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### **World Wetlands Day showcased at Lake Seppings**

The City of Albany in partnership with South Coast NRM is presenting a showcase event for this year's World Wetlands Day on the shores of Lake Seppings on February 2.

City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the day is a chance for the community to find out more about and appreciate one of Albany's greatest natural assets.

The World Wetlands Day is in recognition of the Ramsar Convention, an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

"Lake Seppings is an important wetland for our birds and long-neck turtles. This inaugural event is the start of the City's plans to help increase awareness about our vital natural assets," Mayor Wellington said.

"We would like to extend an invitation to our community to help us celebrate this world-wide event and learn more about the wetland, the types of creatures that call it home, and provide an opportunity to meet some very knowledgeable locals on a range of environmental subjects.

"It is the members of our community who play a huge part in ensuring our wetlands are appreciated and preserved for future generations."

There will be a range of displays, activities and presentations starting with an early bird walk at 8am, and a key note address by Dr Leah Beesley on Wetlands for Livelihoods, which is the 2016 theme for World Wetlands Day.

The event has been supported by South Coast NRM, Green Skills, Birdlife Australia and the Albany Bushcarers group.

This is a free event and everyone is encouraged to attend. There will be morning tea sponsored by South Coast NRM. Come along and join the City in the first World Wetlands Day event.

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