



# Join us on World Wetlands Day

9 am—12 noon Thursday 2 February 2012

Hunter Wetlands Centre, Sandgate Road Shortland

## PROGRAM

### 9 am Habitat Planting Party

Make a difference to your local wetland this World Wetlands Day by planting habitat on the shores of Water Ribbon Swamp at Shortland Wetlands

### 10.30 am Morning Tea

Meet fellow Landcarers and naturalists for a friendly chat, cake and cup of tea

### 11 am Shorebird Slideshow

Enjoy superb photography and find out what makes shorebirds so special with Chris Herbert from Hunter Bird Observers Club.

## Celebrating wetlands

**2 February** each year is World Wetlands Day. It marks the adoption of the Ramsar Convention to promote wise use and protection of wetlands. Wetlands provide a wealth of eco-services including flood control, storm protection, and water purification and climate change mitigation. They are reservoirs of biodiversity. Here in Newcastle the Hunter Estuary including Shortland Wetlands is a Ramsar wetland of international significance and the most important shorebird site in NSW. **WetlandCare Australia** and partners are hosting this World Wetlands Day event. Help us celebrate!

### RSVP by noon Wednesday 1 February

To help cater and supply tools please register yourself or your group:

Louise Duff, WetlandCare Australia, 49515466 or email [louiseduff@wetlandcare.com.au](mailto:louiseduff@wetlandcare.com.au)

*Please wear hat, sunscreen, long sleeves, sturdy shoes, gloves*

