



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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ANZAC DAY

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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.

ANZAC – Australian and New Zealand Army Corps

The landing on the shores of Gallipoli on **25 April** 1915 was the first major military operation in which the new Australian commonwealth was involved.

Because of this it has been regarded as the “baptism of fire” of the new nation.



ANZAC commemorative lapel badge

For the fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,

England mourns for her dead across the sea.

Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,

Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal

Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.

There is music in the midst of desolation

And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,

Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.

They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,

They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;

They sit no more at familiar tables at home;

They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;

They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,

Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,

To the innermost heart of their own land they are known

As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,

Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,

As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,

To the end, to the end, they remain.

Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)



Since ancient times this aromatic herb has been believed to have properties to improve the memory. Perhaps because of this, rosemary became an emblem of both fidelity and remembrance in literature and folklore. Traditionally, sprigs of rosemary are worn on ANZAC Day and sometimes on Remembrance Day, and are usually handed out by Legacy and the RSL. Rosemary has particular significance for Australians, as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority - A communication alert

MDBA Chair meets the people of the Basin

Over the past few weeks our Chair, Craig Knowles, has been visiting various locations across the Basin, meeting and talking with people to see and hear firsthand the issues that are important to Basin communities.

To read more about where Craig has been and who he has been meeting with, visit

<http://www.mdba.gov.au/communities/latest-news>

What people have said about the Basin Plan

Since the release of the Guide to the proposed Basin Plan in October 2010, the MDBA have received over 3000 items of feedback from people. The MDBA would like to thank everyone for the time and effort taken to give this feedback.

The MDBA are currently in the process of reviewing the feedback received and are using this information to help develop the proposed Basin Plan.

The MDBA have permission to publish approximately 800 of these items and can be found on the website. If you would like your feedback published and it is not here, please contact the MDBA.

<http://www.mdba.gov.au/communities/having-your-say/feedback-received>

Who's reviewing our work?

On 1 December 2010 the MDBA published a report showing details of the peer reviews undertaken during development of the Guide to the proposed Basin Plan.

This first edition did not include the names of peer reviewers. An updated version the report is now available on the MDBA website containing the names of the peer reviewers and the peer reviews that informed the development of the Guide at <http://www.mdba.gov.au/services/publications/more-information?publicationid=86>

National Volunteer week – thankyou from the Alexandrina Council

Alexandrina Council would like to thank volunteers in the Alexandrina Council region for supporting their community by offering a complimentary movie ticket to see any movie screening at the Mount Barker Wallis Cinema on Thursday 12th May 2011.

The Volunteer Movie Day is supported by : Alexandrina Council, District Council of Mt Barker, Hills Volunteering and Adelaide Hills Council in partnership with Wallis Cinema Mount Marker.

For your ticket and more information please contact Roweena Evans 85557000 or email

roweena.evans@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Milang Cemetery – gravesites dating from 1860

In the Milang public cemetery lie some of the old river captains that skippered paddle steamers up and down the Murray and Darling Rivers and across lakes Alexandrina and Albert.

Engineers and deck hands are buried here too, and the wives and children of the river men. A walk through the cemetery can induce nostalgic thoughts of the days when the river trade flourished, when steamers where loading and unloading at the jetty on a daily basis. Wool from the Darling and Upper Murray stations landed at



Milang and from eight to a dozen horse and bullock teams waited in front of Landseer's Dock to cart loads to Port Adelaide. Stores for the river stations were seen up river from Milang, including flour processed at Pavy's Mill, which had been erected in 1856 as a result of the large amount of wheat being grown in the district. Mr A.H Landseer and W.P Dunk were the first businessmen to realize the potential of the river trade. Their shipping firm had its headquarters at Milang.

The Friends of the Milang Cemetery care for the grounds and have erected an Anzac display which will be exhibited at the Cemetery for the next few weeks.

*References ; Faull,J (Ed)Alexandrina Shores, Milang & District Historical Society(1981)
Acknowledgement to The Friends of the Milang Cemetery.*

Murray Cod

On Wednesday 20th April Dr Nick Whiterod, an ecologist from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) spoke at a seminar in Port Elliot about the demise of the Murray Cod.

Dr Whiterod explained that the Murray Cod was considered a threatened species and must be conserved.

Data has suggested that the Murray Cod numbers in the Murray Darling Basin have declined by about 30% over the past 50 years. The reasons for the decline has been the large scale habitat changes, the unsustainable commercial and recreational fishing and the increase in introduced species bring about issues such as disease.

On a positive note there has been a recent increase in the sightings of juvenile Murray Cod in Lake Alexandrina due to recent flood activity in the Murray Darling Basin with on flows to the Lower Lakes and it is hoped that this increase will continue.



Description *by the Native Fish Association.*

A large, elongate, deep bodied fish with small eyes and a short, rounded, depressed snout with a distinctly concave profile. Lower jaw protruding, or jaws equal in some (usually smaller) specimens. Low spiny dorsal fin and large, rounded soft dorsal, caudal (tail) and anal fins.

A light green to dark green colour on the back and sides that is overlain with heavy mottlings in dark green or black. Undersides are a creamy white. Soft dorsal, caudal and anal fins greyish to black in colour with striking white edges. Colouration of Murray cod is dramatic and often strikingly vivid and beautiful in small to medium sized specimens from clear water. Colouration of Murray cod in very turbid water however, tends to be washed out. Some very large Murray cod have a speckled green-grey appearance.

Larger Murray cod increase in size more by weight than length — large specimens are broad across the head and shoulders and are heavily built.

Will reach at least 60 cm and 3 to 4 Kg in the small streams.

The largest Murray cod ever officially recorded was 183 cm, 113 Kg (6 ft, 250 lbs), although there have been unsubstantiated claims for larger fish.

Volunteers Celebration

The Ranges to River NRM Group in conjunction with the Goolwa to Wellington LAP are holding a volunteers celebration for all people who volunteer in the area of agriculture, environment and natural resource management. Please find attached an invitation to this event which will be held at the St. Andrews Hall in Strathalbyn on Sunday May 29th between 12 noon and 3pm.

Please RSVP to Miranda Leckie on Email: Miranda.leckie@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au or by Phone: 08 8532 1432

Community Revegetation Site Managers wanted



Community Revegetation Site Managers

\$25.00/hr

Casual - including weekend work

Contract May 2011 – September 2011

Principle offices: Lakes Hub in Milang and Lakes Hub
in Meningie as required.

The Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Inc

is a community not for profit organisation (www.gwlap.org.au) seeking to employ CASUAL Site Managers from 23rd May 2011 until September 2011 to supervise the community based revegetation planting at sites around Lakes Alexandrina & Albert, and the Goolwa Channel. This Project 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. The position will require close working relationships with community groups and individuals to undertake duties including;

- Managing on site community and volunteer participation in the project.
- Providing technical support and training to community members on planting activities.
 - Meeting project outcomes and objectives on time.
 - Undertaking timely and accurate project reporting

Job and Person Specifications can be obtained by emailing: tony.randall@gwlap.org.au or by phoning 0427 917 511

For further information on the position please contact Carole Richardson on (08)8537 0808 or 0419 883 101. Applications addressing the key selection criteria and a CV should be submitted by email by COB Monday May 12th

Courses at the MOSHCC

The Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC) are conducting several courses in May and June. Generally these courses are free so if you are interested please contact the MOSHCC

- Do I need a First Aid Ticket?
- Using Chemicals Responsibly and Chem Cert Accreditation
- Why won't the *=&?@^ start!? Operating small machinery and OHS including Risk Assessment
- Occupational Health and Safety for Community Services work and Volunteering.

For more information contact the MOSHCC ph 85 370 687 Email : moshcc@bigpond.com

See Calendar of Events at the end of this Bulletin for dates etc.

Information session

DENR and the Department for Water are holding a public information session to discuss the process for removing the temporary flow regulator at Clayton Bay.

Date: Tuesday, 3 May 2011
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: Clayton Bay Community Hall, Clayton Bay

Tea and Coffee will be provided.

If you have any questions, contact Gemma Cunningham, Coorong and Lower Lakes Recovery Community Engagement Officer via email or call 0427 018 783. Email : gemma.cunningham@sa.gov.au

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 : 18th April- 22nd April

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
18	Clayton Bay	0.581	8.17	447
19		0.698	8.15	444
20		0.630	7.98	444
21		0.673	7.08	442
22		0.677	7.57	442
	Average	0.652	7.79	444
18	Milang 7km SE	0.674	8.19	457
19		0.666	8.12	457
20		0.675	8.01	459
21		0.693	8.14	461
22		0.695	8.14	467
	Average	0.681	8.12	460
18	Hindmarsh Is. Beacon 23	0.473		578
19		0.744		538
20		0.557		519
21		0.617		525
22		0.627		564
	Average	0.604		545
18	Warrenge Point Lake Albert	0.745	9.09	6629
19		0.735	8.75	6625
20		0.731	8.92	6627
21		0.723	9.02	6601
22		0.744	9.13	6578
	Average	0.736	8.98	6612

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.

May 2011

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3	Discussion evening with DENR & Dept of Water re; the removal of the temporary flow regulator at Clayton Bay. Clayton Hall 7.00pm – 8.00pm For more information contact Gemma Cunningham (DENR) 0427 018 783. Email gemma.cunningham@sa.gov.au
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9	MOSHCC – ‘Why won’t the *#^&@* thing work !’ course. Contact 85 370 687 Email moshcc@bigpond.com
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16	MOSHCC – ‘ Do I need a first aid ticket’ course Contact 85 370 687 Email moshcc@bigpond.com
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23	Turtle, Tortoise and Terrapin Conservation information night at the Goolwa Bowling Club 6.45pm Contact Clare Manning 0428757015
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25	Native freshwater fish – Arkellah Hall (DENR) Port Elliot RSL 6.45pm More info. Contact : Clare Manning 0428757015
26	MOSHCC – ‘Why won’t the *#^&@* thing work !’ course. Contact 85 370 687 Email moshcc@bigpond.com
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