



The Hunter Wetlands Centre is a wildlife sanctuary with a focus on education, conservation and tourism. Situated on 45 hectares, enjoy numerous activities from dipnetting, feeding sessions, bird hides, walking trails, canoeing, bush tucker garden, café and much more. Over 250 wildlife species have been discovered on site including birds, ducks, tortoises and frogs.

Ideally located only 10 minutes from Newcastle and 1 ½ hours from Sydney.

The Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia is a Ramsar Wetland – a wetland of international significance.

Key facts and figures:

World Wetlands Day 2 February.
Wetlands around the world under threat.
Hunter Wetlands Centre needs support.
Donate on World Wetlands Day.
Visit on World Wetlands Day for free guided tours and information presentations.

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Media Alert

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Attention: Editors, feature writers, reporters, broadcasters, program coordinators.

Your assistance in promoting Hunter Wetlands Centre would be appreciated.

CELEBRATE WITH US ON WORLD WETLANDS DAY

2 FEBRUARY 2022

Did you know?

- Wetlands are disappearing three times faster than forests and are Earth's most threatened ecosystem. In just 50 years — since 1970 — 35% of the world's wetlands have been lost.
- roughly, 40% of the world's species live or breed in wetlands

You can contribute to reversing these concerning statistics.

At the Hunter Wetlands Centre you have the opportunity to be part of the change the planet is asking us to make by donating, visiting us or becoming a volunteer or member. Today we face a great challenge – without regular funding from any level of government the Centre's sustainability is threatened.

With an incredible 36 year history of regeneration and community building, volunteers have lovingly turned degraded playing fields into an internationally significant wetlands teeming with wildlife and preserving our ecosystem's balance. You can be involved today and help us continue this wonderful journey.

From the CEO down, the Centre is run by volunteers and they are asking for your help to continue to maintain this Ramsar listed wetlands.

Celebrate World Wetlands Day by:

- Donating in person or online at www.wetlands.org.au
- Becoming a volunteer or a member
- Visiting us. Bring the family!

Visit on World Wetlands Day, Wednesday 2 February and enjoy a free guided walk (9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am); or find out why we are a Ramsar Wetlands of significance and what it means (presentations at 10am & 11am). No bookings are required for the guided tour or the talk. Free buggy tours are available for people with a disability – booking essential on 4951 6466.

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The Hunter Wetlands Centre is a community-owned, not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers who manage this internationally recognised wetlands.

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