



**Field and Game Australia  
Metropolitan Branch**



## **Habitat Conservation Info Report No.1/2011**

### **World Wetlands Day**

#### **"FORESTS for WATER and WETLANDS**

#### **Maintenance of Nest Boxes Mill Parks Lakes in the City of Whittlesea, Victoria, Australia**

#### **Purpose**

These simple reports that I put out from time to time are aimed to inform, educate and promote partnerships and alliances with people and groups from all walks of life.

#### **Ramsar Anniversary - 40 years of the Convention on Wetlands**

Originally created to preserve wetlands as a vital habitat for waterfowl, the Ramsar Convention has inspired advances over the past 40 years in the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local and national action and international cooperation to sustain the diverse socio-economic benefits wetlands deliver to people throughout the world.

Congratulations to all involved in the work undertaken to preserve and protect wetland habitats. [www.ramsar.org](http://www.ramsar.org)

#### **Background.**

Members of Field and Game Australia have a long proud history of Wetland Rehabilitation and Conservation, we are proud to be able to continue the traditions that were created by our founders in 1958.

Since European settlement many tree hollows have been removed by humans in Australia for land clearance. By installing nest boxes with we create an artificial tree hollow which over many years have proven very successful for our native birds.

Education is the key.

#### **General Report**

This year due to other activities of our branch our WWD was to be celebrated on Sunday 27 February 2011, but due to steady rains on the day we were washed out.

The day was reconvened on Saturday 5 February 2011.

**Field and Game Australia**

*The wildlife of today is not ours to dispose of as we please. We have it in trust. We must account for it to those who come after.  
King George VI*

Metropolitan Branch of Field and Game Australia is managed by members of the City of Whittlesea Community and has over 500 current members.

***Photos of World Wetlands Day for 2011***

**2011WWD No010** – Anthony and Stephanie Rutter placing straw in nest box.

**2011WWD No012** – Chestnut Teal, *Anas castanea* - 11 eggs.

**2011WWD No002** – Chestnut Teal, *Anas castanea* - 8 eggs.

**2011WWD No019** – John Caven cleaning out nest box.

Another great day out.

***"Don't just talk about Habitat Conservation get out there and do it"***

**Mission Statement**

Field and Game Australia is a voluntary organisation formed by hunters. We partner with Government and the community in the management and sustainable utilisation of Australia's wetlands for future generation by protecting game habitats through conservation. We promote responsible firearm ownership, ethical hunting and clay target shooting. ([www.fga.net.au](http://www.fga.net.au))

I look forward to seeing you in the wetlands in 2012.

Regards,

John Caven

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Many thanks to,

La Trobe University Lifeskills who have built our nest boxes, Parks Victoria, City of Whittlesea and Melbourne Water.