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## The date for the Water Security Forum at Tintinara on Feb 29th is rapidly approaching.

*By Graham Gates, LAP Project Officer, Coorong District Council*

This forum has implications for any stock water supplied by SA Water mains anywhere in the state.

There is also potential savings for properties using bore water and examples of water catchment schemes where neither mains nor bore water is available.

We are getting quite a few trade exhibitors on board and will have a range of exhibits ranging from working desal plants, units to shandy water, solar power, pumps etc and static displays.



**We need to finalise catering numbers so if you are interested in attending and have not registered, please do so by return email.**

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## Shorebirds app for your iPhone

If you have an iPhone you might find this phone application ( app) very handy when you are out 'in the field'. Follow the prompts to download the iPhone Web App that helps you identify and learn more about shorebirds.

1. Point Safari on the iPhone at <http://www.penboc.org.au/shorebirds/>
2. Tap on the "+" or 'forward arrow' on the toolbar at the bottom of the Safari screen
3. Tap on "Add to Home Screen" and change the name to "Oz Shorebirds"
4. Tap on "Save" or "Add"
5. You should now have an icon on your home screen (of a Hooded Plover) that you can tap on to run the app
6. You can also use it on a Mac or PC via Safari or Google Chrome (and some other browsers, but not Internet Explorer or Firefox).

*The information above is from the Birds Australia web site  
– to access Control+click on the logo to the right.*



# **SEED COLLECTION WORKSHOP**

**Come and learn about different aspects of seed collection including: timing, seed viability & longevity, storage & record keeping. The workshop will be conducted by environmental consultant Phil Barron who has extensive experience in revegetation and seed collection training.**



**When: Wednesday 14th March**

**Where: Ace Space! Milang Old School House Community Centre  
Morning field trip to Nurragi Reserve**

**Time: 10am till 3pm. Light lunch provided!**

**RSVP by Wed 7th March to Jo Mcphee: 0488 465 043 or  
jomcpee@lakeshub.com**

**Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and bring own water.**



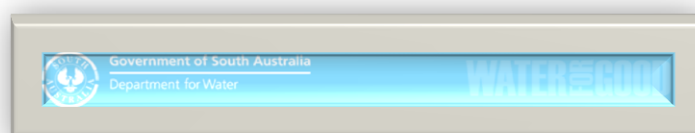
Sponsored by the Lakes Hub and Presented by  
the Lakes Community Nurseries Network.



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## **Will recent floods upstream cause floods down south ?**

For the latest information on flow outputs for the River Murray go to the River Murray flow advice and water Resource update on the Department for Water web site WATER FOR GOOD. Control+Click on the icon below to visit the site .



## Grants for free volunteer training

Grants are now available for the delivery of free training to support local volunteers.

Free Volunteer Training Grants 2012 recognises the value of providing free training for volunteers, which increases their skills and experience, and helps to meet the needs of local communities.

Funding from the \$80,000 Free Volunteer Training Grants program is available to eligible South Australian volunteer resource centres, councils, training providers and not-for-profit community groups.

Recipients will receive volunteer training grants to deliver either:

- **An individual training course** that meets the needs of a local community; or
- **A suite of training courses** that addresses a range of needs of a local community and/or covers a wider geographic area of South Australia.

Application forms and guidelines are available from the Office for Volunteers website

<http://www.ofv.sa.gov.au/traininggrants.htm> or by phoning 08 8463 4490. **Applications close Friday 23 March 2012.**

## NRM Volunteer Small Grants

Grants of up to \$1,000 per group are available and are aimed at assisting volunteers with their NRM activities by covering or contributing to the cost of equipment, project materials or capacity building activities such as training. The application and reporting processes have been minimised to reflect the scale of funding available and these should not require too much of your time to complete.

Applications must be submitted by the **31 March 2012**. Further information is contained within the Application Form.

The application form can also be downloaded from the Board's website [www.samdbnrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.samdbnrm.sa.gov.au)

For more information on the 'NRM Volunteer Small Grants'.

Contact : Miranda Leckie Email [miranda.leckie@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au](mailto:miranda.leckie@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au) Phone : 08 8532 9114 (Direct)

## Birds Australia - change of details

*From the Conservation Council SA website*

Birds Australia has merged with a partner organisation, BOCA, to create a new company called [BirdLife Australia](http://www.birdlifeaustralia.org.au). Control + Click on the highlighted link to open the Birdlife Australia web site.

For more information from the Conservation Council SA click on this icon



## 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](http://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.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](http://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>

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DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	GOOLWA	0.703	1228
14		0.723	773
15		0.692	749
16		0.692	754
17		0.722	747
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.706</b>	<b>850.2</b>
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL ( AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	MILANG JETTY	0.660	651
14		0.654	654
15		0.648	665
16		0.638	658
17		0.684	681
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.657</b>	<b>661.8</b>
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.640	493
14		0.641	490
15		0.638	496
16		0.636	558
17		0.648	544
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.641</b>	<b>516.2</b>
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	MENINGIE JETTY	0.581	5152
14		0.613	5137
15		0.621	5032
16		0.639	4945
17		0.585	4930
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.608</b>	<b>5039.2</b>
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.596	5085
14		0.631	5071
15		0.649	5073
16		0.647	5055
17		0.623	5025
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.629</b>	<b>5061.8</b>

## 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.

February 2012	
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2	WORLD WETLAND DAY
3	Point Sturt and District Landcare Group general meeting. Anne Hartnet's shed 3.00pm Contact : Bruce Allnutt 0419800574
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13	River Murray Youth Council info session - more information please call Jodie Sommerville on 85321432 or 0422624721 or email <a href="mailto:jodie.sommerville@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au">jodie.sommerville@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au</a>
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15	Local ideas for local wetlands info session – Murray Bridge Town Hall 4.00- 8.00pm more info <a href="http://www.samdbnrm.sa.gov.au/GetInvolved/Localideasforlocalwetlands.aspx">http://www.samdbnrm.sa.gov.au/GetInvolved/Localideasforlocalwetlands.aspx</a>
16	Local ideas for local wetlands info session – Strathalbyn NRC office 4.00- 8.00pm more info <a href="http://www.samdbnrm.sa.gov.au/GetInvolved/Localideasforlocalwetlands.aspx">http://www.samdbnrm.sa.gov.au/GetInvolved/Localideasforlocalwetlands.aspx</a>
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29	Water Security Forum, Tintinara. To register contact Graham Gates 0427 572 330. More info <a href="http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=221&amp;c=3599">http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=221&amp;c=3599</a>
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