

# Tamar Island Wetlands Centre world wetlands day 2009

## Background

*Tamar Island Wetlands Centre and Reserve* is a part of the Tamar River Conservation Area and is situated just outside Launceston, the second biggest city in Tasmania and located in the north of the State.

The Wetlands are regularly visited by local residents for birdwatching, recreation, exercise and showing visitors their 'special' part of the state. National and international visitors from all over the world come to enjoy the displays and information available at the Interpretation Centre and walk the 3km boardwalk which takes them out to Tamar Island, adjacent to the Tamar River.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009, World Wetlands Day

The day was wet or rather drizzly but no-one was complaining about the added moisture, it is a wetlands after all! Approximately one hundred people attended and participated in a variety of free activities; mural painting, guided walks to the island, kite making, displays on pest species, i.e. the fox and *Gambusia holbrookii* (Mosquito fish), treasure hunt, channel sweeps for species identification and bird observations from the Centre's deck.



World Wetland Day activities at Tamar Island



Kite Making



Mural Painting