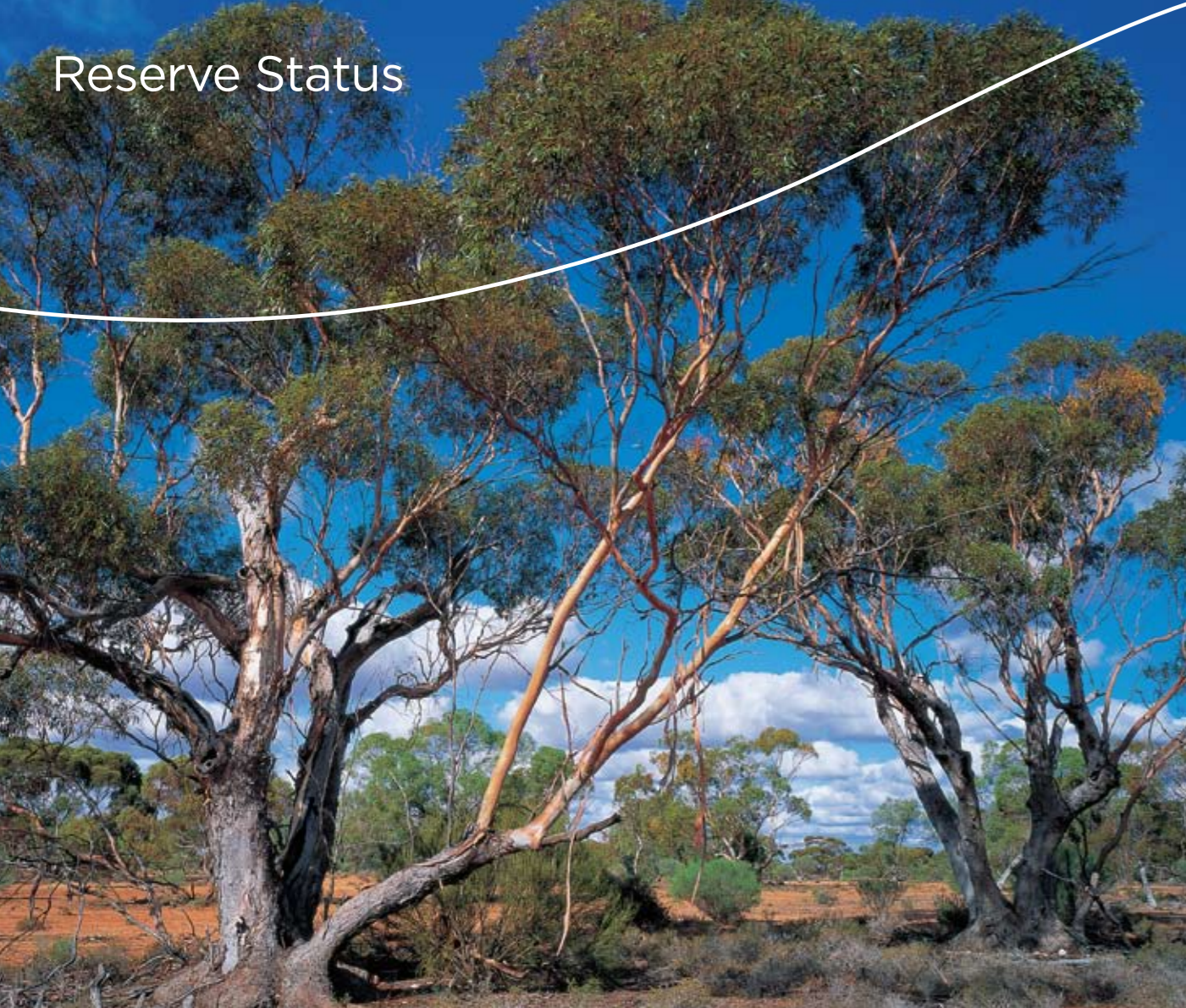


## Reserve Status



Gluepot Reserve is part of the largest block of intact mallee left in eastern Australia and thus the viability of populations of threatened species is high. The Reserve is listed on the Register of the National Estate, and is part of Australia's National Reserve System and the Riverland Biosphere Reserve. Gluepot Reserve is also the largest area of land covered by a Heritage Agreement in South Australia. The Reserve obtained additional protection in 2004 under the Commonwealth EPBC Act, as 'critical habitat'.

## Reserve Closure

BirdLife Australia, through its Management Committee and Rangers, reserves the right to close Gluepot Reserve and to require visitors to leave if their safety is threatened (eg on days of extreme fire danger). Parts of the Reserve may be closed during feral animal control programs. The Ranger may close the Reserve's roads after heavy rain.

## Guided Tours

Guided tours of Gluepot are provided by highly experienced members of the Reserve for a reasonable fee. Bookings are required well in advance of your arrival.

## Courses

The Reserve offers 13 environmental education courses and workshops annually. The courses are of 2-3 days duration and are led by experienced facilitators. Most participants of these courses camp at the Reserve.

## Environmental Education Centre

The Environmental Education Centre is also available for hire for meetings and seminars. The Centre is equipped with the latest audio-visual equipment. Please contact Reserve Rangers for details.

## Contact Reserve Rangers

PO Box 345, Waikerie SA 5330 ABN 75 149 124 774  
Telephone/Facsimile: (08) 8892 8600  
Email: [gluepotreserve@bigpond.com](mailto:gluepotreserve@bigpond.com)  
For further information on the Reserve visit the Website at: [www.gluepot.org](http://www.gluepot.org)

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## Accreditations and Memberships



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## Awards

**Birdlife International** - 'Birdlife Conservation Achievement Award' Winner 1999  
**National Bank** - 'Environment, Conservation, Heritage & Animal Welfare' SA Winner Community Link Award 2000 and State & National Winner 2003 National Volunteer Awards  
**Landcare Australia** - Winner 'SA Bushcare Nature Conservation Awards' 2001, 2003, 2005 & 2006. 'Alcoa Landcare Community Group Award' 2005  
**South Australian Tourism Awards** - 'Ecotourism Award' Winner 2002, 2004, Silver Medalist 2006, Highly Commended 2003. 'Sustainable Tourism' Winner 2005, Silver Medalist 2006, 'Qantas Award for Excellence in Sustainable Tourism' Silver Medalist 2008.  
**SA Great** - 'Science & Environment Award' Winner 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006. 'Hall of Fame - Excellence in Regional Leadership' 2010  
**Civic Trust of South Australia Inc** - 'An Outstanding Contribution to Civic Awareness' Award 2002  
**Riverland Tourism Association** - 'Tourist Attraction' Winner 2003  
**Banksia Environmental Awards** - 'Environmental Leadership in the Community' Winner 2003  
**United Nations World Environment Day Awards** - 'Best Community Based Environmental Project or Initiative' Winner 2003  
**River Murray Catchment Environmental Awards** - 'Improving the Quality of the Environment & Water Quality' and 'Sustainable Recreation Award' Winner 2003. Winner of three Environmental Awards in 2006  
**Heart Foundation Kellog Local Government Awards** - Highly Commended, 'Project by a Community Organisation' 2003  
**KESAB Tidy Towns Awards** - 'Environmental Action & Education' Winner 2003  
**Year of the Built Environment - EXEMPLARS Program - National Awards** - 'Towards Sustainable Communities' Winner 2004  
**Friends of Parks Forum Awards** - 'Best Biodiversity Project' & 'Best Landcare Project' Winner 2004  
**Premier's Natural Resources Management Award** - 'Outstanding Integrated Volunteer Project' Winner 2007  
**Community Achievement Awards** - 'Environment and Sustainability' Finalist 2010



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BirdLife Australia is dedicated to achieving outstanding conservation results for our native birds and their habitats. With our specialised knowledge and the commitment of an Australia-wide network of volunteers and supporters, we are creating a bright future for Australia's birds.

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## Location

BirdLife Australia Gluepot Reserve (54,390 ha) is 64km north of Waikerie and the Murray River in South Australia's Riverland district. It is open to visitors throughout the year.



## Wildlife

**Gluepot Reserve is a bird watcher's paradise. Black-eared Miners, Red-lored Whistlers, Scarlet-chested Parrots and Malleefowl, are among the 18 nationally threatened species which can be seen there regularly. Over 190 species of birds have been recorded on Gluepot Reserve.**

The diversity of vegetation communities also support a wide variety of other wildlife. To date 53 species of reptile and 12 of bats have been recorded; some are nationally threatened. Initial surveys have revealed 264 plant species with 12% of them having a conservation rating in the Murray Mallee. Many of the trees are hundreds of years old with numerous hollows.

**There are few areas of the world that support such a concentration of threatened species.**



## Objectives

Birds Australia (now BirdLife Australia) purchased Gluepot Station in 1997. By successfully combining the elements of biodiversity conservation through land management, scientific research and monitoring, environmental education and sustainable ecotourism, Gluepot Reserve has taken conservation management into a new era. The Reserve is providing an international model to show that sustainable use of the landscape is both feasible and desirable. A highly successful program of this size and complexity is unique in Australian land management.

## For Visitors

The Reserve has an excellent, well-marked track system. Tracks are suitable for 2 WD vehicles and mountain bikes.

Three camping grounds provide well-spaced sites that are suitable for tents, caravans and vehicles.

14 marked walking trails lead the visitor through the variety of mallee and casuarina woodlands. Five elevated bird hides overlooking bird watering troughs have been established. Detailed maps, walking trail brochures, and lists of birds, animals and plants can be obtained from the Reserve Visitor Centre.

Visitors are encouraged to participate in research and monitoring projects being conducted at the Reserve. Volunteer Rangers are permanently on site and are happy to provide any further information.



## Important Visitor Information

**Visitors should aim to be self-sufficient. Before driving into BirdLife Australia Gluepot Reserve you will need:**

**Travel:** The drive from Waikerie to the Gluepot Homestead takes 1¼ hours. The Gluepot road commences at the corner of Lunn Road and is signposted all the way to the Homestead.

**Water:** Bring sufficient water to cover drinking, cooking and washing needs. Water is a scarce resource at Gluepot Reserve.

**Cooking & Lighting:** Only gas fires may be used. Gas bottles can be filled at Waikerie. Use gas or kerosene lamps. Take spare batteries for torches.

**Please Note:** Wood fires are **NOT** permitted at any time.

**Fuel:** Vehicle fuel is available at Waikerie. Fuel is **NOT** available at Gluepot Reserve.

**Food:** Fruit fly control programs prevent fresh fruit and vegetables being carried into the Riverland district. These food items may be purchased from Riverland towns such as Renmark, Waikerie or Morgan.

**Garbage Bags:** Visitors must remove their own rubbish from the Reserve.

**Equipment:** Bring binoculars, field guides, camera, notebook, compass, GPS and vehicle spares. Bring a puncture repair kit for bikes.

**Protective Clothing:** Hats, sun-screen and sturdy footwear are important. Summer days can be over 40°C and winter nights can be below 0°C. Plan your clothing needs according to the season.

**Please Note:** Firearms and pets are **NOT** permitted on the Reserve.



## Entry and Camping Fees

For current fees for Day Visitors, Campers and Commercial Tours, please refer to our website at: [www.gluepot.org](http://www.gluepot.org)

## Donations

The donations received from visitors, campers and supporters are vital for managing Gluepot Reserve effectively for biodiversity conservation. All workers at the Reserve are volunteers, so your donation will go undiluted to its conservation targets.

Tax-deductible donation forms and information regarding bequests are available at the Reserve Visitor Centre or by contacting the Reserve Treasurer at: PO Box 345, Waikerie SA 5330

All donations over \$150 will be acknowledged at the Environmental Education Centre.

## Climate

Average rainfall on Gluepot is very low (215mm), with most falling in summer storms. The best time to visit is between mid-March and mid-November. In summer (December to February) temperatures can climb above 40°C on some days.

