



WEEKLY BULLETIN

December 6th 2010

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General Info.

Meiningie was inundated with 62ml of rain over a 24 hour period last Tuesday/Wednesday. The following picture was taken from the Milang jetty looking toward Meningie and Narrung. Apparently Narrung bore the brunt of the storm with houses losing roofing and trees losing limbs.



Tuesday 7th December 2010 From Milang looking towards Meningie.

Letter regarding hazards due to increased water flows

With increased flow, locks submerged (!) and navigable passes removed, it sounds like the navigation of the river in the next few months ie; over the Christmas break, could be rather difficult, just when lots of people are interested in seeing the sights. It sounds particularly difficult for boaties from the Goolwa/Clayton end going upstream.

I have heard from friends at Waikerie about having to attend to moorings twice a day. That sort of thing is normal for tidal waters but might be a surprise for those from more settled regions!

Where do we go for up to date advice on navigation aids, new hazards and how to avoid hitting a submerged lock?

Thank you John Y.

The latest River Murray High Flow advice is available on the Department for Water Website

<http://www.waterforgood.sa.gov.au/news-info/publications/river-murray-update/>

under the related news section on the right hand side of the web page.

This advice will be issued each Friday by 5pm while high flows remain.

Link to the hazard map is

http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/safety/marine/rec_boating/emerging_hazards.asp

NOONAMEENA – Coorong National Parks and Wildlife

The Coorong National Parks and Wildlife Office (DENR) is at Noonameena, 12 kms from Meningie on the Seven Mile road. The Office is open on Monday – Wednesday and at other times by appointment. The building, right on the shores of the Coorong consists of 3-4- offices, a meeting room and a reception area.

There are several Rangers and Project Officers that are based at this facility one of which is Nathaniel Bastian, pictured. Nat has recently joined the team as On Ground Works Coordinator – Pest & Weed.

To contact the Noonameena Office phone 8575 1200



DEREDGING ENDS

Dredging of the Murray Mouth began in 2002 and ceased on Sunday 5th December 2010.

The inflows from the Murray have increased significantly and now up to 48,000 megalitres of water is flowing through the barrages every day – this time last year there were 23,000 megalitres.

Since dredging began over 6.5 million tonnes of sand has been removed from the Murray Mouth.

MENINDIE LAKES

Menindie Lakes are now at 107% capacity and overflow systems have been activated. The overflow will move down the Darling and into the River Murray.

SALINITY LEVELS

There has been a 92% drop in salinity at the Goolwa Barrages since the same time last year i.e;

Dec 2nd 2009 – 10,360 EC Dec 1st 2010 - 1420 EC

WELCOME TO REGINA

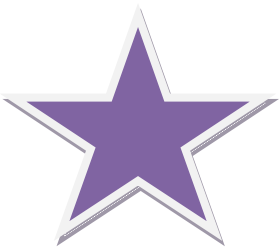


Regina Durbridge has begun work at the Lakes Hub – Milang as the Lakes Albert & Alexandrina Monitoring & Evaluations Project Officer for the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Inc.

Regina has been involved in the Acid Sulfate soil monitoring program as a volunteer for a long time and has a thorough understanding of all aspects of the job.

We all welcome Regina to the Lakes Hub office and look forward to working with her.





Christmas Opening Hours

DECEMBER 23 TH -	OPEN 9AM – 5PM
DECEMBER 24 TH -	CLOSED
DECEMBER 25 TH -	CLOSED
DECEMBER 26 TH -	CLOSED
DECEMBER 27 TH -	CLOSED
DECEMBER 28 TH -	CLOSED
DECEMBER 29 TH -	OPEN 9AM – 4PM
DECEMBER 30 TH -	OPEN 9AM – 4PM
DECEMBER 31 ST -	CLOSED
JANUARY 1 ST -	CLOSED
JANUARY 2 ND -	CLOSED
JANUARY 3 RD -	CLOSED
JANUARY 4 TH -	OPEN 9AM – 5PM
JANUARY 5 TH -	OPEN 9AM – 5PM



DAILY RECORDINGS – RIVER MURRAY DATA

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

Date : Dec 6th - Dec 10th 2010

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
6	Clayton Bay	0.708	7.09	807
7		0.789	7.03	812
8		0.733	7.03	808
9		0.744	7.14	–
10		0.744	7.14	–
	Average	0.744	7.09	809
6	Milang 7km SE	0.674	7.31	1156
7		0.702	7.89	1232
8		0.668	7.80	1254
9		0.740	7.23	1135
10		0.724	7.74	1225
	Average	0.702	7.59	1200
6	Hindmarsh Is. Beacon 23	0.653	–	1613
7		0.714	–	1517
8		0.732	–	1371
9		0.639	–	1271
10		0.622	–	1388
	Average	0.672	–	1432
6	Warrenbie Point Lake Albert	0.721	8.69	7399
7		0.799	8.93	7344
8		0.770	8.63	7151
9		0.814	8.58	7216
10		0.782	8.71	7158
	Average	0.777	8.71	7254

THIS WEEK'S FLOW INFO :

<http://www.riverland.net.au/~heinz/mdbcrep.htm>

MDBA website – weekly reports http://www.mdba.gov.au/water/river_info/weekly_reports

Flow at Wentworth is still rising and has hit 60 GI/day. Euston is also rising and is over 40 GI/day. (The difference is probably the Darling flow, about 18 GI/day)

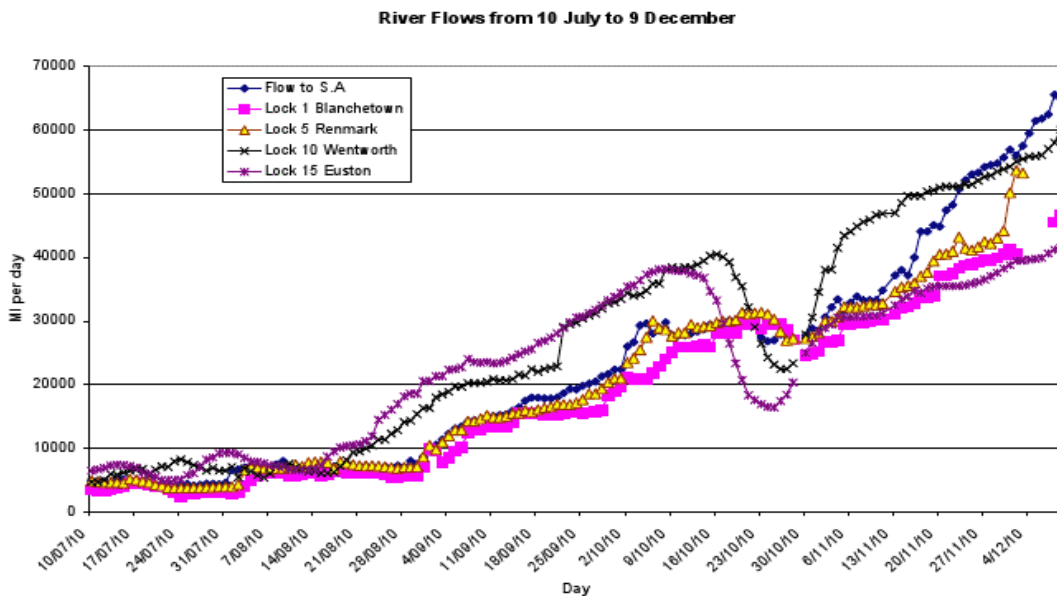
Flow to SA has increased nearly 10 GI/day in the last week, to 64.8 GI/day

The Renmark recording is not given, maybe too high! Last recording was 53 GI/day on Friday last week.

Lock 1 is over 46 GI/day (a couple of days of no records also)

90 gates open at Goolwa, 107 at Tauwitcherie.

Thanks John Y



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.

DECEMBER 2010

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