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Sustaining coordinated species-level actions to recover Murray Hardyhead

With funding from the Australian Governments [Saving Native Species Program](#), Nature Glenelg Trust and Millewa Pumping are pleased to launch a project to conserve one of Australia's most threatened native fish, the Murray Hardyhead.



Murray Hardyhead – small but special! *(photo Michael Hammer)*

With a knack for tolerating salinity levels twice as high as the ocean, Murray hardyhead flourished in Murray-Darling wetlands which became saline between floods. Unfortunately, due to the impacts of human water use and pest fish, they persist in just a hand-full of wetlands in South Australia, NSW and Victoria. This projects key objectives are to:

1. determine the viability of known wild populations,
2. develop back up strategies in case of emergency, and
3. create opportunities for reintroductions into suitable habitats

This project involves numerous private, government and Traditional Owner partner entities from NSW, Victoria and South Australia, and is supported by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office, and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder.

Project partners:

Nature Glenelg Trust, Millewa Pumping Company, NSW DPI Fisheries, South Australia Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board, North Central Catchment Management Authority, Mallee Catchment Management Authority, the Murray-Darling Wetlands Working Group, the Hazel L Henry - Farmland Nature Refuges, Nature Foundation S.A, NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Biodiversity Conservation and Science, and the Victorian Fisheries Authority. Contributing Traditional Owner groups include the First People of the Millewa-Mallee Aboriginal Corporation, the Barkandji Native Title Group Aboriginal Corporation, Barkindji Maraura Elders Environment Team, Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation, and the River Murray & Mallee Aboriginal Corporation.

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