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/projects_living_detail.asp?articleid=766&zoneid=54

Dry wetland gets a soak

The Bendigo Advertiser

One of Victoria's best-kept natural wonders and environmental secrets has been given a new lease on life. The Lake Yando wetland, one of the highest-value areas in the Boort district wetland system, has been dry since 1997. That was until the North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) released an environmental allocation to help revitalise the ecosystem.

[Read the full article 'Dry wetland gets a soak'](#)

<http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/news/local/news/general/dry-wetland-gets-a-soak/1690246.aspx>

Wetlands online for sugar farmer (Qld)

Melissa Grant, Daily Mercury

Homebush sugar producer Don Myers has become the first Queensland farmer to put urban stormwater management guidelines into practice by taking advantage of the latest computer software. Mr Myers recently finished building an on-farm wetland to replicate natural wetland functions, using the software to aid its design. In doing so, he has become an industry leader in applying innovative management practices including optimal fertiliser application, trash blanketing and water recycling.

[Read the full story 'Wetlands online for sugar farmer'](#)

<http://www.dailymercury.com.au/story/2009/11/16/wetlands-online/>

Bustle of life floods a dying Mallee wetland (Vic)

Darren Grey, Sydney Morning Herald

The small creek is in the Hattah Lakes, a natural wetlands in the Hattah-Kulkynne National Park in the Mallee. The 21 lakes receive water from Murray River floods. But with the long-running drought slashing river flows, the floods that travel along Chalka Creek into the lakes every two or so years have stopped.

[Read the full article 'Bustle of life floods a dying Mallee wetland'](#)

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/bustle-of-life-floods-a-dying-mallee-wetland-20091120-iqvt.html>

Wetlands under Threat

The battle over the Beelihar Wetlands (WA)

Nikki Wilson-Smith, ABC News

That is the question thousands of residents of Perth's southern suburbs are asking the State Government. At a noisy and colourful protest the people who use the Beelihar Wetlands voiced their objection to a proposal to build an extension of the Roe Highway through the wildlife area. The Transport Minister, Simon O'Brien says the locals are fed up with the congestion and the truck emissions that come with the existing roads. But for protesters the destruction of the wetlands is too big a price to pay for solving the gridlock.

[Read the full article 'The battle over the Beelihar Wetlands'](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/11/13/2742588.htm>

Top scientists join calls to save threatened red gum forests (NSW)

Marian Wilkinson, Sydney Morning Herald

More than 50 leading scientists from around Australia have written to the Premier, Nathan Rees, asking him to protect the iconic Riverina red gum forests by creating huge national parks in south-western NSW and increasing the flow of water to them from the Murray and Murrumbidgee rivers.

[Read the full article 'Top scientists join calls to save threatened red gum forests'](#)

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/top-scientists-join-calls-to-save-threatened-red-gum-forests-20091122-isvp.html>

Wetlands disaster at the mouth of the Murray (SA)

Marian Wilkinson, Sydney Morning Herald

The collapse of the Coorong wetlands at the mouth of the Murray River is shaping up to be one of the Australia's worst environmental disasters, an author of a report on the region found this month.

[Read the full article 'Wetlands disaster at the mouth of the Murray'](#)

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/wetlands-disaster-at-the-mouth-of-the-murray-20091122-isvt.html>

Wetland Resources

NEW Planting Wetlands and Dams: A Practical Guide to Wetland Design, Construction and Propagation

Wetlands and Dams is a step-by-step, plain language guide to the creation of conditions in which wetland plants will thrive, from design and construction to collecting plants, seeds and propagation.

[Find out more about this publication or to obtain a copy go to the CSIRO publications page](#)

<http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/20/pid/6162.htm>

Farm Management Systems guidelines for managing wetlands in intensive agriculture

The Farm Wetland Management Handbook contains information and guidelines to help producers and extension officers protect the functions of Queensland's wetlands in intensive agricultural production systems. The Handbook follows the Farm Management System approach to managing agricultural businesses and provides for all aspects of best practice wetlands management in intensive agricultural operations.

[Find out more and download the Farm Wetland Management Handbook](#)

<http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/wetlandinfo/site/ManagementTools/Guidelines/LandManagement.html>

Using soil as an indicator of wetland boundaries

The Queensland Wetlands Program report on the use of soil as an indicator of wetland boundaries- Soil Indicators of Queensland wetlands: Statewide assessment and methodology- is now available. This is supplemented by a field guide and 39 information sheets.

[Find out more about 'Using soil as an indicator of wetland boundaries'](#)

<http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/wetlandinfo/site/factsfigures/Soils.html>

Wetland Events

Emerging Issues for Wetlands In Oceania Region - conference wrap up

The photos, presentations and workshop note from the Conference 'Emerging Issues for Wetlands in the Oceania Region' held at the Hunter Wetlands Centre during October, can now be viewed on the Hunter Wetlands Centre website.

[Read more on the 'Emerging Issues for Wetlands In Oceania Region - Conference wrap-up'](#)

<http://www.wetlands.org.au/page10487/WLI-Oceania-Conference.aspx>

WetlandCare Australia News

NEW Wetland Greeting Cards

WetlandCare Australia has launched a beautiful range of cards to celebrate wetlands. Featuring winning art and photography from the WetlandCare Australia National Art Competition 2009, the cards bring together many different visions of our wetlands from entrants across Australia. All proceeds from card sales enable us to protect and restore wetlands throughout Australia, so your purchases help keep wetlands alive. The cards are available now on the [WetlandCare Australia website](#), by clicking the "[Act Now](#)" tab.

<http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/shop/>

Vonmac Pty Ltd proud new sponsor of WetlandCare Australia

WetlandCare Australia has entered into an exciting new partnership with Vonmac Pty Ltd who have proudly become a corporate sponsor of WetlandCare Australia.

Vonmac Pty Ltd, a fully Australian owned company, are the designers, manufacturers and distributors of Plastipile™, an innovative product used in wetland rehabilitation and repair.

[Read the full article 'Vonmac Pty Ltd proud sponsor of WetlandCare Australia'](#)

http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=767&zoneid=1

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