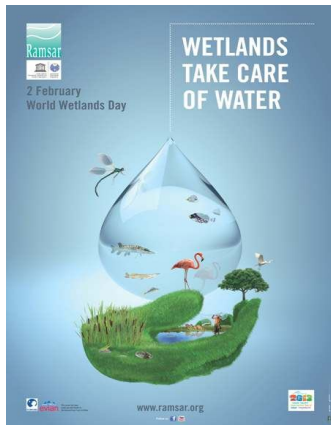


The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

World Wetlands Day 2013



Field and Game Australia
Metropolitan Branch

Habitat Conservation Info Report
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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.

World Wetlands Day: Sunday, 3 February 2013, Henderson Creek Wetlands, City of Whittlesea, Victoria, Australia.

This day marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. Each year since 1997, the Ramsar Secretariat has provided materials so that government agencies, non-governmental organizations, conservation organizations, and groups of citizens can help raise public awareness about the importance and value of wetlands.

The Convention today

- Number of Contracting Parties: 165
- Sites designated for the List of Wetlands of International Importance: 2,101
- Total surface area of designated sites (hectares): 205,042,613.

The objective of World Wetlands Day 2013 is to raise people's awareness of the interdependence between water and wetlands, to highlight ways to ensure the equitable sharing of water between different stakeholder groups and understand that without wetlands there will be no water.

(www.ramsar.org)

To commemorate this day Metropolitan Branch of Field and Game Australia undertook maintenance on Nest Boxes and viewed waterfowl in their habitat at Henderson Creek Wetlands.



In attendance was Anthony Rutter, Victor Dal Par, members of Field and Game Australia, Emily Colbertaldo with her Grandfather Luigi Colbertaldo, President Metropolitan Field and Game Australia.



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Nest boxes create habitat for Australian native birds where tree hollows no longer exist.

Our Metropolitan Branch has 680 members. The Habitat Conservation support by Latrobe University Lifeskills (they build a great nest box), Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, and the City of Whittlesea is appreciated which allows us to continue this important volunteer work.



Since Field and Game Australia was formed in 1958 members have a proud history of wetland restoration which culminated in recognition of these efforts came in 1978 when the Association won the Conservation Council of Victoria's prestigious prize for the organisation that had contributed the most to conservation over a 5-year period.

Field and Game Australia undertake voluntary conservation projects using its own financial and human resources. These may involve water control structures, revegetation, vermin control, waterfowl counts, or artificial nesting boxes.

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

Look forward to seeing you in a wetland soon.

John Caven
Conservation Officer/Secretary

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)

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