



## MEASURING UP

### - Cumulative Statistics from Nov 2003 - Jan 2005

Seed collected	111.2kg
Stems & Trees Planted	100,294
Track/boardwalk constructed	2.42km
Track/boardwalk maintained	7.64km
Area Weeded	1549ha
Plants propagated	24,858
Trays of seeds sown (100/tray)	76
Flora surveys conducted:	17 survey
Fauna surveys conducted:	16 bird & bat surveys
Rubbish removed	1993kg
Bird hides/boxes built	5
Flagging rabbit warrens	137
Facilities & signs installed	6 benches & 1 viewing platform

## ABOUT REVIVE

Revive our Wetlands is the largest national wetlands revival program in Australia and it was established by Conservation Volunteers Australia and BHP Billiton. Between 2000-2003, \$1.5 million of assistance and more than 17,000 volunteer days have contributed to the revitalisation of 100 of Australia's most significant wetlands.

Between 2004-2006, Revive will see an additional \$1.5 million and 15,000 volunteer days invested at 10 priority locations across remote, regional and urban Australia.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Significant profile in Australia's 'National Report for the Implementation of the Ramsar Convention', (Environment Australia)
- Work on 30 new wetland sites around Australia
- 15 projects conducted nationally on World Wetlands Day
- Revive Southern River Wetlands Program a 2005 Banksia Awards Finalist in the category of Environmental Leadership in Protecting Bush, Land & Waterways

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • Workshop - Monitoring Fish Stocks and Aquatic Ecosystems

This workshop will focus on 'monitoring fish stocks and aquatic ecosystems' a topic of great relevance to wetland managers. The conference will run from 11-15th of July 2005

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### • Wetlands and water: supporting life, sustaining livelihoods

9th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) Kampala, Uganda, 8-15 November 2005

[www.ramsar.org/index\\_cop9\\_e.htm](http://www.ramsar.org/index_cop9_e.htm)

## A WORD FROM THE NATIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER

Revive continues to go from strength to strength in 2005 and the highlights include the first Revive Naturewise Tour, the Revive Southern Rivers Wetlands Program becoming a finalist in the 2005 Banksia Awards, work on 30 new wetland sites around Australia and 15 projects conducted nationally in conjunction with World Wetlands Day.

Among exciting new Revive projects is a five-week program working in conjunction with the South Australian Museum to survey different species of insectivorous bats in various SE South Australia coastal salt lakes and a project in Perth (WA) working under the auspices of CSIRO for the release of Bridal Creeper rust on exotic riparian vegetation on the Swan River Estuary. In the future, Revive teams anticipate working on a monitoring component to map the spread and effectiveness of the rust in and around release areas.

Funding is still available for small, discrete projects by completing an Expression of Interest from [www.reviveourwetlands.net](http://www.reviveourwetlands.net).

On-ground results all project sites have continued to be of a very high standard, with the current emphasis being on weed removal and revegetation. Results and evaluation from thousands of hours of work carried out during 2004 on the 10 Revive Focus projects will soon be available on the Revive website.

Communication and promotion for the program continues to gain momentum with the Revive program gaining acknowledgement multiple times in Australia's 'National Report for the Implementation of the Ramsar Convention' prepared for the next Conference in Uganda 2005, as an example of community partnerships and corporate support for wetlands rehabilitation.

Libby McIntyre

## WETLANDS WARRIOR

- Damian Vella, Moranbah, Queensland

Four BHP Billiton staff from across Australia (and their guests) have joined CVA on a guided conservation experience to see the best of Tasmania during the inaugural Revive Naturewise Tour. BHP Billiton volunteers also "made a difference" by helping to preserve some fragile and sensitive areas of the island state! Here's how Damian Vella, a BHP Billiton employee for over 30 years, felt at the end of the trip...

**TASMANIA** Composed by Damian Vella - 26 November 2004.

### In honor of the BHPBilliton & CVA Tasmanian Revive Naturewise Wetland Tour

When the relentless force of glaciers  
Tore the rocks into untouched places  
Where waterfalls are tears in the rain  
The mountains contorted as if in pain  
For that forest cut down for wood  
And along what once were native paths  
Are towns that failed to grow  
Where mural walls and cottage crafts  
Tell of a heyday long ago

When English youth walked the streets  
And the grave stones were far between  
When convict slaves did mighty feats  
And Victoria became the Queen  
Now tourists travel down that way to savor what remains  
To breathe air cold and pure and trek in the freezing rain  
And still they find a pristine place where the wonder is no less  
For deep within Tassie's heart is the Cradle of Wilderness

The Revive Naturewise Tour will again be offered to BHP Billiton employees this year so they can learn more about the importance of wetlands, make a personal contribution to the program and become Wetlands Warriors in their own home towns.

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