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Information stall at Meningie a great success

By Andrew Dawes, Lakes Hub Meningie

Well today Carole Richardson and myself conducted an information stall out the front of the Meningie Foodland supermarket. This stall came about from a request from community members who felt this should be done. The stall was well received with approximately 150 of the Meningie Foreshore DL fliers being handed out along with a lot of information on the Revegetation project which was Carole's role. I must say that the Meningie Lakefront Habitat Restoration Project as presented by John and Theresa last night is looking fantastic and everyone involved should be really proud. I think I got the name of the project right this time, I hope so anyway.



Narrung Bund removal



Commencement on the removal of the bund at Narrung began on the March 31st 2011 – a perfect day. This process is expected to take approximately 3 months – see last week's Bulletin for more info.

The Alexandrina Farm Gate Forum and Artists' Talks.

The Alexandrina Farm Gate Festival is a biennial public art event that brings together artists and farmers who work collaboratively on art works displayed on roadside farm gates within the Alexandrina Council region. To facilitate further artistic development and community engagement with the Alexandrina Farm Gate Festival, a one-day Forum and Artists' Talks will be conducted to encourage a broader spectrum of the public to be involved and included in this public art project. This one day event will be conducted at the Milang Community Centre (MOSHCC) in the Acer Room, on Saturday 7th May 2011, from 9.30am to 4pm, lunch included. 28 Daranda Tce, Milang SA. For further information and RSVP contact Suzy Rex on 0411746739 or email suzyrex@optusnet.com.au



World Turtle Day

A guest speaker has been engaged by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to talk about Turtle, Tortoise and Terrapin Conservation for the community on Monday May 23rd. It will be held at the Goolwa Bowling Club, 6.45pm for a 7pm start, with numerous displays around the room. It will be aimed towards all age groups and intend to advertise broadly across the Murray Lakes, Fleurieu Peninsula up to the Adelaide region. More information will follow but pop this date in your diary now.

Community Nurseries - Visit Day

By Jo McPhee – Lakes Hub Community Nurseries Coordinator



On Thursday 7th April a group of nine people including Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Assoc (GWLAP) staff, Conservation and Land Management course members (CLM) and Lakes Hub staff visited the community nurseries from Milang to Hindmarsh Island.

We all boarded the bus and started the tour at the Milang (MEC) nursery with manager Deb Melville on site to give us a tour and talk about how far the nursery has come in just 12 months. She also discussed the key challenges she faced with propagation this year as her propagation numbers have doubled from last year.

We then moved on to Clayton Bay to have a look at

the excellent job Jill Dennis and her volunteers have done to fulfil their plant numbers this year. The nursery is looking great thanks to the dedication and hard work from Jill.

Then it was on to Finniss for coffee and delicious cake baked by Silver. Helen and Sally were pleased to show us around the Finniss Catchment Groups newly established nursery and the organisation of the nursery and quality of plants here was great.

Lastly we went to the Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group Nursery. Richard Owen and Jill Masters gave us a history of the nursery and we looked around the facilities and discussed many different propagation issues. We also talked

about planting and how these guys are so organised in every aspect of their revegetation from site assessment to seed collection, propagation and planting.

It was a great experience to visit the nurseries in the one day to see the comparison between how each nursery is managed. Thanks to all the nursery managers for showing us around!

We will be planning another nursery visit day for Raukkan, Narrung and Meningie in the near future.

The community nurseries are 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.

Volunteer Celebrations

The Ranges to River NRM Group in partnership with the Eastern Hills and Murray Plains Catchment Group and Mid Murray LAP are holding a volunteer celebration in Meldanda on Friday 15th April. The celebration is aimed at volunteers within NRM in the Eastern Hills and Murray Plains and Mid Murray LAP regions.

For more information contact Miranda Leckie - Administrative Officer South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board Tel: 08 8532 1432 Email: miranda.leckie@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au

Web site : www.samdbnrm.sa.gov.au

Individual Premier's Award Winner: Luke Mosley from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)

Luke Mosley from the EPA's Water Quality Branch was awarded an Individual Award by the Premier of South Australia Mike Rann, at this year's Premier's Awards at the Adelaide Convention Centre held on Monday 4 April.

The Award was for Luke's work in assessing and managing water quality risks in the lower River Murray and Lakes during extreme drought which delivered several complex scientific assessments of water quality throughout the drought and enabled decisive action to be taken to greatly minimise the risks and impacts on the environment and communities. Luke acknowledged the team with whom he works which included staff from EPA, DENR and DFW and the local community who also provided valuable information on water quality during the drought.



Park closures for pest control & monitoring programs

Closed to the public, the whole of Martin Washpool Conservation Park, the whole of Hanson Scrub Conservation Park, the whole of Tilley Swamp Conservation Park, the whole of Jip Jip Conservation Park, the whole of Messent Conservation Park, the whole of Gum Lagoon Conservation Park and the whole of Bunbury Conservation Reserve. from: 6 p.m. on Sunday 27th March 2011 until 6 a.m. on Saturday, 16th April 2011.

Closed to the public, part of Coorong National Park from: 6 p.m. on Monday 4th April 2011 until 6 a.m. on Friday, 8th April 2011.

This closure applies from an east-west line from Parnka Point (S 35 54'40.7" E 139 23'42.9") to the southern boundary of the Coorong National Park (S 36 32'11.5" E 139 49'33.2").

No vehicle access will be allowed along the Old Coorong road, 28 mile crossing, Wreck crossing, 32 mile crossing, 42 mile crossing and Tea Tree Crossing during this closure.

The purpose of the closure is to ensure the safety of the public during a pest control and monitoring program within the reserve during the period indicated.

For more information : Clare Manning- CLL Ranger Ecologist Mobile: 0428 757 015 Email: clare.manning@sa.gov.au

EPA'S – LATEST LOWER LAKES WATER QUALITY REPORT

http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/water_quality/lower_lakes_water_quality_monitoring

Goolwa Beach Pipi closure continues

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture has announced that the current recreational Pipi (Goolwa Cockle) closure on Goolwa Beach will be extended for a further month due to ongoing concerns of unsafe E.coli levels in the waters and local Pipi stocks.

The closure will now remain in place until midnight on 4 May 2011, pending further testing. For more information click on the following link :

http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/pirsa/media_list/fisheries/goolwa_beach_pipi_closure_continues

FLOW INFO :

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

INUNDATION MAPS

These maps are available at 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

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

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.mdba.gov.au/water/live-river-data>

DAILY RECORDINGS – RIVER MURRAY DATA

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

Date : 4th April- 8th April

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
4	Clayton Bay	0.577	7.44	461
5		0.617	7.65	486
6		0.556	7.46	457
7		0.508	7.52	455
8		0.617	7.65	486
	Average	0.575	7.54	469
4	Milang 7km SE	0.701	7.53	505
5		0.700	7.32	482
6		0.654	7.21	508
7		0.644	7.12	514
8		0.7	7.32	482
	Average	0.680	7.30	498.2
4	Hindmarsh Is. Beacon 23	0.444		535
5		0.520		648
6		0.439		531
7		0.370		528
8		0.520		648
	Average	0.459		578
4	Warrengeie Point Lake Albert	0.687	9.09	6778
5		0.693	9.02	6920
6		0.682	8.94	6764
7		0.697	8.62	6762
8		0.693	9.02	6920
	Average	0.690	8.94	6828.8

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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8	Information table – Meningie Lakefront Restoration project and the updated revegetation plan for Browns Beach north - outside the Foodland Supermarket from 11.00am – 2.00pm, Meningie. For more information Andrew Dawes Lakes Hub Meningie 85751830
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15	Coorong / Mallee volunteer celebration day – for info : Email: miranda.leckie@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au
16	Wild Wetland Day Murray Bridge RSVP SA MDB NRM 08 8532 1432 April 16th –April 20th – Murray Cod Seminar – Nick Whitrod (DENR) Port Elliot RSL 6.45pm More info. Clare Manning 0428757015
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May 23rd - Turtle, Tortoise and Terrapin Conservation information night at the Goolwa Bowling Club 6.45pm

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