



Wheezer
the lungfish
says, "Save the
Mary River!"

Dam the Mary River? Save the Mary River!

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Save the Mary River upcoming events

September 3, 10, 17, 24

Save the Mary September:

A familiar slogan used by the campaigners is: "We need the Mary – not another Murray!"

The timeline on every Monday this month:

Sept 3 - Lights on day - drive with your lights on for Mary (but please remember to turn them off when you park!);

Sept 10 - Tie a balloon day - tie balloons on your fences, gates and posts around town and even write "no dam" slogans or "FUBT" (Farmers United Beyond Traveston) on them (but please remember not to litter and pick them up the next day!);

Sept 17 - Wear gold day – any way you can - a gold shirt, a gold ribbon, jewellery ... wear it, put it on your car, whatever!

Sept 24 - Jackpot day – do all of the above! Contact John Porter on 5447 6981.

September 3-6

Riversymposium conference @ Brisbane

Contact Zela Bissett (presenting a paper) on 0439 130537, Steve Burgess and Glenda Pickersgill (presenting a poster each).

September 7

Threatened Species Day

Proposed parade of people in "threatened species" costumes in Mary Street, Gympie. Contact Glenda Pickersgill on 0411 443589.

September 10

Community BYO barbecue at the Kandanga sports oval:

Two representatives – one each from the European Rivers Network and the International Rivers Network - plus Wayne Cameron (Bulimba Ck catchment committee) visit the Mary River on Sept 8-9 and will mingle with locals at the barbecue.

They are here to research the Save the Mary River submission - the only Australian issue to win a place at the international Expo Zaragoza 2008 to be held in Spain.

Past expos have produced icons like the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

This year's expo has a theme of "Water and Sustainable Development" and runs for three months from June.

The Spanish-based Foundation for a New Water Culture (FNCA) invited international NGOs to participate in a multi-media exhibit entitled "Homage to the Affected of Water Policies", which will form the centrepiece of the Pavilion of Citizens Initiatives. The project "Mary River Catchment – Traveston Dam Proposal" is among with 21 international case studies.

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September 17

Annual general meeting for Save the Mary River Coordinating Group

Positions of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer etc vacated. Contact John Porter on 5447 6981.

October 6

Kandanga 1000

Second annual protest for horse enthusiasts in support of the Mary River which could attract 1000 riders. The 18km trail ride will be followed by a campover, bush tucker and concert. Contact Lyndall Ensbey on 0427 167329.

October 7

Twitching with Mary

Bird observers join the fight to Save the Mary, to raise awareness of the present rich bio-diversity of the Mary River and the birds the proposed dam would affect. Landholders being sought to participate - from the Conondales to the sea – on October 7 from 6am-6pm. Email greenlinnet@cooloola.net or phone Dawn Forrer on 5485 2836.

October 13

Bush dance @ Ridgewood Hall

Billy T Bush Band is on stage to raise money for Save the Mary River campaign. Contact Victor & Helga Hill on 5447 9288.

November 9-11

Australian Water Association regional conference @ Sunshine Coast

Contact Tanzi Smith (presenting a paper) on 0405 848965.

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