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## Media Release

# Healthy Rivers Dubbo to Host World Wetlands Day Nature Challenge

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Healthy Rivers Dubbo, a leading local community group dedicated to the protection of the region's waterways, will host a "Nature Challenge" at Devils Hole Reserve on Monday, 2 February 2026, to celebrate World Wetlands Day. The event, starting at 6:30 PM, will educate the community about the critical importance of local wetlands and the unique wildlife they support.

Participants in the World Wetlands Day Nature Challenge will embark on a guided walk through Devils Hole Reserve, one of Dubbo's "lost wetlands". The walk will focus on identifying the diverse species that inhabit the reserve and highlighting the environmental challenges facing the Macquarie/Wambuul River and its wetlands. The event aims to raise awareness of the "lost wetlands" of Dubbo and inspire community action to protect the remaining natural treasures.

"Our wetlands are vital for the health of our rivers and the survival of countless species," said Di Clifford, Healthy Rivers Dubbo member.

"This World Wetlands Day, we want to connect our community with the beautiful natural environment in our own backyard and empower people to become advocates for wetland protection. We will be looking at the species that have been lost, and those that are still hanging on, and what we can do to help them." said Ms Clifford.

Healthy Rivers Dubbo has been a vocal advocate for the protection of the Macquarie/Wambuul River and its ecosystems, campaigning against

projects that threaten the health of the river and its wetlands. The group's work is focused on ensuring the long-term sustainability of the region's water resources for the benefit of both the environment and the community.

**Event Details:**

What	World Wetlands Day Nature Challenge
When	Monday, 2 February 2026, 6:30 PM AEDT
Where	Devils Hole Reserve, Dubbo, NSW
Who	Hosted by Healthy Rivers Dubbo
Cost	Free

**About Healthy Rivers Dubbo:**

Healthy Rivers Dubbo is a grassroots community group dedicated to providing a strong voice for the local rivers, aquifers, and wetlands of the Macquarie/Wambuul catchment. The group advocates for the protection of environmental water flows and the conservation of native species.

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Speakers available for comment on request

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