



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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General Info.

MILANG REGATTA CLUB SEASON OPENING

The Milang Regatta Club will be open for business this October long weekend (see calendar below). Club opens at 11.00am for lunch and dinner is from 6.30pm. Adults \$12.00 and children \$6.00. Bookings are essential by adding your names to the board out the front of the Club.

BT Financial roll up their sleeves as volunteer planters



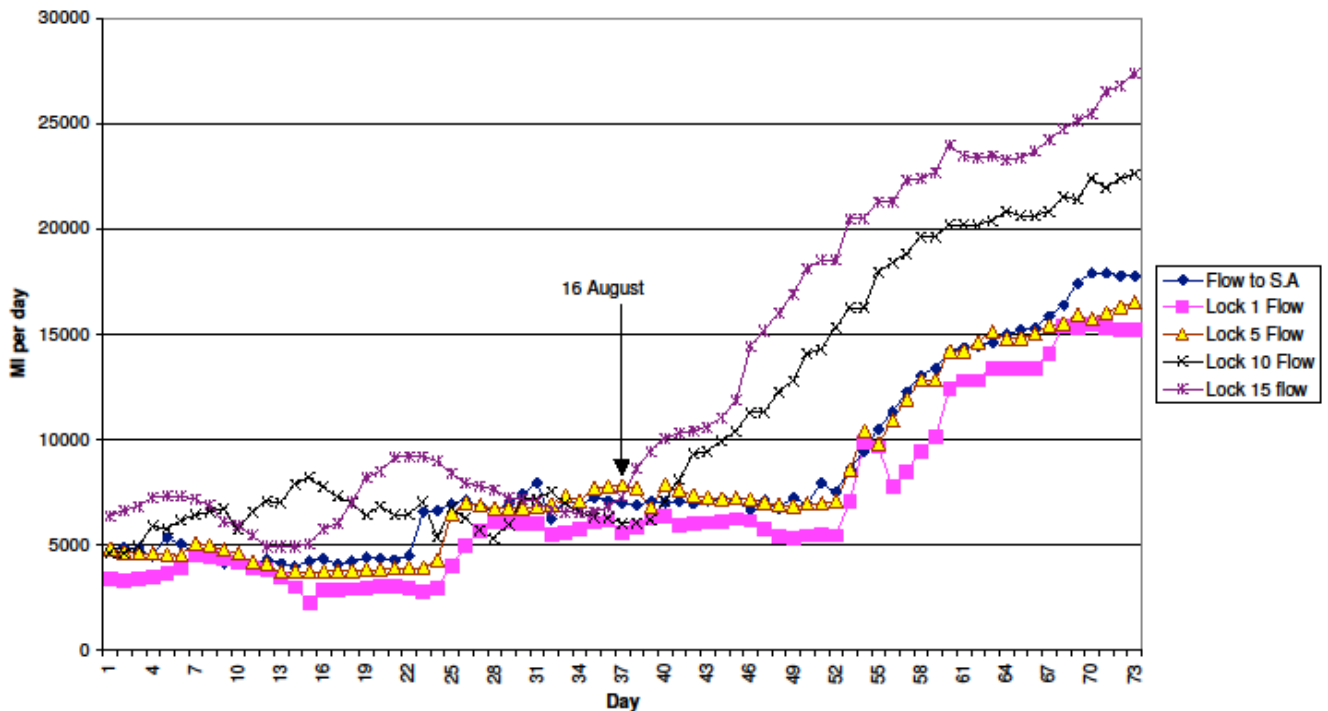
A small volunteer team from BT Financial in Adelaide braved the cold on Friday 17th September 2010 to help plant over 800 seedlings on a revegetation site 5kms south of Milang. They worked tirelessly yet happily all day and their efforts were very much appreciated.

Rapid increase - water levels in the River Murray

The following graph shows water levels in the River Murray from July 10 to September 20th. Note the rapid increase at Lock 10 Wentworth and Lock 15 Euston on August 16 and the increase flow to SA about 15 days later. With a corresponding increase over lock 1 ie into the Lake this clearly shows the effect of rainfall and the Vic floods.

This information was extracted from the web site below and kindly submitted by John Yelland of Point Sturt.
<http://www.riverland.net.au/~heinz/mdbcrep.htm>

River Flows from 10 July to 20 September



The Nankeen Knight Herons return

These birds are not rare in our area and common in fairly big mobs up river. Quite a few people here had reported seeing one but I never had seen one here. Some locals had seen them more than ten times in Nov 2008.

Below is a picture of a Nankeen Night Heron at the Clayton public jetty 24th September 2010.

It is in breeding plumage: note the distinctive head plume and the lack of scaly pattern on the wing as well as lack of striation on the breast.

Submitted by a local Clayton resident thanks Con. For larger images visit the website www.lakeshub.com



The Lakes Hub at Milang welcomes Federal and State Ministers.

Last Tuesday (21.09.2010) the Lakes Hub at Milang was the venue for a meeting of Federal and State water ministers and invited guests to discuss current and future issues regarding the Lower Lakes.



Kym McHugh –Alexandrina Council Mayor, The Hon. Tony Burke MP- Federal Minister for Water and Hon. Don Farrell MP with Lou Mawson – Lakes Hub Coordinator at Milang.

The new Federal Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Tony Burke, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Don Farrell, convened the meeting and spoke with a gallery of environmental professionals including -:

Hon. Paul Caica MP – SA Minister for Environment and Conservation, SA Minister for the River Murray and SA Minister for Water.

Tony Slatyer – Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

Russell Seaman – Environmental Science Project Development Manager for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Coorong, Lower Lakes, Murray Mouth project.

Andrew Beal – Director of Murray Operations, Department of Water.

Also District Council Mayors, Ngarrindjeri representatives and community representatives.

Whilst Minister Burke and his entourage from Canberra needed to fly out shortly after lunch, Minister Caica spent the day in the region visiting areas around Lake Alexandrina and Lake Albert before addressing the local community at an evening meeting in Milang.

Some 90 people gathered to listen to Minister Caica deliver an update on the current River Murray inflows and implications for river structures. Much to the pleasant surprise of the gallery, Minister Caica announced that a 135-metre section of the Clayton regulator will be removed with an anticipated commencement date of Wednesday 29th September.

This good news follows the breaching of the Narrung Bund only days before which has enabled the water to flow again from Lake Alexandrina through the narrows to Lake Albert, creating an enormous sense of relief within lakeside communities.

Last week's media

Hold curser over the heading then hold down the control key and click to see the link.

[Water runneth over into Lower Lakes](#)

Adelaidenow

Picture: SARAH REED Source: AdelaideNow WATER is flowing between the **Lower Lakes** for the first time in more than two years after the Narrung embankment ...

[Murray boost doing little to help Coorong](#)

ABC Online

Floodwaters flowing down the Murray into South Australia's **lower lakes** are expected to do little for the drought-affected Coorong wetlands. ...

[Murray has more inflow in a week than all 2006-07](#)

Country News

Despite the uncertainty of flow forecasts in the lower Murray, it is clear the **Lower Lakes** will fill, allowing the first significant releases through the ...

[Unrestricted boat lockages at Goolwa baraggas](#) Monday, 20 September 2010

Minister for the River Murray Paul Caica said unrestricted boat lockages at the Goolwa and Tauwitchere Barrages will be possible from today as a result of rising water levels.

[Read more](#)

[Another boost for lower Murray flows](#)

ABC Online

The South Australian Government has been advised by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority water flows to the **Lower Lakes** can be sustained above sea level for ...

[Water Minister reassures irrigators ahead of cuts](#)

ABC Online

ELEANOR HALL: The Federal Water Minister Tony Burke toured South Australia's **Lower Lakes** today to reassure farmers who are worried about their irrigation ...

[YouTube - Lower Murray on the improve](#)

More water in SA's **Lower Lakes** region at the Murray mouth means the days of a water regulator at Clayton may be numbered. ...

[Water brings new life to Lower Lakes](#)

Adelaide Independent Weekly

Water is rejuvenating the **Lower Lakes** but future management of the fragile River Murray system remains under a cloud. Last Sunday the Narrung bund, ...

[Floodwaters bring kiss of life to Lower Lakes](#)

Adelaidenow

We take a look at how much the **Lower Lakes** have changed from the best point of view, the air. **RISING** River Murray levels are pumping new life into South ...

DAILY RECORDINGS – RIVER MURRAY DATA

Data received from <http://e-nrims.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/Telemetry/Default.aspx?App=RMW>

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
20	Clayton Bay Beacon 65	0.773	7.75	7249
21		0.756	7.63	7712
22		0.740	7.67	8099
23		0.728	7.59	7933
24		0.713	7.84	7078
	Average	0.742	7.70	7614
20	Milang 7km SE	0.637	7.9	3331
21		0.638	7.75	3661
22		0.631	8.05	3462
23		0.625	7.78	3317
24		0.599	7.72	3304
	Average	0.626	7.84	3415
20	Hindmarsh Is. Beacon 23	0.759	8.61	9468
21		0.758	8.58	9488
22		0.746	8.52	9285
23		0.715	8.61	8944
24		0.709	8.42	9013
	Average	0.745	8.54	9296
20	Warringie Point Lake Albert	-0.341	8.97	12476
21		-0.218	9.11	12442
22		-0.109	9.17	12493
23		-0.007	8.94	12562
24		0.081	9.04	12609
	Average	-0.119	9.05	12516

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – for more info. contact the Lakes Hub

SEPTEMBER 2010

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3	Opening Milang Adult Learning Centre 4.00pm 85 370 687
4	River, Lakes & Coorong Action Group AGM 11.00am Clayton Community Hall RSVP Brian Griffin 85370231
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6	6-13 Landcare week more info at http://svc009.wic050p.server-web.com/?page_id=269
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15	Info. night – Gemini Downs – The southern lagoon pumping project & the environmental management of the upper south east drainage project – more info at www.lakeshub.com
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20	Narrung Bund – commence breach 20-24 th National Coastal Management Conference – Adelaide Convention Centre
21	Hon. Tony Burke MP meeting at Lakes Hub with ministers etc Hon. Paul Caica MP – address to the community at Milang Adult Learning Centre – 7.00pm
22	Flinders Uni -environmental students (40) visit to the Hub & Lower Lakes
23	Bridal Creeper Field Day – meet at Meningie Sailing Club 10.30. More info. at www.lakeshub.com
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25	Murray Bridge Show – visit the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Projects team at the Murray Bridge showgrounds to find out more about plans to secure a sustainable healthy future for the region
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29	Clayton Regulator – commence partial removal.
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OCTOBER

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2	Milang Regatta Club season opening – meals available
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4	Strathalbyn Show – visit the DENR & Lakes Hub site
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8	Guide to draft Basin Plan release
9	Pt Elliot Show – visit the DENR & Lakes Hub site
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17	Meadows Show – visit the DENR & Lakes Hub site National Water week 17 – 23 rd .
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25	Kanmantoo – Callington Landcare AGM and speaker Dr Michael Hammer on the native fish in our local area.
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If you have any community event or courses that you would like added to the **Calendar of Events**

please contact the Lakes Hub.