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WetlandCare Australia News

Ocean Shores Public School awarded by NAB for WetlandCare Australia partnership (NSW)

National awards program, NAB Schools First has this morning announced that \$50,000 in awards funding will be granted to Ocean Shores Public School for their inspiring school-community partnership "Wetland Discovery Project". NAB Schools First is a partnership between NAB, the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) and Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) that rewards outstanding school-community partnerships leading to improved student outcomes.

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

<http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/index.php/news/news-archive/ocean-shores-public-school-awarded-nab-50k/>

WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition (AUS)

To celebrate World Wetlands Day 2012 on February 2, WetlandCare Australia is hosting their 5th annual Australia wide art and photography competition. There are categories for young people and adults, and for the first time the competition includes categories specifically for Indigenous artists. Entries are now open.

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

www.wetlandcare.com.au/index.php/news/news-archive/wetlandcare-australia-national-art-and-photography-competition/

Update #1 - Decision Time for Coastal 20

The first steering committee meetings are now complete for WetlandCare Australia's Coastal 20 Wetlands project, funded by the Australian Governments Caring for our Country Program. WetlandCare Australia has set up a steering committee in each of the three regions that the Coastal 20 Wetlands project covers. The steering committees include representatives from key stakeholder organisations in each region.

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

<http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/index.php/our-work/current-projects/coastal-20-wetlands-project/coastal-20-update-1/>

Wetland Restoration

Environmentally friendly moorings key for protecting local marine habitat (Qld)

Boaties are being urged to swap conventional moorings for an environmentally friendly alternative to protect Moreton Bay's seagrass after flood and cyclones damaged valuable seagrass feeding grounds for turtles and dugongs.

[Read the full article 'Environmentally friendly moorings key for protecting local marine habitat'](#)

www.seqcatchments.com.au/media/environmentally-friendly-moorings-key-for-protecting-local-marine-habitat

Re-opening floodgates proves positive for wetlands (NSW)

The Hunter Catchment Management Authority is hoping to reopen the remaining five floodgates in the Hexham Swamp in coming months as part of its rehabilitation. The first floodgate was opened in 2008 in a bid to reverse the environmental damage caused by 30 years of the gates being closed. The Authority has applied to the Department of Planning for stage three of the project which would restore saltwater wetland habitats to around 700 hectares.

[Read the full article 'Re-opening floodgates proves positive for wetlands'](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-09-12/re-opening-floodgates-proves-positive-for-wetlands/2881054/?site=newcastle>

Wetland Management

\$31.3m funding boost for Landcare and sustainable agriculture (AUS)

More than \$31 million will be invested in 116 Landcare, sustainable agriculture and pest and weed management projects this year as part of the Gillard Government's Caring for our Country initiative. Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Senator Joe Ludwig, who last night made the announcement as part of Landcare Week at the Farmer of the Year Awards in Sydney, acknowledged the success of the initiative in bringing the community together to work on environmental and agricultural projects.

[Read the full article '\\$31.3m funding boost for Landcare and sustainable agriculture'](#)

[http://www.maff.gov.au/media_office/media_releases/media_releases/2011/september/\\$31.3m-funding-boost-for-landcare-and-sustainable-agriculture](http://www.maff.gov.au/media_office/media_releases/media_releases/2011/september/$31.3m-funding-boost-for-landcare-and-sustainable-agriculture)

2011-12 business plan successful projects announced (AUS)

The Australian Government has approved \$66.4 million (GST excl) in base level funding for 22 regional natural resource management (NRM) organisations to protect the Australian landscape and help ensure our farmlands remain productive into the future. Caring for our Country is the Government's flagship initiative in natural resource management. Over the first five years from 2008-2013 it will provide more than \$2 billion in funding.

[View '2011-12 business plan successful projects'](#)

<http://nrm.gov.au/business-plan/funded/11/landcare/pubs/successful-projects-landcare-2011-12-first.pdf>

\$7.5 million for coastal and estuary management programs (NSW)

Millions of dollars in funding has been announced to assist local councils carry out coastal and estuarine management projects, helping them plan and adapt to the reality of climate change and sea level rise. Minister for the Environment, Robyn Parker said a total of \$7.5 million has been allocated. More than \$2.14 million will be spent on 51 new projects, \$1 million has been provided to assist councils with coastal erosion 'hot spots' and an additional \$4.36 million has been allocated for approximately 100 ongoing projects.

[Read the full article '\\$7.5 million for coastal and estuary management programs'](#)

<http://www.bellingencourier.com.au/news/local/news/general/75-million-for-coastal-and-estuary-management-programs/2297874.aspx?storypage=0>

Wetlands Under Threat

Scientific panel appointed to probe Gladstone's sick fish (Qld)

Robinson and Hendry

The Queensland Government has appointed a scientific panel to investigate fish diseases in the Gladstone Harbour in the state's central region. A ban on fishing was imposed earlier this month after anglers reported fish with skin lesions and cloudy eyes. A preliminary report has identified red-spot disease and a parasite.

Queensland Fisheries Minister Craig Wallace says testing of fish will continue, but the new panel will look into water quality and human health concerns.

[Read the full article 'Scientific panel appointed to probe Gladstone's sick fish'](#)

<http://www.efarming.com.au/News/agricultural/27/09/2011/151928/scientific-panel-appointed-to-probe-gladstone-s-sick-fish.html>

Wetlands Around the World

Largest dam removal in U.S. history begins in Washington (USA)

Eric Johnson

As a child, Adeline Smith, an elder in the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe who grew up along the Elwha River, saw how a hulking concrete dam choked off one of the most prolific salmon runs on earth. The planned dam removal includes the Elwha's two dams - the 108-foot-tall Elwha Dam and the 210-foot-tall Glines Canyon Dam. It will cost roughly \$27 million and take three years, said Don Laford, the project's construction manager.

[Read the full article 'Largest dam removal in U.S. history begins in Washington'](#)

www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/18/us-elwha-dam-idUSTRE78H22A20110918

IUCN Video Message: World Rivers Day

World Rivers Day is a global celebration of the world's waterways, marked every last Sunday of September. For World Rivers Day 2011, Ramsar would like to share with you four photos of rivers (wetlands along rivers and streams are called riverine wetlands), as well as an IUCN Video message about rivers.

[To view more visit 'IUCN Video Message: World Rivers Day'](#)

<http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-news->

[iucnvideomessageworldriversday2011/main/ramsar/1-26%5E25343_4000_0](http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-news-iucnvideomessageworldriversday2011/main/ramsar/1-26%5E25343_4000_0)

Wetland Education and Resources

Why the fish could not cross the road (NSW)

The University of Sydney Sleek Geeks Science Eureka School Prizes are part of the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes, Australia's most comprehensive science awards. The idea is to communicate a scientific concept(s) in a way that is accessible and entertaining while painlessly increasing the public's science knowledge or, as the Sleek Geeks like to say: "Learn something without even noticing".

[Checkout a winning entry from Wilsons Creek Public School \(far north coast NSW\) to find out 'What does a fish do when a bridge blocks its path?'](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/video/2011/08/12/3275964.htm>

Wetland Events

World Wetlands Day 2012: Wetlands and Tourism

The World Wetlands Day theme for 2012 is Wetlands and Tourism and is linked to the theme for the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, COP11: Wetlands, Tourism and Recreation, which will take place in June 2012, in Bucharest, Romania.

[Find out more about 'World Wetlands Day 2012'](#)

http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-news-wwd2012e/main/ramsar/1-26%5E25350_4000_0

Grants available to protect endangered Swamp Tea-tree (Qld)

SEQ Catchments is calling on expressions of interest from landholders in Jimboomba, Harrisville, Gatton, Toogoolawah and surrounding areas to join the cause to help conserve one of South East Queensland's most critically endangered ecological communities – the Swamp Tea-tree forest. Come along to the field day in Jimboomba on Saturday 15th October, 9-11.30am, to find out further information on the SEQ Catchments Swamp Tea Tree Conservation Program.

[Click here for more information](#)

<https://www.vision6.com.au/em/message/email/view.php?id=827896&u=49511>

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