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### **COMMUNITY HUB FOR MENINGIE**

Meningie and communities around Lake Albert have a new point of contact for information about recovery work underway in the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth region.

Following the success of the Lakes Hub in Milang, a second community information hub has been established at Meningie as part of the Gillard Government's \$10 million Lower Lakes Bioremediation and Revegetation initiative.

Environment and Conservation Minister Paul Caica said the hub will be a central contact point for community members seeking more information about the projects underway in the region.

"The first Lakes Hub in Milang was launched last December and has been a popular drop-in centre for locals and tourists looking for information about the work that's being done to ensure the CLLMM region has a sustainable future," he said.

"The Milang Hub has also been at the forefront of organising community involvement in important planting and vegetation projects aimed at tackling serious issues such as acidification.

"A significant focus of recovery work in the CLLMM region is Lake Albert, so establishing a community information hub at Meningie has been a priority for the Federal and State Governments.

"And as the new hub's co-ordinator has been appointed from the local community, the establishment of this office is also an important investment for local jobs and the local economy."

The Meningie hub's Information and Administration Officer Andrew Dawes said it will operate along very similar lines to the Milang Hub.

"The Meningie office will provide the local community with access to a wide range of information about the recovery projects underway around Lake Albert, as well as providing advice and assistance for locals looking to become directly involved in some of those projects," he said.

"Meningie and Lake Albert communities have been hit hard in recent years by the impacts of drought and record low inflows, so having a direct point of contact for information is an important step in helping the community to recover."