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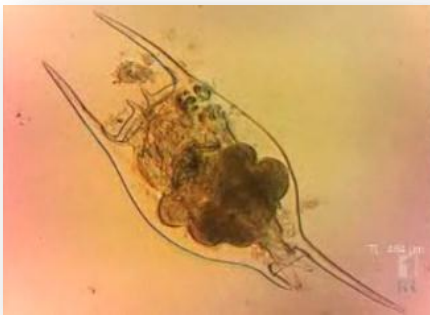
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## DENR Zooplankton discovery on ABC TV 7.30 Report



ABC TV recently visited Lake Alexandrina to film the collection of Zooplankton species discovered in the lower lakes by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources ( DENR). Some tropical Zooplankton species found in the Lake Alexandrina test sites are believed to have come down from Queensland via the Darling River to SA.

This story was featured on the 7.30 report on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

To view this clip Control + Click on the Zooplankton picture.

## USB Digital Microscopes available at the Hub

The Lakes Hubs have USB digital microscopes available to community members seeking to get a closer look at seeds, bugs, flowers etc.

The subject under the microscope can be viewed on a computer screen once the microscope is connected to a computer. Photos of the enlarged view can also be captured as a photo or video with the click of the mouse.

Right : Dianella seed scattered on the desk is displayed on the computer screen through the digital microscope. A record of the photos taken of this specimen is visible on the right of the computer screen.

The microscopes can be used by community members on site at either Lakes Hubs or they can be borrowed.

For more information contact the Lakes Hub 85370808



## Draft Basin Plan – Indigenous consultation meetings

There are around five weeks to go until the close of the 20-week formal consultation period on the draft Basin Plan.

As part of the consultation on the draft plan, the MDBA are continuing to travel to towns throughout the Basin to talk with Aboriginal people on their country. There are plans for meetings in Murray Bridge and Raukkan sometime after mid April but specific dates are yet to be finalized.

For updates on Indigenous consultation meetings, visit the [Indigenous meetings webpage](#).

**Submissions are due in by 16 April 2012.**

To make a submission, follow this link: <http://www.mdba.gov.au/have-your-say/make-submission>

## NRM volunteer small grants

The SA Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management group have grants available for volunteer groups. These grants, which are up to \$1,000 per group, 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.

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

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

Contact Miranda Leckie on the number below for more information on the 'NRM Volunteer Small Grants'.

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## Friends of the Coorong

The 'Friends of the Coorong' group gathered recently at the National Parks Office 'Noonameena' on Seven Mile Rd via Meningie for their AGM.

The meeting discussions included the progress of the Birds of the Coorong book soon to be produced, the Fairy Tern Census, Fox bait control, interpretation and directional walking trail signage and arrangements to host a Silver anniversary event to celebrate 25 years of the 'Friends of Coorong'.

For more information and/or membership opportunities for the 'Friends of the Coorong' contact :

Joanne Flavel on 08 85751200 or [joanne.flavel@sa.gov.au](mailto:joanne.flavel@sa.gov.au)



## Toolbox for Environmental Change Forum

Greening Australia, in partnership other co-sponsors are hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Toolbox for Environmental Change Forum which is geared for those involved in education for sustainability.

Toolbox for Environmental Change Forum is Victoria's premier conference for those involved in education for sustainability. The 2012 forum will be held on **Thursday 22nd March** at Melbourne Museum.



For more information Control + click on the toolbox icon.

## Woody Weed Control

There are spaces available for the upcoming woody weeds training in Mount Barker.

**TRAINER:** Sandy Cummings and Dwayne Godfrey, SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board  
**WHEN:** Friday 16 March 2012  
**WHERE:** Mount Barker Natural Resource Centre, corner of Mann and Walker street.  
**TIME:** 9:00am to 1:00pm followed with lunch  
**Contact :** Miranda Leckie Administrative Officer, SAMDBNRM 08 8532 9114 (Direct)  
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## Water Security Forum an Outstanding Success

*By the Coorong Tatiara Local Action Planning Team*

The Water Security Forum was held at Tintinara on Wednesday the 29th of February. This was a highly successful day with numbers of participants varying from 150 to 200 during the different sessions. 18 water industry related businesses contributed to the day, and all were energised by the event.

A range of water saving and harvesting options were outlined on the day, with a focus on technology that landholders could readily adopt. A range of excellent speakers covered technical aspects, planning information, and case studies from local landholders. Sessions of note on the day included Mark & Andrea Hannemann from the Cleve Hills explaining how they constructed a rainwater harvesting scheme to meet all of their livestock water requirements, and Colin Pitman of the City of Salisbury explaining the stormwater aquifer storage and recovery system.

At around 9.30am our day became significantly more challenging when the whole of Tintinara experienced a power outage that lasted all day, as did the rain! Presentations were back up and running within 15 minutes thanks to a trade display's generator, one urn was powered by solar panels, and the cool room was powered by a local landholders generator. So there was a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure that the Forum continued.

The day was generously supported by trade sponsors, with major support from Coorong District Council, SE Northern NRM Group, and the SAMDB NRM Board.

The Water Security Forum was an extremely successful event thanks to the hard work of the Organising Committee (Graham Gates, Tracey Strugnell, Sam Blight, Cr Jeff Arthur, Adrian Barber, Henry Angas, Mark Scobie, Neville Stopp and Faith Cook) and in particular the hard work and dedication of the LAP staff (Graham Gates, Tracey Strugnell and Sam Blight).

### PHOTOS :

**Top :** Peter Cockburn demonstrating a solar powered desalination unit with Neil McKenzie of Tintinara.

**Middle :** Mark & Andrea Hannemann who spoke on their rainwater harvesting system, and Miles Hannemann (centre) of the Tatiara Local Action Planning Committee.

**Bottom :** Brian Schulz demonstrating aspects of desalination to Adam and Glenn Merry of Woods Well.



Electronic versions of the presentations can be viewed at [www.coorong.sa.gov.au/watersecurityforum](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/watersecurityforum)

Printed copies of the presentations can be posted out on request.

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## 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>

MARCH 5-9 2012

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
5	GOOLWA	0.703	643
6		0.712	621
7		0.733	625
8		0.673	607
9		0.585	612
	AVERAGE	0.681	622
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL ( AHD)	SALT (EC)
5	MILANG JETTY	0.706	781
6		0.721	834
7		0.718	840
8		0.712	831
9		0.614	818
	AVERAGE	0.694	821
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
5	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.701	534
6		0.705	585
7		0.700	659
8		0.683	705
9		0.630	537
	AVERAGE	0.684	604
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
5	MENINGIE JETTY	0.694	4881
6		0.664	4873
7		0.590	4853
8		0.610	4733
9		0.653	4665
	AVERAGE	0.642	4801
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
5	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.707	4719
6		0.679	4653
7		0.632	4697
8		0.633	4843
9		0.687	4880
	AVERAGE	0.668	4758

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS for more info contact the Lakes Hub

### MARCH 2012

1	<b>First day of Autumn</b>
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3	<b>GWLAP Lake Edge Reveg &amp; Maintenance workshop.</b> 9.30-11.30 Point Sturt headland Contact : Will Miles GWLAP
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6	<b>Signal Riverine Environment group</b> – General Meeting Goolwa Museum at 7.30pm Contact : Regina 0427 364 551
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10	<b>GWLAP wetlands &amp; Swamps workshop</b> – Arthur road, Mt Compass 9.30-11.30am Contact Will Miles GWLAP 85 365 600
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12	<b>Adelaide Cup – Public Holiday</b>
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14	<b>Seed Collection workshop</b> at the ACE space, Milang 10.00-3.00 Contact Jo McPhee 0488 465 043 or 85 370 615 at the Lakes Hub  <b>MDBA meeting</b> 5.00pm for a 5.30pm start Allan Scott Auditorium, UniSA City West campus, rear Hawke Building, 50-55 North Terrace, Adelaide RSVP essential via <a href="http://www.hawkecentre.unisa.edu.au">www.hawkecentre.unisa.edu.au</a> or phone 08 8302 0215
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16	<b>Woody weed control workshop</b> – 9.00 – 1.00pm Mt Barker. Contact : Email: <a href="mailto:miranda.leckie@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au">miranda.leckie@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au</a>
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20	<b>Gollan's Waterhole visit</b> for the Vision Milang Group
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If you have any relevant community event or courses that you would like added to the Calendar of Events please contact the Lakes Hub.

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