



## About Revive

Revive our wetlands is the largest national wetlands revival program in Australia. It was established by Conservation Volunteers Australia and BHP Billiton. More than \$1.8 million is being invested in the coordination of volunteers, school education, project management and monitoring of Revive sites, bringing the total contribution by BHP Billiton since 2001 to \$5 million. BHP Billiton and CVA are sharing their professional expertise and resources and engaging BHP Billiton employees in the program.

Five key wetlands sites continue to receive significant help; Upper Spencer Gulf, Desert Coasts Wetlands in SA, Townsville Town Common QLD, Southern Rivers Wetlands NSW, Beelie Regional Parks Wetlands WA and Point Cook Coastal Park, Cheetham Wetlands VIC. In addition, 50 other wetlands receive hands on conservation assistance, 100 schools will be engaged and more than 10 000 volunteer days contributed.

## Measuring up and highlights for 2007

Community Volunteer days	3759
Project days at wetlands	546
seed collected	44.7kg
stems planted	28 567
weed removed	15,1515ha
plants propagated	6044
flora/fauna surveys	116
rubbish removed	13848 kg
fence built	1250m

**Winner of the 2007 Banksia Award – Water Category**

## Word from the Program Manager

It's been an eventful few months since our Spring 2007 newsletter, with floods in various parts of the country and drought still devastating others. It is a tough time in environmental management across Australia and we must continue to carefully manage our rivers, waterways and wetlands.

Although Revive our wetlands has been affected by these extremes, the outcomes have still been great over the past year and you can read about them in this edition of the newsletter. We are excited by the successful integration of a new education component which has involved over 2000 students and 23 schools in wetland education to date.

Farewell and thanks to Karen Dimmock of CVA for her valued contribution to Revive over an eight year period. Karen's energy and passion helped build the strong relationship between Conservation Volunteers Australia and BHP Billiton.

Congratulations to CVA's 2007 Safety Award winners. Terry Peacock (Adelaide Manager) won the Outstanding Safety Leadership award and Johnny Estbergs (Darwin) and Bethan David (Canberra) were both highly commended. Rod Collier (Volunteer, Melbourne) won the Outstanding Safety Performance award with Bruce Eade (Auckland) and Steve Travers (Newcastle) were highly commended.

In this newsletter we reflect on the success and outcomes of 2007, detail the new education program and look at one of our wetlands to see what has been achieved as a result of Revive.

## Upcoming events and important dates

### Ecological risk assessment in wetland management workshop

26 & 27 August 2008

Looking at aspects of risk assessment and its role in wetland management. For more information, please contact Dr Bill Phillips at [coordinator@wetlandsedu.org.au](mailto:coordinator@wetlandsedu.org.au) or check [www.wetlandsedu.org.au](http://www.wetlandsedu.org.au)

### World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

17 June 2008

### World Water Monitoring Day

18 September 2008

If you are interested in getting involved in Revive or would like more information on projects, wetlands and related activities contact [www.reviveourwetlands.net](http://www.reviveourwetlands.net) or [revive@conservationvolunteers.com.au](mailto:revive@conservationvolunteers.com.au) or call Sarah Brittle on (02) 6247 7770



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## Wetland Warrior

### David Bailey; Volunteer at the Town Common Conservation Park – Townsville QLD

I first heard about 'Revive our Wetlands' at the Town Common Conservation Park in an article written by the local paper 'The Sun' in 2000. The article was promoting a wetland restoration and rehabilitation project and was seeking local community members to become involved. This suited me because the conservation park is within my local area and I felt that the project was a worthwhile one that would engage local residents and contribute to conserving this amazing park. I have now been involved at the Town Common for 8 years and have witnessed some great changes in the wetland system, mainly in the reduction of weed species and an increase in bird life and other fauna.

To date, I have witnessed the great work that committed volunteers can achieve. Throughout my time with Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Revive our Wetlands program I have met some great friends who I look forward to catching up with every week. It is satisfying to be involved in a program that engages the wider community and works to conserve such a historical conservation park.



David Bailey watering previous plantings at the Town Common

