

# Wetlands



A combined recreational and stormwater capture facility developed by the Whyalla Council, the wetlands include almost 7 hectares of artificial lakes fed by a combination of underground seepage and stormwater runoff. Water from the lakes is utilised by many species of aquatic plants, animals and birds.

The Wetlands are based on the remaining 24.8 hectares of the original aerodrome, which operated on this site until 1951.

Birdlife not usually seen in Whyalla is being attracted with many species now breeding and raising their young there. Sightings have included reed warbler, native hen, various species of duck, herons, cormorants, ibis, pelicans, red necked avocet and ravens - to name a few. Small native fish (hardyheads from the Flinders Ranges) have been introduced to establish a balanced ecosystem. The Wetlands Walk is part of Whyalla Heritage Trailways, and as such interpretive signs are interspersed throughout the wetlands.

In recent years the Wetlands were named **Jim Pollock Whyalla Wetlands** after who was elected to council in 1997 before rising to Deputy Mayor and then serving as Whyalla's Mayor from 2003-2016.

