



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## General Info.

### Standpipes to be removed

In early 2007 three emergency standpipes were erected at Milang, Hindmarsh Island and Goolwa by the Alexandrina Council and SA water. These standpipes provided access to mains water for those affected by the drought by supplying water for stock and domestic purposes. The current use of the standpipes has reduced dramatically as alternative, significant infrastructure has since been installed to cope with the demand.

The original agreement with SA Water stated that the standpipes were for drought relief. It is expected that the Alexandrina Council will advise SA Water that the emergency standpipes will no longer be required from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

### CVA Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby Survey - Upcoming 7 day Project

Sunday 27 March – Saturday 2 April      8 vacancies available Only \$120 per person!!

The Gammon Ranges is home to the Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby *Petrogale xanthopus xanthopus*, listed as Vulnerable in Australia. Led by leading ecologist Dr Mark Lethbridge, you'll venture into the remote and spectacular gorges of this ancient land to assist with ongoing surveys of the endangered Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby and establishing photo points for vegetation in a Heritage Listed area. If you love the outdoors, exploring our amazing landscape, helping to protect our wildlife and vegetation, want some hands on experience – this subsidized volunteer project is for you.

No experience necessary – all training provided on site.

Project contribution of \$120 per person covers all your food, accommodation and transport for the trip.

Go to [www.conservationvolunteers.com.au](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au) to book on line now!

Or call the Adelaide CVA Office on 08 8212 0777 for more info

## **Princes Highway, Meningie**

*Letter from Terry*

*'In the last Lakes Hub bulletin you give a contact address for the Meningie Hub as 79 Princess Highway. This is a common mistake it is actually **PRINCES** Highway.*

*The following is an explanation on where it got its name and why -: The Princes Highway was named in honour of Edward (1894-1972) Prince of Wales (who toured Australia for three months in 1920) and was officially proclaimed in 1922. It was then defined as that portion of the main road from Adelaide to Melbourne which extended as far as the Victorian border, but in 1953 it became the name of the main highway from Adelaide to Sydney via Melbourne'.*

*Thank you for the explanation Terry.*

Editor's note:

Edward, the Prince of Wales, the son of King George V, became King Edward VIII on his father's death in January 1936. In December 1936 King Edward VIII abdicated and, in June 1937, married an American divorcee, Mrs Wallis Simpson, in France. This left the throne to Prince Albert who was crowned King George VI.

NOTE :There is a very good film currently showing called 'The Kings speech' which is the story of the two Princes', in particular Prince Albert.

Pictured : Edward Prince of Wales



## **River Blackfish (*Gadopsis marmoratus*) back in the Bremer**



There are early signs that the native River Blackfish population is recovering in the Bremer River near Lake Alexandrina. There has been no breeding activity recorded for the past four years but due to the ongoing conservation efforts throughout the drought period and the recent fresh water inflows the species

has not only been saved but is now also set to thrive.

Other common names for the River Blackfish are Slipperies or Muddies. They are a nocturnal, ambush predator fish that feed on other fish and aquatic insects and can grow to 35cm. They reproduce in late spring to early summer and are native to Australia ..... and apparently taste rather nice !

## **Tender for commercial planting operations**

Rural Solutions SA will be advertising the tender for commercial planting operations to undertake plantings of this year's commercially propagated plants. The advertisements will be in this week's Advertiser, Meningie Lakelander, Strathalbyn Southern Argus and the Victor Harbor Times. Local providers are encouraged to submit tenders.

The autumn 2011 commercial planting program will collaboratively grow 8 different species that will make up 540,000 plants in total.

4 commercial nurseries have been employed to grow all plants.

Planting will commence in May 2011

The CLLMM Vegetation Program is part of the Murray Futures Coorong and Lower Lakes Recovery funded by the Australian Government and supported by the South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

**WILD WETLANDS DAY**

**Free Activities**

Come and explore one of our region's wetlands by kayak and walking trails with guided tours by local wetland staff. Activities include kayaking, nature walks, fish, frog and bug displays. All activities are free and a BBQ lunch will be provided.

**Date:** Saturday 16th April  
**Time:** 10am till 3pm  
**Where:** Riverglades Wetland, corner of Murray Drive and Tooma Drive, Murray Bridge



RSVP's essential by registering with the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board on 08 8532 1432 by Thursday April 14th

Government of South Australia  
 South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board  
 Riverglades Community Wetland Inc



## Wild Wetlands Day at Murray Bridge

This is an open invitation to the wetland day at Riverglades wetland in Murray Bridge on Saturday 16th April from 10am-3pm supported by the SA Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board ( SA MDB NRM Board), Mid Murray Local Action Planning Association(LAP), Mannum to Wellington LAP and the Riverglades Wetland Community group. Come along and learn about the region's beautiful wetlands and the array of plants and animals they support whilst enjoying a tour of the wetland via kayak and foot. A barbeque lunch will be provided free of charge and families and friends are also encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to the SA MDB NRM Board's office on 85321432 by Thursday 14th April.

## Nature Maps workshop

Nature Maps is an interactive, online mapping site provided free of charge by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources ( DENR ) and is accessible at [www.naturemaps.sa.gov.au](http://www.naturemaps.sa.gov.au)

The Finniss River Catchment Group sponsored a free Nature Maps training session at Strathalbyn on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The session was presented by Tony Randall, Programs Manager for the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association ( GWLAP).

All participants had access to a computer and were walked through steps to locate a base map ( usually their own property) and then select a range of geographical information system data sets of interest to them.

The workshop covered setting an area and style of map, overlaying online data sets and information, drawing lines, outlining areas, measuring lines and areas, shading areas, inserting labels, download and enter GPS points, saving and printing data.

Being familiar with the Nature Maps program can assist landholders in many ways. Should you be interested in attending a Nature Maps workshop please contact the Lakes Hub.

Thank you to Derek Fenton ,Finniss Catchment Group for organizing such an interesting and informative session.

## DAILY RECORDINGS – RIVER MURRAY DATA

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

Date : March 14th - 18th 2011

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
14	Clayton Bay	0.608	7.74	487
15		0.619	7.65	487
16		0.587	7.48	487
17		0.593	7.42	488
18		0.575	7.38	487
	Average	<b>0.596</b>	<b>7.53</b>	<b>487</b>
14	Milang 7km SE	0.695	7.28	491
15		0.698	7.23	492
16		0.699	7.34	475
17		0.692	7.03	495
18		0.681	7.30	497
	Average	<b>0.693</b>	<b>7.24</b>	<b>490</b>
14	Hindmarsh Is. Beacon 23	0.524		525
15		0.509		530
16		0.456		523
17		0.446		522
18		0.431		516
	Average	<b>0.473</b>		<b>523</b>
14	Warrenegie Point Lake Albert	0.678	9.13	6771
15		0.677	9.08	6841
16		0.663	9.12	6618
17		0.655	9.13	6870
18		0.645	9.12	6963
	Average	<b>0.664</b>	<b>9.12</b>	<b>6813</b>

### THIS WEEK'S FLOW INFO :

MDBA website – weekly reports [http://www.mdba.gov.au/water/river\\_info/weekly\\_reports](http://www.mdba.gov.au/water/river_info/weekly_reports)

## **INUNDATION MAPS**

These maps are available at [www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au](http://www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au)

**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](http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/safety/marine/rec_boating/emerging_hazards.asp)

People interested in actual levels should check the following websites for regularly updated daily levels, as the projections do not take into account wind.

**SA Water**

[www.sawater.com.au/SAWater/Environment/TheRiverMurray/River+Murray+Levels.htm](http://www.sawater.com.au/SAWater/Environment/TheRiverMurray/River+Murray+Levels.htm)

**Department for Water**

<http://www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au/RMWD/Pages/default.aspx>

Information is also available from SA Water on 08 8595 2299

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Up to date River Murray flow information can be accessed at the DFW, SA Water and Murray-Darling Basin Authority websites:

<http://data.rivermurray.sa.gov.au>

[www.sawater.com.au/SAWater/Environment/TheRiverMurray/River+Murray+Levels.htm](http://www.sawater.com.au/SAWater/Environment/TheRiverMurray/River+Murray+Levels.htm)

<http://www.mdba.gov.au/water/live-river-data>

Details of river height and rainfall information in the River Murray within Victoria and New South Wales are available at the Bureau of Meteorology website:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/flood>

## **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.

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22	World Water Day
23	Sampling & testing of water workshop. ACE Space Milang. 9-4pm More info. 85370687  Marine Bio-diversity seminar – Dr Marty Deveney(SARDI) Port Elliot RSL 6.45pm More info. Clare Manning 0428 757 015
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**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Wild Wetland Day Murray Bridge RSVP SA MDB NRM 08 8532 1432

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** – Murray Cod Seminar – Nick Whitrod (DENR) Port Elliot RSL 6.45pm  
More info. Clare Manning 0428757015

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Native freshwater fish – Arkellah Hall (DENR) Port Elliot RSL 6.45pm More info.  
Clare Manning 0428757015