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Wetland Management

Pacific wetlands plan updated for new environment concerns

Radio Australia

A new three-year plan has been drafted to promote and strengthen the effective use and conservation of wetlands in the Pacific region. The Regional Wetlands Action Plan follows on from an earlier agreement endorsed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program in 1999.

[Read the full article 'Pacific wetlands plan updated for new environment concerns'](#)

Menindee community steps up campaign for Ramsar listing (NSW)

ABC Online

Listing the the Menindee Lakes as a Ramsar wetland is a goal of a group from the Far West of NSW. Ramsar is a global environmental treaty that requires governments to protect listed wetlands.

[Read the full article 'Menindee community steps up campaign for Ramsar listing'](#)

\$20 Million To Restore Winton Wetlands (Vic)

The biggest wetland restoration in the Southern Hemisphere will soon get underway in Victoria. The \$20 million environmental project focuses on restoring the 8,000 hectare Lake Mokoan wetland system to create a significant tourist attraction and environmental asset for north east Victoria. The project will be undertaken by the

Winton Wetlands Committee of Management.

[Read the full article '\\$20 Million To Restore Winton Wetlands'](#)

Wetland Restoration

Estuaries granted healthier life (NSW)

Liina Flynn Northern Rivers Echo

The health of our river systems is looking up thanks to a grant from the NSW Government. Richmond River County Council has been granted \$120,000 under the Estuary Management Program to finalise its estuary management plan and undertake works to restore and protect estuaries in the area.

[Read the full article 'Estuaries granted healthier life'](#)

New research for Mallee farmers (Vic)

Making credible local data available to Victorian Mallee farmers is the key focus of nine research projects being delivered across the region. Projects are focusing on improving soil health in the dryland agricultural area, with a range of onground research and demonstration activities being conducted throughout the 2010 growing season.

[Read the full article 'New research for Mallee farmers'](#)

Endangered frogs can repopulate quickly: ecologist

ABC Local

The Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board is trying to encourage more breeding of an endangered frog at wetlands across the region. Ecologist Amy Scott says that southern bell frog populations rely on flooded areas to breed, and numbers have declined significantly in recent years.

[Read the full article 'Endangered frogs can repopulate quickly: ecologist'](#)

Wet winter invaluable for Macquarie Marshes (NSW)

Recent rain and river flows have provided the Macquarie Marshes wetlands with valuable water benefiting the wetlands environment.

[Read more about the 'Wet winter invaluable for Macquarie Marshes'](#)

River flows provide a welcome boost for Gwydir wetlands

Recent rain and river flows are providing a welcome boost to internationally significant wetlands in the Gwydir catchment.

[Read the full article 'River flows provide a welcome boost for Gwydir wetlands'](#)

Birdlife in Murray-Darling basin in full bloom

Sarah Clarke ABC AM

After more than a decade of drought, one of the Murray-Darling basin's most important bird breeding sites is now in full flood.

[Read the full article 'Birdlife in Murray-Darling basin in full bloom'](#)

Straight flush for Murray mouth

The Australian

Rainfall across the southern states over the past week has helped flush salt-heavy water out of the Coorong estuary for the first time in four years, with the promise of more to come.

[Read the full article 'Straight flush for Murray mouth'](#)

Wetlands Under Threat

Moscow smog mainly caused by burning peatlands

The thick smog in Moscow is for 80 to 90 percent caused by fires in drained peatlands near Moscow. Despite the relatively small areas where the peat fires occur, these are the fires that cause the massive air pollution in Moscow involving major risks for the health of residents of the region, as well as enormous CO2 emissions.

[Read the full article 'Moscow smog mainly caused by burning peatlands'](#)

Wetland Resource

Impacts of feral pigs on tropical freshwater ecosystems

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (Australian Government) funded this study to investigate and obtain scientific evidence to quantify:

- feral pig impacts on the biodiversity of ephemeral lagoons
- the relationship between pig ecological impacts and pig abundance.

[Read more and download 'Impacts of feral pigs on tropical freshwater ecosystems'](#)

Wetland Events

NOW OPEN: WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition 2011

The WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition, to celebrate World Wetlands Day, is on again for its 4th year. The theme for the 2011 competition is Forested Wetlands: their importance and wise use. Competition closes December 3 2010

[Read the full article 'NOW OPEN: WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition 2011'](#)

[The World Wetland Network international wetland awards - please vote!](#)

The International Wetland Globes awards scheme recognises best practice and wetland restoration, and highlights wetlands in danger. We invite you to sign up and vote; we have already had 120 new registrations from around the world. So if you want to show your support for a wetland, or raise awareness of a wetland in danger, then please sign up. The deadline to vote for the awards is the 30th of September 2010.

[Go to the website, register now and VOTE 'The World Wetland Network international wetland awards - please vote!'](#)

[Invitation to a 'Caring for our Coasts' community tree planting day for Ocean Shores Public School coastal wetland forest](#)

An open invitation is extended to local community members and all Ocean Shores Public school parents & students to a tree planting and information day on Saturday 18th September 2010 at the school grounds from 8am.

[Read the full article 'Invitation to a 'Caring for our Coasts' community tree planting day for Ocean Shores Public School coastal wetland forest'](#)

[Australia's Vanishing Frogs weekend expedition](#)

The EarthWatch Institute is currently offering a limited number of free places for a family to the upcoming Australia's Vanishing Frogs weekend expedition. Please contact Claire Harrison on (03) 9682 6828. The project is based between Gosford and Newcastle from 17th - 19th September. Participants will be involved in frog research which is specifically designed for non-scientists and is suitable for children.

[Find out more about the 'Australia's Vanishing Frogs weekend expedition'](#)

[Celebrate Biodiversity Month](#)

September is biodiversity month and you are invited to come and celebrate the unique biodiversity of the Clunes and Coopers Creek region, Northern NSW.

[Read the full article 'Celebrate Biodiversity Month'](#)

[Wetland Workshops and Conferences](#)

See Wetland Presentations at the Challenges in Environmental Science & Engineering, CESE-2010

See many presentations by the Queensland Wetlands Program and others in the Wetland Ecology strand at the third annual Challenges in Environmental and Science Engineering (CESE) Conference taking place at the Cairns Sebel 26 September–1 October 2010.

Topics presented by Queensland Wetlands Program (the Program) team members range from 'Swamp Appreciation 101' to 'Tools for hydro-climatic assessment to support the interpretation of mapped inundation for wetland assessment.'

[Read more about 'Challenges in Environmental Science & Engineering, CESE-2010'](#)

A workshop for primary producers and land managers (ACT)

A free workshop presented by Industry and Investment NSW in association with ACT Land Management and Planning

When: Saturday 18 September 2010, 9:00am – 2:30pm

Where: Namadji National Park Visitor Centre Naas Road, Tharwa ACT

The workshop presents information on:

- making your farm more 'fish friendly'
- monitoring water quality in your local river or creek
- taking part in the Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach Project

- the Murray Darling Basin Authority's Native Fish Strategy

An electro-fishing demonstration will also be given

Please register before 14 September 2010 by contacting Charlie Carruthers (02) 6298 0802 or

charlie.carruthers@industry.nsw.gov.au

Upcoming Conference: Monitoring and Evaluating to Improve Natural Resource Management (NRM) Outcomes

The "Monitoring & Evaluating to Improve NRM Outcomes"

Conference is to be held on the 9th and 10th November 2010,

Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour, Sydney. Go to

www.nrmoutcomes.com, phone 1300 316 882 or email:

registration@critterionconferences.com (register before 3rd

September 2010 for earlybird discount). WetlandLink subscribers

and Australian Wetland Alliance members receive a 10% discount

(Quote 'CC*WC when registering).

[Find out more about the 'Upcoming Conference: Monitoring and Evaluating to Improve Natural Resource Management \(NRM\) Outcomes'](#)

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