



WEEKLY BULLETIN

May 2nd 2011

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***'No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it.
We must learn to see the world anew.'** (Albert Einstein)*

Lakes Hub Talking Heads Session – Snakes and venom – Poison or Cure ?

Local Clayton landholder Peter Mirtschin, the Managing Director of Venom Supplies Pty Ltd will be the guest speaker at this month's Talking Heads session. Peter is an Adjunct Research Fellow, School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences, University of SA.

Topics covered will be -:

The dangerous snakes of the Lakes area and SA and their 'fit' in the environment.

The need for their conservation, with an emphasis on Tiger Snake losses.

Actions of snake venoms.

Public safety / first aid.



Peter will be bringing along live snakes with him – a few Tiger snakes, Red Bellies and Browns and will be supported by Jeff Abraham of Venom Supplies Pty Ltd and local snake catcher Wendy Conaghty.

For more information on Venom Supplies Pty Ltd visit their web site www.venomsupplies.com

WHEN : Friday 13th May at 9.45am

WHERE : ACE Space, Milang Old School House, Milang.

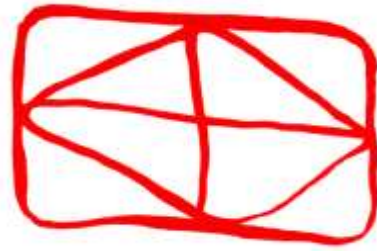
THE TALKING HEADS SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Community Nurseries quarterly Newsletter

Control + Click on the following link to view the current Community Nurseries Newsletter compiled by Jo McPhee, Lakes Hub Community Nurseries Coordinator. <http://lakeshub.com/?p=818>

Farm Gate Forum & Artists' Talk

- discuss the importance of Public Art in regional South Australia
- review the inaugural 2010 Alexandrina Farm Gate Festival
- describe the creative approach for the 2012 Farm Gate Festival
- introduce regional artists who will discuss their art
- inform the public and invite artists and farmers to get involved



DATE : Saturday May 7th 2011

TIME : 9.30am to 4pm – lunch included

VENUE : Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC) 28 Daranda Tce, Milang SA 5256

FREE to all

Contact & RSVP – Co-ordinator Suzy Rex on 0411746739 or email suzyrex@optusnet.com.au



Government of South Australia
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Finniss Catchment Group AGM

WHEN : Sunday 22nd May 2011 at 3.00pm

WHERE : Uniting Church Hall, Finniss

GUEST SPEAKER : Ben Simon (GWLAP) Plants of interest in the Finniss Catchment area.

MORE INFO : Sally Richards 0428 441 978

Eureka Prize for Water Research and Innovation

Entries are now open in the National Water Commission Professor Peter Cullen Eureka Prize for Water Research and Innovation. One of 24 prizes on offer, this Eureka Prize is for research and innovation in the sustainable use and management of Australia's water resources. \$10,000 will be awarded to an individual, team or organisation for a project that has the potential to lead to substantial change in the way Australia manages, uses or protects its water resources, particularly in rural Australia.

Closing Friday 6 May 11:30pm Prize details <http://eureka.australianmuseum.net.au/enter>

For further information phone 02 9320 6483 or email eureka eureka@austmus.gov.au

World Environment Day Awards

June 5th is World Environment Day. United Nations Association of Australia seeks to focus world attention on the environment, and in particular, on positive programs that work towards protecting or restoring the world's natural heritage.

The national awards program invites nominations from individuals, organisations, community groups, schools, businesses and the media across Australia whose work demonstrates environmental leadership. The Awards raise awareness about key environmental issues and challenges, inspiring and motivating individuals, organisations and businesses to take positive steps towards sustainability and environmental excellence in their homes, schools, communities and workplaces.

Entry Deadline: Friday 6 May

More information on the UNAA Victoria Division website <http://www.unaavictoria.org.au>

Volunteers Celebration Invitation

The Ranges to River NRM Group in conjunction with the Goolwa to Wellington LAP is holding a volunteers celebration for all people who volunteer in the area of agriculture, environment and natural resource management.

WHEN :Sunday 29 May 12 noon - 3pm

WHERE : St. Andrews Hall in Strathalbyn

Please RSVP email SAMDBNRM Miranda.leckie@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au or phone 8532 1432

Video Evening & Discussion

A Silent Forest is a documentary about the largely unknown potential danger to human health, and the environmental health of our planet, posed by the planned introduction of genetically engineered trees.

Narrated by Dr. David Suzuki, the film lays out, in compelling detail, the dangers of open-air plantations of these untested man-made trees, and the added problem of intellectual property rights.

This film is a wake-up call to the dangers of genetic engineering of trees, and the impact it could have on all of us. **Thursday 19th May @ 7pm (supper provided)**

For Bookings; call in to 18 High St, Willunga, phone 8556 4188, or email: willungaenviro@westnet.com.au

ORANGE BELLIED PARROT ID WORKSHOPS

ADELAIDE SESSION

When: 21st May

Where: Morialta Conservation Park Resource Centre, corner of Stradbroke and Morialta Roads, Woodforde. Morialta Conservation Park is located 10 km northeast of the Adelaide GPO in South Australia.

Time: 9:30am

Duration: Approx. 2 hours

MOUNT GAMBIER SESSION

When: 10th May

Where: DENR meeting room, Level 1, 11 Helen St, Mount Gambier.

Time: 4:30pm

Duration: Approx. 2 hours



Photo : Chris Tzaros, Birds Australia

ORANGE BELLIED PARROT WINTER COUNTS

The OBP counts for this year are being held on : May 14th and 15th - July 23rd and 24th -Sep 10th and 11th

For more information on involvement with the counts, the workshops or the Orange Bellied Parrots in general please contact

Bob Green, Regional OBP Coordinator, South East, Coorong and Murray Lakes regions shriketit@bigpond.com
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Recent Water stats

By Andrew Dawes, Lakes Hub Meningie

At the recent Lower Lakes and Coorong Tourism and Environmental Committee held at Hindmarsh Island Paul Harvey , formerly of the Department of Water gave the following flow update info.

The present flow into South Australia is 48,000 ML per day and the flow at Lock 1 is 66,800 ML per day. The flow into SA for the month of February was 2,100 GL, March was 2,400 GL and April was 1,770 GL this compares with a total for 2006/2007 year of 1,000 GL. The total flow for the full year has been 16,000 GL compared to the median flow per annum of 4,800 GL. Storages across the Murray - Darling Basin are at an average of 88% capacity with the Hume at 93% (compared to 18% last year) and Dartmouth at 63%.

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 : 25th April-29th April 2011

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
25	Clayton Bay	0.672	8.00	446
26		0.635	8.02	447
27		0.615	7.90	446
28		0.613	7.81	443
29		0.586	7.62	436
		Average	0.624	7.87
25	Milang 7km SE	0.733	8.24	430
26		0.715	8.21	448
27		0.700	8.13	441
28		0.686	8.22	458

29		0.646	8.19	452
	Average	0.696	8.20	446
25	Hindmarsh Is. Beacon 23	0.591		544
26		0.541		533
27		0.524		511
28		0.530		449
29		0.504		423
	Average	0.538		492
25	Warrenegie Point Lake Albert	0.801	9.04	6503
26		0.782	9.09	6554
27		0.760	9.08	6568
28		0.763	9.18	6908
29		0.767	9.17	6811
	Average	0.775	9.11	6669

MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR APRIL 2011

THIS TIME 9 MONTHS AGO – AUGUST 2010

	WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
Clayton	0.575	7.82	454
Milang	0.663	7.84	464
H.Island	0.537		838
Albert	0.731	9.01	6698

	WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
Clayton	0.121	8.27	15146
Milang	0.456	7.95	3581
H.Island	0.435	8.67	18924
Albert	-0.389	8.79	12159

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	Meeting - Goolwa Channel temporary flow regulators update. 7.00pm Clayton Bay Community Hall

	Contact : Gemma Cunningham, Coorong and Lower Lakes Recovery Community Engagement Officer 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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12	Friends of Meningie – 1 st meeting – all welcome – Lakes Hub Meningie. 7.30pm Contact Andrew Dawes 85751830 or email meningie@lakeshub.com
13	TALKING HEADS – Snakes and venom “ Poison or Cure” ACE Space Milang Old School House 9.45am see Hub web site for more info www.lakeshub.com MOSHCC – Occupational Health & Safety Training – all day 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. Speaker – Craig Latta 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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29	SAMDB NRM Volunteers Celebration Day. Email SAMDBNRM Miranda.leckie@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au or phone 8532 1432
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6th & 7th June – MOSHCC – Using Chemicals Responsibly & Chem Cert Accreditation

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