



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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The Lakes Hub is part of the Lower Lakes Bioremediation and Revegetation Project funded by the Australian Government and supported by the South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

General Info.

\$50,000 AWARD WILL BENEFIT TURTLES

Three years of hard work on the Save the Turtles project was recognised as Milang Campus was awarded a Schools First Impact Award in partnership with the Milang Old School House Community Centre recently. A cheque for \$50,000 accompanied the award that was presented to only 4 other schools in the state.



Impact awards are presented to schools that develop a partnership with a community organisation to address an identified need and provide meaningful outcomes for students in the process. The Save the Turtles project certainly achieved these objectives. The innocence of the turtles in trouble became the representation of a community doing it tough in uncertain times. The project brought a community together towards a common goal and raised peoples' spirits, as they went about spreading the news of the dire state of the water situation.

Caption: Paul Jude (Milang Campus Coordinator), Karyn Bradford (MOSHCC Coordinator) and Caitlyn Evans (Milang Campus student) accept the Schools First cheque from NAB's Strathalbyn branch manager Kerry McDonald.

The project has expanded and taken a different direction recently. A turtle shed has been constructed to display not only turtles, but also some native fish and other wildlife unique to the area. To set up this educational resource, campus staff have worked with representatives from the Murray Darling Basin Authority, SA Native Fish Strategy and DENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources).

MENINGIE'S WELCOME BACK THE WATER CELEBRATIONS

Meningie is putting on a two day show to welcome back the water on November 27th & 28th. Entertainment will include a live band, canoe rides, BBQ lunch, Ngarrindjeri smoking ceremony, official opening of the Lakes Hub – Meningie, golf, food & wine etc.

See the Lakes Hub web site for open invitations. www.lakeshub.com



This initiative is managed by the Milang & District Community Assoc Incorporated and is part of the Lower Lakes Bioremediation and Revegetation Project funded by the Australian Government and supported by the South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Please join us for the Official Launch:

LAKES HUB MENINGIE OFFICE
by
Mayor of Coorong District Council
Saturday 27th November 2010
3.00 pm
79 Princes Highway
Meningie SA 5256
To be followed by afternoon tea



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LAKES HUB MENINGIE up and floating although not yet officially opened.

Work establishing another Lakes Hub office in Meningie is almost complete with the official opening scheduled for 3.00pm on Saturday the 27th November during the 'Welcome Back the Water' weekend. **See the invitation above.**

Already there has been a lot of activity at the new premises with meetings booked and visits by Government and community.

The first meeting held at the Meningie Hub was on Wednesday 10th of November where representatives of the Coorong District Council, Lower Lakes & Coorong Infrastructure Committee and Meningie Progress Association met with the Hon. Dean Brown, Nick Drivas (manager for the Regions of SA Tourist Commission) and Paul Mullen (Regional Tourism Manager for Limestone Coast Tourism).

Following a short trip to Parnka Point returning to Meningie via the Seven Mile Rd a meeting was held in the new Lakes Hub office where plans were discussed to ensure the sustainability of the Coorong, Lake Albert and the Lake Alexandrina area.

A further meeting is scheduled prior to Christmas with local businesses and Government officials to develop and economic plan for the area.

Pictured is Andrew Dawes- Lakes Hub Meningie Info. & Admin officer, outside the new Hub premises (signage to come). The Lakes Hub- Meningie is part of the Lower Lakes Bioremediation and Revegetation Project funded by the Australian Government and supported by the SA Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR).



2010 South Australian of the Year Awards - Ngarrindjeri Elders win Environment Award

Ten inspirational individuals, groups and organisations were awarded with 2010 South Australian of the Year category Awards at a special ceremony at the Adelaide Town Hall on Thursday 11 November.

Winners were recognised in the categories of Arts, Business, Community, Education, Environment, Health, Tourism, Science and Sport and were presented with their awards by The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Michael Harbison.

The Lakes Hub sincerely congratulates the Ngarrindjeri Elders as winners of the 2010 South Australian of the Year - Environment Award.

The Ngarrindjeri Nation includes 18 tribes (Lakinyerar) who are the traditional owners and custodians of the Lower Murray, eastern Fleurieu Peninsula and the Coorong and Lower Lakes. The Ngarrindjeri Elders are working closely with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to put in place the emergency works and planning for the future of the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth. Over the past year, Ngarrindjeri have been actively participating in the bioremediation and revegetation around the Lower Lakes. The Ngarrindjeri Elders are supporting and mentoring a number of young Ngarrindjeri to take active leadership roles in caring for country.



Totally Wild TV program are doing a story on the Cleland Turtle exhibit and it will be airing on Monday 22nd of November at 8.00am

Vessel access past the Goolwa Channel regulator

Boat operators are now able to navigate between the Goolwa Channel and Lake Alexandrina past the partially removed regulator, near Clayton.

The vessel exclusion zone has been modified to allow boat passage past the regulator.

The decision to allow vessels through the area was made after a bathymetric survey was undertaken to identify the depth of water in the vicinity of the regulator.

The Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure's Marine Safety Section has also been consulted.

All vessels in the area must observe the navigation markers and not exceed 4 knots. Boat operators should be aware of the possibility of varying water depths and the risk of shallow water. Vessel access through the marked area of the channel is at the operator's risk.

The Goolwa Channel regulator was constructed near Clayton in 2009 to assist in managing the risk of water body acidification in the Goolwa Channel, Finniss River and Currency Creek.

On the basis of improved River Murray flow predictions by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, a 170m section of the regulator was removed to a depth of approximately minus 1.0m AHD during September 2010.

Access onto the remaining sections of regulator is not permitted. Members of the public should be aware that there is a risk of personal injury due to uneven ground, soft sinking sand and varying water levels surrounding the regulator.

For further information about vessel passage past the regulator contact the Department for Water on (08) 8204 8554.

ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED ABOUT AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR POCKET.

From the industry respected book and desktop application 'The Australian Native Plant Guide' by Dr Peter Yau & Tim Langdon, we now have available the 'The Native Plant Guide App' for your iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch. See more information at the following web site www.nativegrowth.com.au

THE ICARECOMMUNITIES ONLINE HUB.

Environmental action for urban and rural volunteers, and for regional communities.

The *icare communities* on-line hub provides **FREE event promotion** to Volunteer Event/ Activity Managers through the Calendar of environmental/ volunteer events and activities, upcoming events feed, and marketing and promotional activities. Until December this can be found at:

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=icarecommunities@gmail.com&ctz=Australia/Adelaide&gsessionid=OK>

These events might include seed collection, community nursery work, watering, native planting, site preparation, weeding, plant and animal surveys, environmental tours talks and forums. Icarecommunities also offer assistance matching environmental event managers with volunteer groups like corporates, Scouts, University groups and others.

To have your volunteer event or environmental activity included, and to go into a draw to win a great prize, please contact Tiffany Schultz, Program Manager, River Murray Urban Users M 0417 808 419, Office 61 8 8374

1491 Natural Resource Centre 5 Fitzgerald Road, Pasadena SA 5042. Email : rmuu@chariot.net.au

They are also offering a prize for the best contribution in the form of a photo, video, Forum topic (relevant to the SA MDB) and short original article (on this topic). Prizes to be announced shortly.

[The drought breaks](#)

The Australian

Even the reservoir lake that holds the water supplies for Broken Hill is being released into the **lower lakes** to make room for more water that is on its way. ...

[About Lower Lakes and Goolwa Channel - Government of South Australia](#)

Information about the **Lower Lakes** and Goolwa Channel, the water level management project and the use of the regulators. ...

www.sa.gov.au/.../About+Lower+Lakes+and+Goolwa+Channe...

Do you know where this photo was taken from ?

ANSWER :

The lookout at Meningie overlooking Warrengie Point.
Photo taken Nov 9th 2010.



DAILY RECORDINGS – RIVER MURRAY DATA

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

Date : November 8th - November 12th 2010

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
8	Clayton Bay	0.668	8.48	2131
9		0.697	8.38	2782
10		0.682	8.44	1973
11		0.691	8.37	1975
12		0.691	8.32	1995
	Average	0.686	8.40	2171
8	Milang 7km SE	0.643	8.29	2326
9		0.647	8.50	2426
10		0.654	8.71	2538
11		0.646	8.42	2515
12		0.654	8.61	2526
	Average	0.649	8.51	2466
8	Hindmarsh Is. Beacon 23	0.621	8.49	2211
9		0.666	8.32	2149
10		0.662	8.22	2103
11		0.679	8.19	2097
12		0.683	8.03	2187
	Average	0.662	8.25	2149
8	Warrenbie Point Lake Albert	0.711	8.82	8047
9		0.701	9.09	7930
10		0.712	8.95	8064
11		0.694	8.97	7928
12		0.707	9.18	7957
	Average	0.705	9.00	7985

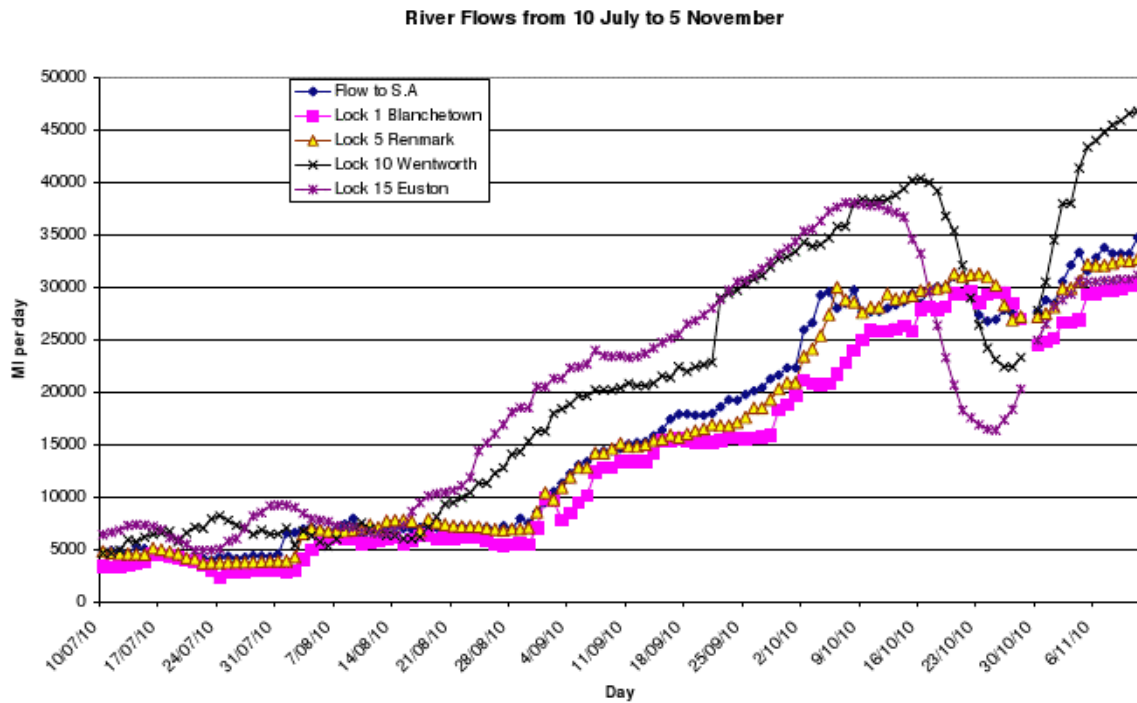
THIS WEEK'S FLOW INFO :

Wentworth is over 46gl/day.

Flow to SA is just under 35Gl/day. (The difference appears to be going into Lake Victoria.)

Other flows are rising slightly.

Thanks John.



Calendar below

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

If you have any community event or courses that you would like added to the **Calendar of Events**
please contact the Lakes Hub.

NOVEMBER 2010	
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4	Bird monitoring workshop – Hindmarsh Island 10.30 – 1.00 Contact Kerri Bartley 0428476521
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9	Signal Point Riverine Environment Group Inc. AGM Goolwa Arts Centre 7.30pm Ph 8555 0251
10	GWLAP AGM – Strathalbyn – all welcome. Please RSVP Tony Randall by Friday November 5th 2010 on 0427 917 511, or by email: tony.randall@gwlap.org.au
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13	GWLAP Native Grasses ID field workshop – Hindmarsh Island 8.45am RSVP Carole Richardson 85370808, 0419883101 carole.richardson@gwlap.org.au
14	Opening of the Milang Campus TURTLE SHED 11.00am then BBQ lunch RSVP by 7.11 to Amanda by email amanda.vivian@easternfleuriu.sa.edu.au or call 85370223 Community conversation re; the MDBA plan following the above 2.30 – 5.30 bookings 85370687 or email reception@moshcc.com.au
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16	DENR, MDBA, PIRSA, SARDI, Native fish Aust.SA. Ngarrindjeri - Native fish awareness day , Hindmarsh Island – more info and booking Gemma Cunningham 8204 9453 gemma.cunningham@sa.gov.au or the Lakes Hub Milang.
17	Native Fish Forum – Sardi aquatic Sciences 8.30 – 5.00. Bookings essential. Places limited to 100 To reserve a seat contact: Dos O’Sullivan Community Stakeholder Taskforce, Native Fish Strategy 0418 130 595 or click here at: dos@dosaqua.com.au
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20	Goolwa info. session on the MDBA Guide – Town Hall 2.00 – 4.00 Fish ‘n’ the Finniss Field Day 9.00am – 2.00pm Contact shirley@twodragonsvineyard.com.au
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24	TALKING HEADS – Clayton – local frogs and monitoring with Kate Mason – more info to follow.
25	David Paton – Adelaide Uni – free talk on the importance of env. Flows to the Coorong & Murray Mouth – see website. http://www.adelaide.edu.au/news/events/event16781.html
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27	Official opening of the Lakes Hub Meningie during welcome back the water celebrations. Welcome back the Water – Meningie – more info. to come Clayton Hall 25th anniversary. 8.00pm till late. Live band etc Bookings – Gloria Jones 85370047
28	Welcome back the Water – Meningie more info. to come
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