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FORUM TONIGHT - Wednesday 2nd November

The Premier, Hon Jay Weatherill, and the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation and Minister for Water and the River Murray, Hon Paul Caica, will be holding a forum on the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan in Murray Bridge.

The forum will be held at:

***Murray Bridge Town Hall, Bridge Street, Murray Bridge
Wednesday 2 November 2011.
From 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm***

The short notice about this forum is regretted.

TALKING HEADS -PLANNING FUTURE VEGETATION PROJECTS – FEEDBACK BY 21ST NOVEMBER

On Wednesday 26th the Lakes Hub hosted a Talking Heads session on the planning of future vegetation projects over the next five years. The community were invited to attend sessions at both Meningie and Milang to have input into future vegetation planning for the Lower Lakes and Coorong Recovery Vegetation Program which aims to maximize biodiversity across the region.

Planning, with community consultation will identify priority locations for vegetation projects which will address environmental issues in a response to lasting impacts brought about by recent droughts.

Information and maps are available at both Hubs for community consultation. All feedback will assist with the development of this program. Feedback is required by the 21st of November and can be submitted on forms held at the Hubs, via email or post. You can add plants and animals to the biodiversity target list, provide comment on the proposed habitat maps, provide comment on the biodiversity hotspot and landscape connectivity prioritization maps and identify your interest in supporting vegetation projects on your property.

INTERNATIONAL KIDS TEACHING KIDS RIVER CONFERENCE

The 2011 Kids Teaching Kids River Conference was held in Adelaide this year from the 23rd – 25th October. The international conference, which is held in a different Australian state each year has now been running for 12 years and over this time has welcomed over 20,000 student participants. This year approximately 2500 students and teachers participated in 46 different workshops over the 3 days which were staged at the Convention Centre and the Botanic Gardens in Adelaide.



Both the Goolwa Primary School and the Eastern Fleurieu School – Milang Campus, presented workshops at the Conference. The Goolwa children focused on the region's five endangered fish species and the Milang Campus presented their work on rescuing and rehabilitating turtles from Tubeworm infestations. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) conducted various practical workshops i.e; salinity and the effects on the ecosystem and also had a trade stand with many resources available to the participants. The Lakes Hub assisted with the trade stand delivering information and resources to both students and teachers.

Picture : DENR staff, Gemma Cunningham, Kat Goss and Nikki Brookman presenting a workshop at the Botanic gardens.

For more information on Kids teaching Kids follow the link www.kidsteachingkids.com.au

HISTORICAL POINT STURT CHURCH - 150TH ANNIVERSARY

On the 15th of November 1861, a group of settlers on Point Sturt received the donation of a small parcel of land from the corner of Thomas Robinson's farm on the Point Sturt road. They began to construct the Point Sturt Church of Christ Chapel.

You are invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Chapel and Cemetery.

When: Sunday 13th November 2011, 11:30 for 12 noon lunch. Service at 2pm

Where: Point Sturt Road, about 1km from the Milang - Clayton road.

Contacts: John 0408 825 385, Carol 8537 0035



The anniversary in 1968, photo by (late) Graham Yelland.

GOOLWA REGATTA YACHT CLUB RELAUNCHES MILANG GOOLWA FRESHWATER CLASSIC YACHT RACE

Media release submitted by the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club



THE MARINA HINDMARSH ISLAND

MILANG GOOLWA
22 January 2012
Freshwater Classic

the water's back

Goolwa Regatta Week
14-22 January 2012

Vintage River Boats
Trailable Yachts
Multihulls
Catamarans
Dinghies

The MARINA
HINDMARSH ISLAND

One of South Australia's most popular yacht races, The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic will be held on Sunday January 22nd 2012 after a five-year hiatus because of drought and low water levels.

The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic race will be a spectacular finale to the Goolwa Regatta Week, which starts the week beforehand on Saturday January 14 and will offer many community activities on and off the water during the week.

Entries are now open (on-line using TopYacht) via www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au where the Notice of Race can also be found.

Racing is open to many off-the-beach monohull and cat classes as well as trailer-sailer yachts and vintage river boats. The race begins at the lakeside town of Milang and continues across Lake Alexandrina and down the River Murray to the river port of Goolwa, a total distance of 50-kilometres.

The Freshwater Classic still holds the record as the largest freshwater yacht race in the southern hemisphere when 584 boats competed in 1986. In its long history since the first race in 1966, thousands of boats have taken part and it took a decade of drought to halt the race five years ago.

Hundreds of spectators, both locals and tourists, are expected to watch the Milang to Goolwa race along the route downstream to Goolwa. The race links the three lake and riverside towns of Milang, Clayton and Goolwa in a singular event and the whole course offers spectacular viewing both on and off the water.

As part of the Goolwa Regatta Week leading up to the Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic, boats can compete in the Marina Challenge, a GRYC Twilight Race, the Dash for Cash as well as Vintage Boat Races, Dinghy Races, Sailability Races and Remote Control Boat Racing.

Contact the GRYC on gryc@gryc.com.au or visit www.gryc.com.au or www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au for more information.

INVITATION-LAUNCH OF THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN NATIVE FISH AWARENESS WEEK



Date: SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2011

Time: 11:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: Goolwa Lock and Barrages, Barrage Road, Goolwa

FREE BARBEQUE LUNCH

Events Include:

The Launch of the Lower Lakes and Coorong Talking Fish Booklet!!

Information displays on native fish projects within the Lower Lakes and Coorong and across the Murray Darling Basin

Hands on activities for the Kids!!

Prizes for guessing the weight of fish in the tanks and plenty more!!

SNAKES ALIVE AT MENINGIE

The Lakes Hub provided a live snake information session at the Meningie school hall for students at Meningie, Salt Creek and Raukkan schools on Thursday the 27th October. Over 160 students had the opportunity to learn about the physiology of snakes, effects of venom on the body and how to deal with a snake bite. Live snakes common to the lakes area such as the Common Brown, the Tiger and the Red Bellied Black snake were handled by the expert Peter Mirtschin with one snake being 'milked' for venom. This venom was then mixed with fresh blood (that of a sheep prepared earlier – not a wayward child) which demonstrated the clotting effect of venom.

Many thanks to Peter Mirtschin, Venom Supplies Australia for the snakes and the Meningie school for offering their wonderful venue and assistance.



Photos : snake expert, Peter Mirtschin, behind assistant Wendy Conaghty with enthralled students.



RIVER MURRAY – weekly FLOW ADVICE

For weekly flow / level reports on the River Murray and Lakes go to the following website

www.waterforgood.sa.gov.au

Up-to-date River Murray flow and water level information can be accessed at the Department for Water, 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>

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>

Information on the discharge of acid drainage water into the Lower River Murray can be accessed online at

www.waterforgood.sa.gov.au

DAILY RECORDINGS – RIVER MURRAY DATA

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

DATE **OCT 24 - 28 2011**

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	SALT (EC)
24	GOOLWA	0.773	478
25		0.763	477
26		0.813	478
27		0.767	530
28		0.777	559
AVERAGE		0.779	504
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	SALT (EC)
24	MILANG JETTY	0.796	445
25		0.811	448
26		0.808	437
27		0.753	422
28		0.754	419
AVERAGE		0.784	434
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	SALT (EC)
24	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.745	388
25		0.731	356
26		0.739	367
27		0.750	379
28		0.745	483
AVERAGE		0.742	395
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	SALT (EC)
24	MENINGIE JETTY	0.758	4408
25		0.756	4485
26		0.635	4311
27		0.639	4306
28		0.680	4315
AVERAGE		0.694	4365
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL AHD	SALT (EC)
24	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.785	5515
25		0.702	5517
26		0.646	5558
27		0.695	5575
28		0.754	5628
AVERAGE		0.716	5559

Monthly Averages for September 2011

THIS TIME 14 MONTHS AGO – AUGUST 2010

GOOLWA	0.791	559
MILANG	0.770	461
RAUKKAN	0.763	422
MENINGIE	0.763	4718
WARRENGIE	0.788	5460

Clayton
Milang
H.Island
Albert

WATER LEVEL AHD	PH	SALT (EC)
0.121	8.27	15146
0.456	7.95	3581
0.435	8.67	18924
-0.389	8.79	12159

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for more info contact the Lakes Hub

If you have any relevant community event or courses that you would like added to the Calendar of Events please contact the Lakes Hub.

November 2011

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2	Samphire workshop – Hindmarsh Island 10.00am – 1.00pm. RSPV Monday 24 th October to to Jo McPhee jomcphee@lakeshub.com Ph 0488 465 043 Lakes Hub office 85370808 Stirring the Possum seminar – 5.30pm – 7.00pm The Sanctuary, Adelaide Zoo Forum – Proposed MDB plan – Murray Bridge Town Hall from 6.30pm-8.00pm. Hon Jay Weatherill & Hon. Paul Caica
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6	Native fish Awareness week celebrations at Goolwa lock & barrage 11.00am – all welcome
7	Propagation Workshop 10am – 1.00pm Milang Nursery Contact : John 85370687
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9	Native fish Awareness Day at Milang School - BBQ lunch - Contact : Amanda Vivian, Milang School 85370223
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13	Meningie Carporama – Meningie yacht Club
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16	NatureMaps workshop , Strathalbyn school internet centre. Contact Derek Fenton at derekf@activ8.net.au
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