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## Wetland Management

### Indigenous maps to unlock knowledge for the future

Indigenous people from the Hattah Lakes and Robinvale area are set to use a new mapping technique to show their connection to the land and help guide natural resource management in the area. Land Use and Occupancy Mapping enables Indigenous people to explain their contemporary relationship with the land, in a way that helps plan and manage the landscape to meet the social, cultural and environmental needs of Indigenous people. For more information [Lauren Murphy](mailto:lauren.murphy@dpi.vic.gov.au) [lauren.murphy@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:lauren.murphy@dpi.vic.gov.au), [Mallee Catchment Management Authority](http://www.malleecma.vic.gov.au)

<http://www.malleecma.vic.gov.au/> on 03 5051 4377

Read the full article 'Indigenous maps to unlock knowledge for the future'  
<http://www.malleecma.vic.gov.au/news.php?newsid=86>

### More water returned to Murray-Darling basin's stressed rivers and wetlands

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*Media Release, Senator the Hon. Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change and Water*

Five sites in the Murray-Darling Basin will share in seven billion litres of water purchased by the Rudd Government as part of a plan to help restore the Murray-Darling Basin to health. "The water from Toorale has flowed along the Darling River and will now provide water for critical wetlands and floodplains of the Murray River which are stressed from prolonged drought, historical over-allocation and the emerging impacts of climate change" Senator Wong said.

[Read the media release 'More water returned to Murray-Darling basin's stressed rivers and wetlands.'](#)

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/wong/2009/pubs/mr20090506a.pdf>

## Wetland Restoration

### **Fillets and Floods - Streambank Stabilisation in the Maria River (NSW)**

Two major flood events on the Maria River have tested the bank stabilising rock fillet works recently installed by WetlandCare Australia in conjunction with Port Macquarie Hastings Council and local landholders. Three sites that have had rock fillets installed have survived the recent spate of floods on the Mid North Coast in good condition.

[Read the full article 'Fillets and Floods - Streambank Stabilisation in the Maria River'](#)

[http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news\\_detail.asp?articleid=744&zzoneid=1](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=744&zzoneid=1)

## Wetlands under Threat

### **ACF calls for Federal & NSW governments to stop logging in globally significant wetland forests (NSW)**

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) has called on the Federal and New South Wales Governments to end logging in NSW's river red gum forests and provide a fair adjustment package to the timber industry.

[Read the full media release 'ACF calls for Federal & NSW governments to stop logging in globally significant wetland forests'](#)

[http://www.acfonline.org.au/articles/news.asp?news\\_id=2291&eid=14572](http://www.acfonline.org.au/articles/news.asp?news_id=2291&eid=14572)

## Wetland Education and Community

### **Two Day Wetland Forum, Bateman's Bay coming up in June (NSW)**

A free wetland forum is being held on the 16th and 17th of June. The workshop aims to encourage, inform and connect the communities that work on wetlands in the Southern Rivers. Any landholders, community groups, agency staff and individuals who work on wetlands are invited to share their stories during the case study sessions. Contact [Susan Rhind](#) at Conservation Volunteers Australia on 02 4228 9246 or [srhind@conservationvolunteers.com.au](mailto:srhind@conservationvolunteers.com.au)

### **MangroveWatch is coming to the Wide Bay area (Qld)**

Enthusiastic locals are joining a new Community Coastcare project to help look after our valuable estuary and mangrove habitats. MangroveWatch is a new initiative for local community groups and individuals to monitor change taking place in mangroves and tidal wetlands of the Burnett Mary region. For more information contact [Dr Norm Duke](#), MangroveWatch Burnett Mary Region Facilitator, University of Queensland, Centre for Marine Studies via phone on 07 3365 2729 or e-mail [n.duke@uq.edu.au](mailto:n.duke@uq.edu.au)

[Read the full article 'MangroveWatch is coming to the Wide Bay area'](#)

<http://www.bmrg.org.au/information.php/2/106/339>

### **Native Fish Awareness Week**

River communities in southern Queensland and northern New South Wales received a comprehensive update on Murray Darling Basin fish rehabilitation efforts during Native Fish Awareness Week 25th to 29th May.

[Read more about 'Native Fish Awareness Week'](#)

[http://www.mdba.gov.au/media\\_centre/media\\_releases/mr\\_nativefish\\_awareness\\_week](http://www.mdba.gov.au/media_centre/media_releases/mr_nativefish_awareness_week)

### **Guided tour opens door to wetlands**

Owen Jacques, *Daily Mercury*

About 150 people yesterday ventured into a secluded Mackay wetland area, learning about the mysteries of its fragile eco-system. The Wetland Walkabout, part of Revive Our Wetlands opened its doors and volunteers provided a guided tour of the former grazing land, which has now become a pristine nature reserve.

[Read more about 'Guided tour opens door to wetlands'](#)

<http://www.dailymercury.com.au/story/2009/06/01/guided-tour-opens-door-to-wetlands/>

## Around the World

### **WWF delivers on 100 million hectares of wetlands pledge**

Declaration of the high Andes home to two of the three species of Andean flamingos, Catamarca, Argentina, marks the World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) delivery of a "crazy, unrealistic pledge" to deliver 100 million hectares of new protected wetlands in a decade.

[Read the full article 'WWF delivers on 100 million hectares of wetlands pledge'](#)

[http://www.panda.org/wwf\\_news/news/?165342/WWF-delivers-on-100-million-hectares-of-wetlands-pledge](http://www.panda.org/wwf_news/news/?165342/WWF-delivers-on-100-million-hectares-of-wetlands-pledge)

### **Aquaculture diminishes native fish species in Fiji**

The results of a six-year study across twenty catchments on the Pacific islands has shown that the invasive fish species of Tilapia and Mosquitofish which are diminishing native fish species in Fiji are originating from poorly constructed fish farms.

[Read the full article 'Aquaculture diminishes native fish species in Fiji'](#)

<http://www.wetlands.org/NewsandEvents/NewsPressreleases/tabid/60/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/1774/Default.aspx>

### **Follow The Bird! shows World Migratory Bird Day theme 'Barriers to migration'**

In their long journeys each year millions of migratory birds must cross many frontiers and obstacles. 'Barriers to Migration' was the theme of this year's World Migratory Bird Day (9-10 May 2009).

Wetlands International and partners have equipped ten Purple Herons with satellite transmitters on their breeding grounds in the Netherlands and followed them along their migration paths to their non-breeding grounds in west Africa. The journeys of each individual bird can be followed online through the website [www.followthebird.org](http://www.followthebird.org), which shows maps, photos and even videos of the birds and stopover wetlands in Africa.

## WetlandCare Australia News

### **Wonderful Wetland Workshops on the South Coast**

WetlandCare Australia presenter, Cassie Price (Senior Project Coordinator) recently delivered four wetland workshops during April 2009 on the South Coast of NSW. A diverse range of participants learnt about identifying wetlands and wetland types, wetland plants and weeds, and legislation relevant to wetlands.

[Read more about the 'Wonderful Wetland Workshops on the South Coast'](#)

[http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news\\_detail.asp?articleid=743&zoneid=1](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=743&zoneid=1)

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