



# Baycare News

The voice for an environmental network of SE Qld Community Organisations

**"2010 – International Year of Biodiversity"**

## **Moreton Bay Biodiversity Progress on Reducing the loss of Biodiversity**

### **"THE JABIRU "**

This is my story about an Australian black-necked stork, also known as a Jabiru, that was found in distress on the small beach near the children's playground at Wynnum. It was reported to the Pelican & Seabird Rescue organisation by the RSPCA on June 1st 2010

(In addition there was an anxious local lady who explained she had seen this extraordinary injured or sick bird on the beach the day before, but found it difficult to obtain any assistance)

This large bird with a very sharp beak was quickly identified as being unable to fly, having a very poor body condition and requiring medical attention A.S.A.P.

"What is a Jabiru doing at Wynnum? They prefer the waterways and wetlands I thought"

The bird was quickly cared for by the rescue team and transported to the Australian Wild Life Hospital at Beerwah.

After a few days of treatment the Jabiru was well enough to be transferred to the Pelican & Seabird Rehab & Refuge Facility down the road. The Jabiru recovered rapidly in their care and was so happy he displayed his appreciation by a kind of bird noise, jumping up and down and flapping his wings at feeding time. After a few more days loafing around the pools and grounds, on the 18th of July, to the carers surprise, the Jabiru returned to the wild unaided.

(I like to believe he waved good-bye!)

*Mary Patchett*

### **News from Berrinba Wetlands**

In the last *Baycare News* it was reported that there appeared a problem with the health of birds around the Berrinba Wetlands area. We are pleased to advise that talks between various groups and officers from Logan City Council have been held and progress has been made. As is usual, resources are stretched but hopefully progress can be made so as to ensure our important natural areas and species are looked after as best we can.