



The Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia is a Haven for Wildlife and People and a place of education, conservation and tourism. Situated on 45 hectares, people can enjoy numerous activities from dipnetting, feeding sessions, walking trails, canoeing, café and much more. Over 250 wildlife species can be discovered on site including birds, ducks, tortoises and frogs and is ideally located only 10 minutes from Newcastle and 1 ½ hours from Sydney.

The Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia is a Ramsar Wetland – a wetland of international significance.

Key facts and figures:

- Spotlight prowl program suspended till Spring
- New school holiday program starts July
- Full day programs include all meals for kids
- Variety of activities
- Hansel & Gretel holiday theatre



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Spotlight Prowl Events Suspended while New School Holiday Program steams ahead.

The Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia has taken its Spotlight Prowl activity off their Winter program and plans to return the event in Spring when evening animal activity returns.

“We have made the decision to suspend the event in the interest of making sure people are experiencing what we are promoting and unfortunately there aren’t enough prominent animals at this time of year at night to keep going right through the winter months” says Anna Ryan, Ecotourism Manager. The Spotlight Prowl is usually held the third Saturday of every month at sunset. The Wetlands Centre expects to continue run activities again starting in September.

The Hunter Wetlands Centre still has many great winter activities on the go. Not the least a new and varied school holiday program that is a great help for parents during the holidays. “We have extended the program to cover the full day from 8.30 – 4.30pm and to make it even easier for parents to get out the door in the morning we have included morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch in the price” says Anna Ryan.

The daily activities are varied and aimed at something for everyone; they cover art programs, kindly run with the help of Newcastle University; an adventure day; and suburban hero day where kids enjoy hands on experience of learning about the environment & looking after wetlands in the morning and canoeing in the afternoon. One of our most popular days will be a photography day which is run by the Hunter Region School of Photography on site. All these activities are aimed at 7 – 12yr olds but there is also a separate program of half day activities for the younger 4 – 7yr olds.

If parents feel like joining their kids on their wetland adventure there is always the ever popular Shakespeare et al school holiday theatre. They return these holidays with the wonderful Hansel & Gretel.

There is no better time to enjoy the site than on the fine winter days we’ve been experiencing lately. There is always something to do – dipnetting, canoeing, orienteering, breakfast with the birds or bring your bike and cycle the various tracks on the site.

For more details and bookings please contact Rae Nelson, Activities officer on 4951 6466 or go to www.wetlands.org.au

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