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Wetlands swamped with interest

The 15th annual WA Wetland Management Conference will be held on Friday 1 February.

The event, which marks World Wetlands Day and is the largest of its kind in Australia, will be held at the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre in Bibra Lake. The program will feature a combination of keynote presentations, workshop sessions and a public forum on wetland policy. The conference will attract considerable attention with Professor Jenny Davis from Charles Darwin University, Professor Pierre Horwitz from Edith Cowan University and Louise Duff from the World Wetland Network attending.

This year's conference is expected to attract more than 180 delegates and include more than 20 speakers who will cover themes ranging from wetland ecology to wetland management and wetland policy.

This year's conference follows the Ramsar theme for 2019 of "Wetlands and Climate Change". The theme recognises the important role of wetlands as a natural solution to climate change.

Speakers will include Kevin McLeod from the Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park, and Dr Jane Chambers from Murdoch University who will talk about an exciting new initiative called NatureLink Perth to enable an agreed coordinated approach to integrate nature into the city plus a range of workshops on healthy wetland buffers and community participation in wetland environments.

Conference organiser and Wetlands Officer, Denise Crosbie, said that: "This Conference is always a popular occasion for 'wetlanders' from all sectors to meet and celebrate World Wetlands Day to share ideas about how best to manage and conserve wetlands."

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