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Wetland Restoration

Water flows for the Macquarie Marshes recommence (NSW)

Environmental water flows to the Macquarie Marshes wetlands will recommence in August to build on the good soil moisture and general favourable conditions after the wet year experienced in 2010. Office of Environment and Heritage's Director of Water, wetlands and coast, Derek Rutherford, said the Macquarie Marshes will

benefit from environmental water releases from August through until at least November."

[Read the full article 'Water flows for the Macquarie Marshes recommence'](#)

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/media/DecMedia11072605.htm>

Habitat Action Grants open (NSW)

Angling clubs, individuals, community groups, local councils and organisations interested in rehabilitating fish habitats in freshwater and saltwater areas throughout NSW can apply for grants.

Habitat rehabilitation projects which may be funded include: removal or modification of barriers to fish passage; rehabilitation of riparian lands (river banks, wetlands, mangrove forests, saltmarsh); re-snagging waterways with timber structure; removal of exotic vegetation from waterways; bank stabilisation works; and, reinstatement of natural flow regimes.

[To apply visit Habitat Action Grants](#)

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program#Habitat-Action-Grants>

Wetland Management

Cooper Creek yabby mystery (SA)

Photos of an unusual yabby migration have been taken at remote Cooper Creek, which flows out of the recently flood filled Lake Eyre in south-east Central Australia, and crosses the South Australian and Queensland borders. The images highlight thousands of yabbies, or more specifically western blue claw yabbies or blue claw crayfish that appear to be involved in a form of mass migration.

[Read the full article 'Cooper Creek yabby mystery'](#)

<http://www.fishingworld.com.au/news/cooper-creek-yabby-mystery>

2004-2009 GhostNets Australia Summary Report released (Qld)

GhostNets Australia (GNA) was established in 2004 as an alliance of Indigenous communities seeking to find, remove and record these nets as well as to rehabilitate entangled wildlife. GNA have pulled together all of the ghost nets data collected by rangers between 2004 and 2009. The resulting summary report highlights the serious ghost net problem facing north Australia's coastline as well as the hard work that rangers have been doing to combat it. Between 2004 and 2009, the rangers removed and recorded 6035 nets of varying sizes across approximately 1500km of coastline.

[Read the full '2004-2009 GhostNets Australia Summary Report'](#)

<http://www.ghostnets.com.au/news.story.html?id=29>

Wastewater recycled for drinking: Low water reserves prompt Australian push (WA)

On Australia's western coast, the city of Perth is in critical danger of depleting the water reserves held by its dams. In response, the government is pumping treated wastewater into the Gngangara Mound Aquifer.

Wastewater is being recycled in hopes that it will alleviate the stress placed on Perth's water supply. The highly treated water could reach home taps within 18 months.

[Read the full article 'Wastewater recycled for drinking: Low water reserves prompt Australian push'](#)

http://www.circleofblue.org/waternews/2011/world/wastewater-recycled-for-drinking-low-water-reserves-prompt-australian-push/?utm_source=Circle+of+Blue+WaterNews+%26+Alerts&utm_campaign=1790aa881c-Weekly+Water+News+July+12+2011+11+2011&utm_medium=email

Wetlands Around the World

Lifeline for Africa's freshwater species (Africa)

Africa is being given a unique opportunity to conserve its tremendous diversity of freshwater species – a critical resource for many of Africa's poorest people. African countries can now decide to use their water resources sustainably, and avoid paying millions of dollars, as is the case in Europe, to rectify poorly planned wetland development.

[Read the full article 'Lifeline for Africa's freshwater species'](#)

<http://www.wetlands.org/NewsandEvents/Pressreleases/tabid/60/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/2660/Lifeline-for-Africas-freshwater-species.aspx>

Wetland Education and Resources

Ramsar Handbooks for the wise use of wetlands

This 4th edition of the Ramsar handbooks replaces all previous editions of this series. It includes relevant guidance adopted by several meetings of the Conference of the Parties, in particular COP7 (1999), COP8 (2002), COP9 (2005), and COP10 (2008), as well as selected background documents presented at these COPs. Each handbook brings together, subject by subject, the various relevant guidances adopted by the Parties, supplemented by additional material from COP information papers, case studies and other relevant publications in order to illustrate key aspects of the guidelines.

[Download 'Ramsar Handbooks for the wise use of wetlands'](#)

http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-pubs-handbooks-ramsar-toolkit-21323/main/ramsar/1-30-33%5E21323_4000_0

72 & Rising Digital Magazine launched

Water covers 72% of our planet...and it's rising. Water is essential to all aspects of our lives. 72 & Rising Digital Magazine covers all things water-related. Whether you are interested in conservation, science, art, photography, water activities, travel and adventure, you will find something that piques your interest within these pages.

Each quarterly digital edition will bring to you the latest in marine and aquatic research, inform and involve you in critical conservation issues, showcase inspiring photographers and take you on a journey around the globe with our roving contributors.

[The first free issue of '72 & Rising Digital Magazine' is available here](#)

http://issuu.com/72andrising/docs/72andrising_vol1_290710_2

Ramsar Technical Report No. 5 released

Ramsar Technical Report No. 5, A Framework for assessing the vulnerability of wetlands to climate change, is now published and available for download.

[Read the full 'Ramsar Technical Report No. 5'](#)

www.ramsar.org/pdf/lib/lib_rtr05.pdf

Wetland Events

The World Wetland Network (WWN) international wetland awards - round II is launched

The International Wetland Globes awards scheme recognises best practice and wetland restoration, and if you are an NGO or community group, you can vote for a wetland you know right now. Voting is open from July 2011 to March 2012, and the results will be announced at the next Ramsar international wetland conference in June 2012.

[Nominate your wetland here](#)

<http://www.worldwetnet.org/awards/>

The 3rd National Acid Sulfate Soil Conference

Our understanding of how and where acid sulfate soils form has grown considerably and we have since found that they exist in every state and territory. Along with extensive deposits around Australia's coastline they've also been found inland, in areas such as the Western Australian wheat belt, alpine areas of Tasmania and wetlands throughout the Murray-Darling Basin. Given all that has been learnt in the past sixteen years, it's time to come together again to share our experiences and exchange ideas. There is much to learn from each other. Southern Cross GeoScience is proud to host the 3rd National Acid Sulfate Soil Conference, in Melbourne on the 6th & 7th of March, 2012.

[Click here for more information](#)

<http://www.scu.edu.au/nationalassconference/>

WetlandCare Australia News

WetlandCare Australia Celebrates 20 Years of Achievements!

WetlandCare Australia turns 20 this year and we are holding an event on Sunday 28th August to celebrate this proud achievement. The event is a family fun day with the aim to create a visual depiction of the community assisting WetlandCare Australia to build a healthy wetland.

We hope to see you there!!

To find out more visit [WetlandCare Australia](#)

<http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/index.php/news/news-archive/wetlandcare-australia-celebrates-20-years-of-achievements-with-a/>

Launch of Indigenous art prizes

Indigenous artists have a new opportunity to communicate the cultural and environmental value of wetlands and waterways to a national audience. WetlandCare Australia is pleased to announce the inaugural Indigenous Art categories in the WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition 2012.

[Read the full article 'Launch of Indigenous art prizes'](#)

<http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/index.php/news/news-archive/launch-of-indigenous-prizes/>

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