



## GLUEPOT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Birds Australia Gluepot Reserve Five Year Management and Monitoring Plan and Business Plan were completed two years after the Reserve was purchased, and published by Birds Australia in September 2000. The second Plan of Management, for the years 2004 to 2008 was completed in August 2004. The third Plan of Management, (that covers the next 10 years), was completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2008. The Management Committee is presently working on the 2019 – 2029 Plan and this will include a 'Conservation Action Plan (CAP). These plans provide a blueprint for management actions and future work on the reserve and are a guide for other organisations purchasing reserves of a similar size and operating budget.

The management philosophy at Gluepot Reserve is summed up in the following management objectives that are to:

- Effectively manage a large, internationally significant protected area for biodiversity conservation and enhancement, as an addition to Australia's National Reserve System;
- Involve community volunteers and visitors meaningfully in all aspects of the Reserve's work;
- Develop and implement high quality management, monitoring and business plans;
- Implement and monitor management actions aimed at improving the quality of native vegetation and enhancing populations of threatened species;
- Reduce the threats from wildfire, feral animals and weeds;
- Initiate and support high quality research and monitoring projects, particularly on threatened species and climate change;
- Operate within guidelines for areas listed under Heritage Agreements, the National Reserve Program, the EPBC Act and objectives under IUCN protected area category IV;
- Contribute as a Land Partner to the Riverland Biosphere Reserve program;
- Increase public awareness of measures to conserve biodiversity through on-site education programs and by involving volunteers and visitors in all aspects of the Reserve's programs including funding;
- Develop a highly successful, financially independent program that will be a model for other community groups with small operating budgets (approximately \$80 - 100,000 per year).