



# Media release

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## Linking healthy wetlands to healthy people

Capricorn Coast Landcare and Emu Park Community Bushcare joined forces on Saturday February 2 to celebrate World Wetlands Day with this year's theme: Healthy wetlands, healthy people.

About 50 people attended the day at Bicentennial Park Lagoon in Emu Park, Central Queensland.

The event was supported by the Fitzroy Basin Association Inc. under funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.

Advice, educational material and various activities, including Tai Chi and Yoga demonstrations focused on healthy living activities.

Bushcare member Murray Bullock said "The World Wetlands Day really helps to focus public awareness on the significance of these areas for the community's health and well being."

Livingstone's Remnant Vegetation group provided free trees and both Landcare and Bushcare had poster displays with informative booklets and fact sheets.

A number of speakers addressed relevant issues; including Glen McIntyre from Livingstone Shire Council's plant pest management control and Capricorn Conservation Council's John McCabe who explained the interaction between native species such as the Melaleuca and exotic problem weeds.

The day was also attended by a number of local and state politicians. Livingstone Shire Councillor Mike Prior planted a native fig to commemorate the day, adding to the hundreds of beautiful trees planted in the area by Landcare and Bushcare volunteers.

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