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Wetland Restoration

Wetland wonderland breeds birds' paradise

Debra Jopson, SMH

A once-parched flood plain has become a bustling "mini Kakadu" after farmers used irrigation infrastructure to mimic Murrumbidgee flows. In a remote reach of NSW, a city of birds has suddenly appeared, building prime waterfront residences in which to pamper their young and feasting on a smorgasbord that floods and rain have brought to the Murrumbidgee.

[Read the full article 'Wetland wonderland breeds birds' paradise'](#)

Wetland Management

Have your say on managing one of Tassie's most important wetlands (Tas)

Carol Raabus, ABC

Tasmania has 10 Ramsar wetlands around the state. A Ramsar wetland is an area recognised by the Ramsar Convention of 1971 as a wetland of international importance and one of these areas, the Pitt Water Nature Reserve, is currently under-going a management plan review and you're invited to have a say.

[Read the full article 'Have your say on managing one of Tassie's most important wetlands'](#)

Raising flows would ensure return to thriving life (SA)

Debra Jopson

WATER flows for the environment in the Murray Darling basin must be increased to ensure that this spring's "boom event", which has

created an explosion of wildlife and vegetation, is repeated every five years, says a leading wetlands researcher.

[Read the full article 'Raising flows would ensure return to thriving life'](#)

Wetlands Under Threat

Groundwater threat to rivers worse than suspected

Excessive groundwater development represents a greater threat to nearby rivers and streams during dry periods (low flows) than previously thought, according to research released today by CSIRO.

[Read the full article 'Groundwater threat to rivers worse than suspected'](#)

New report raises doubts about Tillegra Dam (NSW)

ABC News

Another report has raised doubts about the environmental impact of the Hunter's proposed Tillegra Dam. The 477-million dollar Tillegra dam has been proposed for the Williams River System in the lower Hunter region.

[Read the full article 'New report raises doubts about Tillegra Dam'](#)

South East Queensland waterways show little improvement (Qld)

Kym Agius, SMH

Urban and industrial developments in southeast Queensland will have to meet new guidelines to reduce water pollution from storm run-off and other contaminants. From March 2011, future development applications before Queensland councils will have to adhere to the State Planning Policy for Healthy Waters.

[Read the full article 'South East Queensland waterways show little improvement'](#)

Wetland Education and Resources

Maps open to all (Qld)

The Queensland Wetlands Program's valuable data from locations across the state is now even more accessible, thanks to recently applied Creative Commons licences.

[For further information visit the *Wetland info* website](#)

Rocky Shorelines Protection and Education (NSW)

Although rocky shorelines may not immediately spring to mind as a wetland, according to the Ramsar definition: "Wetlands are areas of permanent or periodic/intermittent inundation, with water that is

static or flowing fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water, the depth of which at low tide does not exceed 6 metres".

The Rocky Shores Protection and Education project was undertaken in order to increase the level of protection of rocky shores in northern NSW by fostering community awareness and appreciation of the ecological significance of these ecosystems, the threats they face, and actions that can be taken to reduce these threats.

[Read more about the 'Rocky Shorelines Protection and Education' project](#)

Wetland Classroom Packs available for World Wetlands Day 2011

The year 2011 commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance. To mark this occasion the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities will be celebrating World Wetlands Day 2011 throughout the month of February and producing a free Wetlands Classroom Pack. The package is aimed for years 3-6, and is also available to wetland education centres and other interested parties.

If you would like to receive the Wetlands Classroom Pack, please register your interest with us by providing your email and mailing address, as well as the number of classrooms to receive the pack. To register email: waterinformation@environment.gov.au

Wetland Research

Knowledge gaps highlighted for northern tropical rivers and wetlands

Relatively little is known about the river and wetland systems that cover a vast and mostly remote area of Australia's tropical north. This study evaluated available knowledge relating to key ecological attributes including wetland type, species diversity, ecological processes and ecosystem services. It was found that the knowledge gaps limit the potential to understand the ecological significance of these rivers and wetlands. Read more of this study by Lukacs and Finlayson in Wetlands Ecology and Management:

[Read the full article 'Knowledge gaps highlighted for northern tropical rivers and wetlands'](#)

Wetland Events

Three Australian Wetlands win Wetland Awards for the Oceania region

WetlandCare Australia, as the Oceania representative organisation

for the World Wetland Network, is proud to announce the three Australian winners of the International Wetland Awards. The Wetland Globes were awarded for the first time last week in Nagoya, Japan, at the Convention on Biological Diversity, Conference of the Parties.

[Read the full article 'Three Australian Wetlands win Wetland Awards for the Oceania region'](#)

2011 WA Wetland Management Conference: call for poster presentations & workshops

The Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre invites all interested persons to contribute poster presentations and/or workshop presentations to its 7th Annual Wetland Management Conference to be held at the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre on Wednesday 2 February 2011 in celebration of World Wetlands Day. For more information contact Denise Crosbie on 08 9417 8460 or denise@cockburnwetlands.org.au

Migratory Shorebirds, Community Coastal Shorebird Conservation

Observe amazing diversity of shorebirds. Mobbs Bay Nature Reserve South Ballina, 5 January 2011 from 8.00am to 10.30am.

Bring walking shoes, sun hat, sunscreen and water. RSVP Australian Seabird Rescue 02 66862852 or NPWS 02 6627022.

[Go to the Northern Rivers CMA events page for more information](#)

WetlandCare Australia News

WetlandCare Australia has a new driving force

Australia's leading not for profit wetland conservation organisation, WetlandCare Australia, has announced the appointment of Ben Copeman as the organisation's new CEO. Ben recently started in his new role with WetlandCare Australia with the aim of increasing the capacity of the organisation to support the community in protecting and restoring Australian wetlands.

[Read the full article 'WetlandCare Australia has a new driving force'](#)

WetlandCare Australia launches the Biodiversity Discovery Project on the Mid-North Coast

WetlandCare Australia in partnership with the Council of Australian Museum Directors is launching a pilot project to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity. The project will focus on healthy estuarine wetlands, their importance to biodiversity, fish stocks and sustainable coastal communities on the mid-north coast. The project will be running throughout the months of November and December

and hopes to get community members of all ages involved who use and enjoy our beautiful mid-north coast waterways.

[Read the full article 'WetlandCare Australia launches the Biodiversity Discovery Project on the Mid-North Coast'](#)

Mapping Wetlands of the South Coast, NSW

WetlandCare Australia has been at it again, mapping wetlands in the CMA regions of NSW. We have been working in partnership with the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (CMA) with funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative to map over 150,000 hectares in the Southern Rivers region.

[Read the full article 'Mapping Wetlands of the South Coast, NSW'](#)

National initiative seeks participants!

The WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition, currently the only national event to celebrate World Wetlands Day, is open for entries. The competition aims to raise awareness about wetlands and their role in our lives through the dynamic mediums of art and photography. Entries close on Friday December 3, so there is still plenty of time to get out to your local wetland and produce a winning entry.

[Read the full article 'National Initiative seeks participants!'](#)

"To the Sea" - WIN 2 tickets to Jack Johnson concert

WetlandCare Australia are giving away 2 tickets to the Jack Johnson concert 11th Dec. in Sydney. To win, just tell us in 25 words why you think wetlands are important to the sea. Post it on our facebook wall before the 30th November, 2010.

[Read the full article "To the Sea" - WIN 2 tickets to Jack Johnson concert'](#)

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