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Wetland Management

New Era Dawns on Wetlands Where Every Drop Counts

Media Release

Frank Sartor MP Minister for Climate Change and the Environment,

Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)

Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Frank Sartor released a new Wetlands Policy for NSW in May.

[Read the full media release 'New Era Dawns on Wetlands Where Every Drop Counts'](#)

Legislation Passed - River Red Gum Forests Protected

Media Release

Premier of NSW, Kristina Keneally

The NSW Government will protect the internationally significant River Red Gum forests and woodlands. The landmark decision will preserve in perpetuity 100,000 hectares of ancient trees and will create two wetlands of international significance - Millewa and Weraï

[Read the full article 'Legislation Passed - River Red Gum Forests Protected'](#)

Bligh Government provides more Protection for Reef

Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability

The Honourable Kate Jones

High impact earthworks that damage wetlands will require development approval in a Bligh Government move to further protect the iconic Great Barrier Reef. A Temporary State Planning Policy will make proposed earthworks activities in Reef catchment wetlands assessable under planning and development laws.

[Read the full article 'Bligh Government provides more Protection for Reef'](#)

Share your wetlands data

The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) is seeking quality digital survey data on wetlands to incorporate into its corporate applications to assist with the planning and management of Queensland's wetlands and biodiversity. For

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Wetland Restoration

Cash flow: donated water revives unique Murray wetland

The 400 million litres of water purchased by the Australian Conservation Foundation with donations from people from all over the country has started to flow into the Hattah Lakes wetlands in northern Victoria.

[Read the full article 'Cash flow: donated water revives unique Murray wetland'](#)

Wetlands seeding boosts lower Murray hopes (SA)

ABC News

A large-scale wetland rehabilitation project is starting at the mouth of the Murray in South Australia. During prolonged drought, thousands of hectares of lake beds have been exposed to the air, with soil becoming more acidic. To remedy threats to the environment and health from acidic dust, the SA Environment Department is sending aircraft above 5,000 hectares of lake beds to drop 300 tonnes of seeds, such as cereal rye.

[Read the full story 'Wetlands seeding boosts lower Murray hopes'](#)

New line to reduce fishers' footprint

A new biodegradable fishing line has the potential to minimise recreational fishers' environmental footprint and help to meet the environmental guidelines laid out in the National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing.

[Read the full article 'New line to reduce fishers' footprint'](#)

One Million Seedlings for Lower Lakes (SA)

More than one million native seedlings are to be hand-planted to vegetate more than 2,300 hectares of exposed lake beds across Lake Alexandrina and Lake Albert.

[Read the full article 'One Million Seedlings for Lower Lakes'](#)

Wetlands under Threat

Water and food security threatened by escalating wetland loss

The world's wetlands such as rivers, mangroves, deltas and lakes

are degrading faster than any other ecosystem type. Increasingly many are reaching the critical stage where damage will be irreversible which has serious repercussions for the water and food security of poor people.

[Read the full article 'Water and food security threatened by escalating wetland loss'](#)

Wetlands 'unlikely' to recover (WA)

Daniel Mercer, The West Australian

The State Government has conceded that water levels in the Gngangara Mound may never fully recover, sparking claims that many of Perth's lakes and wetlands are at serious risk..

[Read the full article 'Wetlands 'unlikely' to recover'](#)

Wetland Research and Monitoring

Flooding vital to biodiversity: scientists

ABC News

Scientists say they have now got proof that flooding in rivers in northern Australia leads to more and bigger fish.

[Read the full article 'Flooding vital to biodiversity: scientists'](#)

Wetland Resources

NEW Publication: Wetland Habitats

CSIRO Publishing has just released another new book by Nick Romanowski entitled Wetland Habitats. Wetland Habitats is a practical and easy to use manual for wetland restoration and conservation of diverse animal species.

[Go to the CSIRO Publications page](#)

River Red Gums Website Goes Live

Frank Sartor MP , Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)

A new website has been launched to provide information on the proposed changes to river red gum forests, wetlands and woodlands in the Riverina.

[Go to the River Red Gums website www.riverredgums.nsw.gov.au](http://www.riverredgums.nsw.gov.au)

[Read the full article 'River Red Gums Website Goes Live'](#)

fishhabitatnetwork.com.au is now live!

The Fish Habitat Network is now live and available for fish habitat networking, adding of stories, uploading of photos, starting of habitat discussions, and getting the message out there that habitat makes fish happen.

[Go to the website now www.fishhabitatnetwork.com.au](http://www.fishhabitatnetwork.com.au)

WetlandCare Australia News

Bribie Island Project announced 2010 Healthy Waterways Award Finalist

WetlandCare Australia is proud to announce that the Bribie community wallum froglet and wetland protection and monitoring project has been selected as a finalist in the Brisbane Airport - Community Award category of the 2010 Healthy Waterways Awards.

[Read the full article 'Bribie Island Project announced 2010 Healthy Waterways Award Finalist'](#)

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