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## Wetland Restoration

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### **Lake Macquarie much healthier, naturally (NSW)**

Damon Cronshaw, the Herald WATER clarity in Lake Macquarie has improved by 96 per cent over the past decade, figures show. The Lake Macquarie Improvement Project has spent \$27 million since 1999 to make the lake healthier. Seagrass cover, the foundation of the lake's ecosystem, had increased by 25 per cent or 2.5 million square metres over that period.

[Read the full article 'Lake Macquarie much healthier, naturally'](#)

<http://www.theherald.com.au/news/local/news/general/lake-macquarie-much-healthier-naturally/1553372.aspx>

### **Kick-start for Killala Creek**

This month Killala Creek, just outside of Mundubbera, received an extreme makeover. The degraded wetland, also known as Red Gully, had been run down with weeds and litter in the past, but an initiative of the North Burnett Regional Council together with the Central branch of Burnett Catchment Care Association has resulted in the facelift of a lifetime!

[Read the full story 'Kick-start for Killala Creek'](#)

<http://www.bmrg.org.au/information.php/2/106/347>

## **Wetland Management**

### **1.5 billion litres of extra water for South Australian wetlands (SA)**

#### *Media release*

*Sen. the Hon. Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change and Water*  
Two wetlands in South Australia are receiving a total of 1,531 million litres of environmental water this month under the Australian Government's Water for the Future plan.

Murbpook Lagoon, has been dry since 2004 when it became disconnected from the main river channel due to lower river levels. The watering aims to maintain the health of the River Red Gums and Coobahs and halt further salinisation of the wetland bed. Paiwalla Wetland is an important drought refuge for water-dependent and wetland associated species such as frogs and waterbirds.

[Read the full article '1.5 billion litres of extra water for South Australian wetlands'](#)

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/wong/2009/mr20090626a.html>

### **Cane Farm and Reef Set to Benefit (Qld)**

The first artificial wetland of its type in the region is set to be developed on a Burdekin cane farm. The concept was discussed at a recent workshop aimed to bring cane farmers and wetland construction experts together.

[Read the full article 'Cane Farm and Reef Set to Benefit'](#)

<http://www.nqdrytropics.com.au/news/mediareleases.html>

### **Federal governmentt buys NSW wetlands**

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A grazing property in southwestern NSW has been bought by the federal government to protect its wetlands. The government has spent \$1.6 million to buy Booligal Station, which will be turned into a national park. The 5,950-hectare property is on the Lachlan River, north of Hay.

[Read the full article 'Federal government buys NSW wetlands'](#)

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/federal-govt-buys-nsw-wetlands-20090610-c35w.html>

## Wetlands under Threat

### Working together to help save the Giant Barred Frog

Once widely distributed, populations of the Giant Barred Frog have declined dramatically over the past decades to the point where the species is now listed as endangered. WetlandCare Australia and WWF-Australia are working together to protect critical Giant Barred Frog habitat in the Numinbah Valley, south-east Queensland.

[Read the full article 'Working together to help save the Giant Barred Frog'](#)

[http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news\\_detail.asp?articleid=749&zoneid=1](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=749&zoneid=1)

### Let parts of Murray system die: scientist

A water scientist has told a parliamentary committee in South Australia that parts of the Murray-Darling should be allowed to die to save other parts of the river system. Professor Mike Young says the best way forward would be to have water flows for the environment controlled by a trust rather than the government.

[Read the full article 'Let parts of Murray system die: scientist'](#)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/18/2601706.htm>

### Wetland warriors (Vic)

*Peter Collins, The Standard*

A Warrnambool councillor has joined a fight to protect wetlands from a proposed multi-million-dollar factory which will convert tallow into biodiesel.

[Read the full media release 'ACF calls for Federal & NSW governments to stop logging in globally significant wetland forests'](#)

<http://www.standard.net.au/news/local/news/general/wetland-warriors-proposed-biodiesel-plant-in-the-gun/1548903.aspx>

## Wetland Education and Community

### World Wetlands Network

The World Wetland Network is an international network of wetland non-government organisations (NGO's) who work on wetland issues (including species and habitat conservation, working with local communities and lobbying). The World Wetlands Network supports NGO's involved in grass roots wetland conservation work. To find out

more or to join go to the [World Wetlands Network website](#).

[http://www.wwt.org.uk/text/843/world\\_wetlands\\_network.html](http://www.wwt.org.uk/text/843/world_wetlands_network.html)

### **Documentary highlights plight of wetland birds (WA)**

Filmed over four months at the Peel-Yalgorup system, mainly around Nairns, the purpose of the documentary is to make people aware of the birds' reliance on the wetlands to survive. "We want to draw people's awareness that there is an internationally listed wetland in our own backyard," Miss Willmott said.

[Read the full article 'Documentary highlights plight of wetland birds'](#)

<http://covers.ruralpress.com/frontpages/155/20907.pdf>

### **7th Australasian Shorebird Conference**

The next Australasian Shorebird Conference, sponsored by the [AWSG](#), will be held in Hobart at the University of Tasmania, over the weekend 4-6 September, 2009. The conference is held every two years to provide an opportunity for those people interested in shorebirds to exchange information, discuss relevant issues and develop strategies for improving the status of these species, many of which are threatened throughout their range.

[Read more about '7th Australasian Shorebird Conference'](#)

<http://www.awsg.org.au/conferences.php>

## **WetlandCare Australia News**

### **Red Fox Control for Bush Stone-curlew Recovery**

WetlandCare Australia, with funding from the NRCMA, will be working with landowners in the Glenugie/Pillar Valley and Halfway Creek region of NSW (between Grafton and Coffs Harbour) to help protect some of the last remaining populations of endangered Bush Stone-curlews in the area. A field day/night is also to be held during August.

[For more information read the full article 'Red Fox Control for Bush Stone-curlew Recovery'](#)

[http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news\\_detail.asp?articleid=752&zoneid=1](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/Content/templates/news_detail.asp?articleid=752&zoneid=1)

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

The WetlandCare Australia National Art Competition is gearing up to run for a third consecutive year, with Naming Rights sponsorship being secured by the Central West CMA, NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. The generous support of these and other sponsors is what makes this exciting competition possible.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available in the Competition, with Naming Rights for one or two popular categories yet to be secured by lucky sponsors. If you or your organisation would like details on these sponsorship opportunities, which are an excellent way to showcase your support for wetlands and the arts, please contact [Liz Hajenko](#) or [Nicci Carter](#) on 02 66816169.

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