

## Background

The Wetlands forms part of Council's extensive network of town waterways to collect water into a common catchment facility. It was developed as an innovation to solve drainage problems for the town, especially in times of heavy rainfall.

A large dam and a series of smaller ponds with varying water depths was constructed which aids the collection of run-off water from the town and water levels may vary seasonably.

The Wetlands hold approximately 60 mega litres of water and will become the primary water source for all parks, gardens and recreation facilities in Wyalong and West Wyalong.

One of the ponds has a land island in the middle to provide a breeding ground for birds where they are protected from foxes.



The Wetlands were developed on a pre-existing bird and wildlife sanctuary that was revegetated with indigenous plants.

The Wetlands cover an area of 6.547 hectares, with an area of 3.859 hectares that was revegetated with indigenous plants.

Golden Perch were released into the waters of The Wetlands to add to the variety of wildlife.

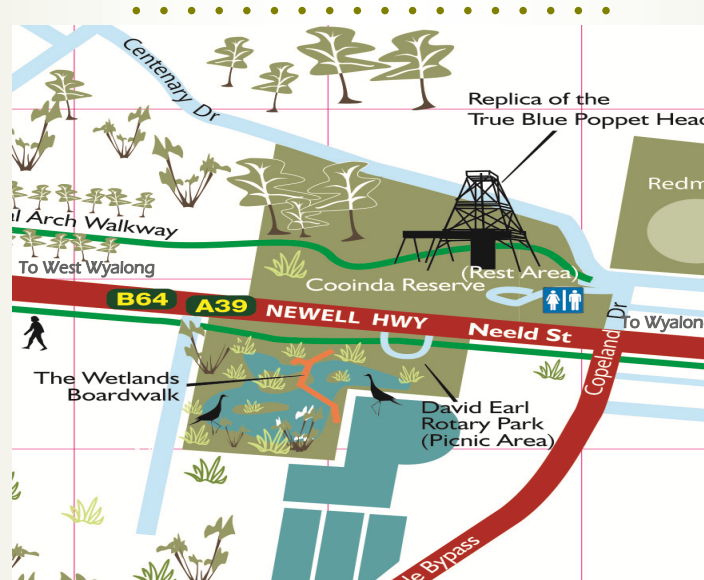


## Guide to The Wetlands

The Wetlands is situated on the Newell Highway between Wyalong and West Wyalong.

Take advantage of the walking track in and around The Wetlands to study the activities of the local bird species and other wildlife in the area.

Please enjoy the boardwalk, seating and environment.



For more information please call or visit the Bland Shire Council at 6-8 Shire St, West Wyalong NSW 2671

### The Wetlands

Please take care whilst enjoying this facility


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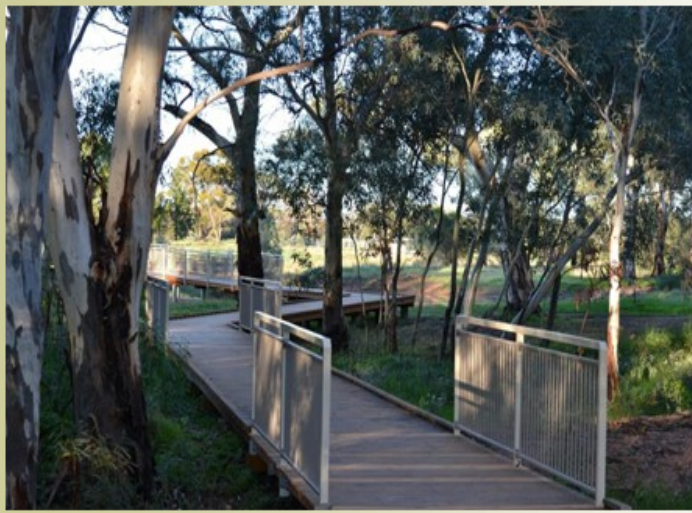
## West Wyalong



This is a project proudly developed by Bland Shire Council as an environmental and passive recreational area for the community and visitors.

The Wetlands was developed on a pre-existing natural waterway and bird and wildlife sanctuary.





## ***Fauna and Flora***

*The Wetlands and surroundings are planted with indigenous trees and plants. Some of the species include Juncus, Carex and Schoenoplectus to name only a few.*



*Home to a variety of native birds and other wildlife, The Wetlands rests in tranquil surrounds guaranteed to refresh you as you wander along the boardwalk or rest at one of the benches.*

*Some of the wildlife that have made The Wetlands their home include Kookaburras, Thornbills, Robins, Doves, Finches, a variety of water fowl, freshwater turtles, frogs, reptiles and small mammals that come to visit and have a drink of water.*



*And in the water you will find Golden Perch introduced to The Wetlands together with Catfish.*

## ***Features***

- *A healthy and vibrant wetlands.*
- *A walking track along the boardwalk allows visitors to view The Wetlands and its' inhabitants from a number of vantage points.*
- *Read the interpretive signs on the indigenous trees and plants of the area and learn about their Aboriginal names and traditional uses.*
- *Start your walk of the Green Corridor through Wyalong and West Wyalong from the Wetlands.*
- *Opportunity for catch and release of Golden Perch in the dam and streams, if you're lucky.*
- *Canoeing around the middle island and shallow streams.*
- *Bird watching and other wildlife.*
- *Photography.*
- *Enjoy a picnic or just take in the view at the provided tables and benches along the boardwalk.*



## ***Canoeing***

*Enjoy some canoeing at our Wetlands. Safety rules do apply. Paddlers should act responsibly on and off the water.*

*Please refer to the 'Guidelines for Bird Watching, Canoeing and Recreational Fishing at The Wetlands' brochure for more information on canoe safety.*



Courtesy of Luc Holland

## ***Recreational Fishing***

*Recreational fishing in the dams and streams is allowed on the basis of catch and release. Golden Perch, which was introduced to The Wetlands, responds well to catch and release. The NSW Recreational Fishing Catch and Release Handbook provides important guidelines to ensure survival of the fish.*

*Please refer to the 'Guidelines for Bird Watching, Canoeing and Recreational Fishing at The Wetlands' brochure for more information on fishing at The Wetlands.*

