



Revive Our Wetlands

Engaging communities to conserve wetlands and
their catchments for nature and people



Inspiring change by connecting people with nature

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Our Vision

Inspiring change by connecting people with nature.

Our Goals

Conservation

To increase resilience through the protection, maintenance and restoration of the environment - landscapes, habitats, species and heritage.

Volunteer experience

To inspire and empower everyone to make a positive contribution to conservation, through the provision of practical nature based experiences and skill development.

Why wetlands?

WETLANDS

In 1971 governments around the world set aside their individual agendas to sign the first global environmental treaty.

The Ramsar Convention for conservation and wise use of wetlands remains the only multilateral environmental agreement focused on a single ecosystem.

Wetlands play a critical role in water and food security, flood mitigation, and carbon storage. They have intrinsic value for nature conservation and contribute to community wellbeing.

In Australia, the driest inhabited continent on earth, water is vital. Yet wetland loss is 50% or more.

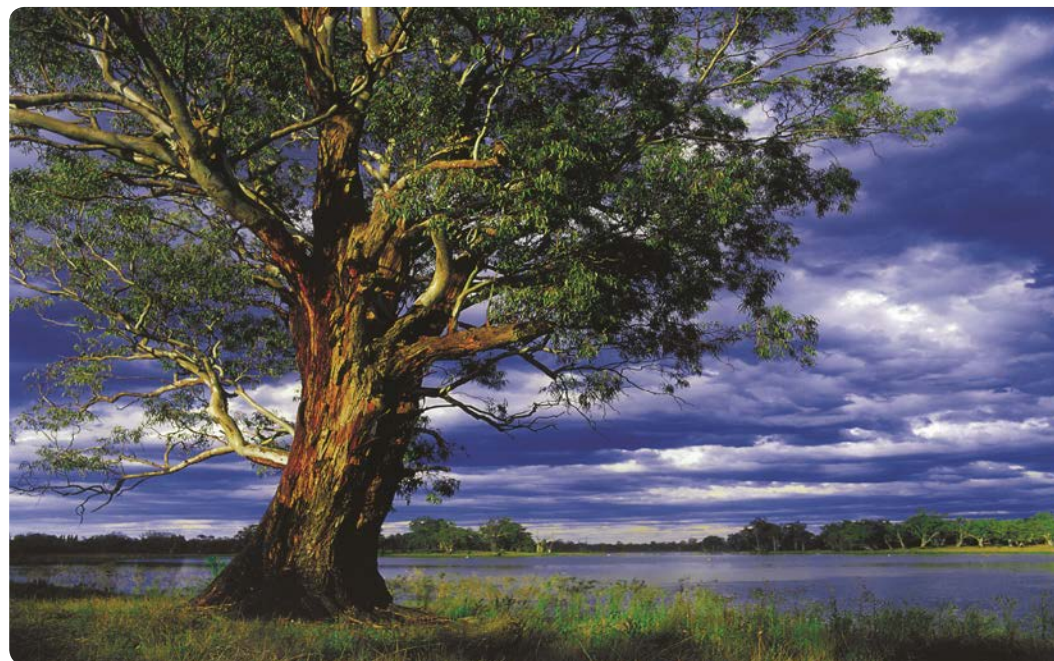
Together we can act now to help achieve the Ramsar mission to slow, reverse, and ultimately stop wetland loss

A CATCHMENT APPROACH

Throughout history the world's biggest cities have been built on waterways. In Australia, it's the same story: all our capitals are river cities.

The reason is simple. Rivers, their floodplains and estuaries meet a host of our needs including water supply, food production, transport corridors and recreation. As a result, many of our rivers are in poor condition.

As storm and flood events increase due to climate change, healthy riparian vegetation will be critical to prevent erosion and protect water quality.



OUR CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Partnerships	Work in partnership with site managers, Councils, community "care" groups, government agencies, and corporate sponsors
Assessment and Planning	Undertake wetland and waterway assessments and prepare site action plans for rehabilitation
Citizen Science	Monitor water quality, vegetation condition, marine debris, shorebird indicator species
Education and Engagement	Educate local communities to value and protect wetlands Recruit, train and manage volunteers in practical on-ground conservation activities
On-ground Restoration	Weed control, erosion control, rubbish removal, nutrient and pollution control, revegetation
Training and Technology	Accredited and non-accredited training via our Registered Training Organisation Smart phone and tablet data portals for site monitoring and reporting

Engaging communities to protect and restore the environment is more important than ever.

Together we can make a difference.



Revive Our Wetlands projects in action

Conservation Volunteers Australia is engaging communities to conserve wetlands and their catchments for nature and people.

Here are just a few examples of our projects:

HUNTER ESTUARY WETLANDS (NSW)

The Hunter Estuary is the most significant migratory shorebird habitat in NSW. CVA is restoring the salt marsh habitat in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Hunter Bird Observers Club, the NSW Environmental Trust and corporate partners.

BARRATTA CREEK AND BOWLING GREEN BAY RAMSAR SITE (QLD)

We've worked with local partners to revegetate this critical habitat with over 30,000 local native plants. The project has improved the connectivity of wildlife corridors, increased diversity of species, and protected stream-banks from erosion. This project is assisted with funding from the Australian Government.

WETLAND CARE (VIC)

Conservation Volunteers Australia has partnered with the community and corporate sector to deliver the Victorian Wetland Care Program. Through on-ground conservation actions, community and school education programs and support, we're improving the habitat value of Sale Common Nature Reserve, Paisley Challis Wetlands, Cheetham Wetlands and Jawbone Conservation Reserve.

SWAN AND CANNING RIVER RESTORATION (WA)

Perth is a city built upon wetlands including two Ramsar sites; Forrestdale and Thomson Lakes. CVA volunteers support state and local governments and community groups to restore the biodiversity of Perth's wetlands. Volunteers revegetate wetlands to improve water quality and manage invasive weed species to foster natural regeneration.

Revive Our Wetlands targets

HEALTHY WETLANDS

10-year outcomes	Significant wetlands and associated plant communities are restored for water quality, flood resilience and nature conservation
Targets by 2020	Volunteers undertake annual maintenance, rehabilitation and ecological monitoring at 20 Ramsar sites and 35 regionally significant wetlands

SHOREBIRD CONSERVATION

10-year outcomes	Critical sites on the East Asian-Australasian Flyway are protected and restored for migratory shorebirds
Targets by 2020	Engage 3,000 community volunteers to restore and monitor 20 flyway shorebird sites

RURAL FLOODPLAINS

10-year outcomes	Riparian buffers and floodplain vegetation are restored for farm productivity, water quality, flood resilience and habitat
Targets by 2020	Engage 2,000 volunteers to improve the condition & extent of 5,000 ha of riparian vegetation in rural catchments



**WE BELIEVE IN
LONG-TERM, MEANINGFUL
PARTNERSHIPS THAT ENGAGE
COMMUNITIES TO GET THE
BEST RESULTS**

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Invitation to partner with us

Conservation Volunteers Australia works in partnership with all levels of government, the corporate sector and community groups to tackle projects. We believe long-term, meaningful partnerships that engage communities get the best results.

Our ability to involve volunteers in important environmental projects depends on the partners who support us. We would welcome a conversation to explore opportunities with you!

Get involved

If you're looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity we'd love you to get involved in Revive Our Wetlands. Contact your nearest Conservation Volunteers Australia office to find out about local volunteer opportunities.

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