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The Lakes Hub is the initiative of the Milang and District Community Association and is part of the South Australian Government's Murray Futures program, funded by the Australian Government's Water for the Future initiative.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE



Jo McPhee, Lakes Hub Community Nurseries Network Coordinator is receiving well deserved recognition for her hard work and passion for the environment this year. Jo who works 4 days a week at the Lakes Hub Milang has been studying part time for a Bachelor of Science (Biodiversity and Conservation) at Flinders University and has recently been awarded the Environmental Project Management Award for 2011. This award is presented by the School of Environment, based on the student who has the highest aggregate mark in a calendar year in environmental subjects.

Jo has also been selected to receive the South Coast Dune Care Wollaston Scholarship of \$12000 to enable completion of her studies over the next 3-5 years. Jo says "I feel honoured to receive the Scholarship from a local environmental organisation which has such a commitment to care for our environment. I really love that I can integrate my study with practical hands on experiences as part of my employment and volunteering. I can also share what I am learning with the community organisations with which I work, enabling them to extend their skills and be active participants in local revegetation and restoration work in the Lakes and Tributaries."

Terry Tarrant from South Coast Dune Care said "The Wollaston Scholarships recognise Brian Wollaston who was a founding member of the group in 1994 and aims to support people who are studying environmental sciences at university. We congratulate Jo on being one of the inaugural recipients of the scholarship".

\$\$\$ for Community Groups

Are you a community Group looking for an opportunity to raise much needed funds for your organisation ?

The Milang & District Community Association has put forward a tender to plant 50,000 seedlings between May and September and 20,000 has been set aside for local community organisations and clubs to plant.

If you would like to participate and raise funds then please contact Karyn Bradford at Milang Old School House Community Centre on 85370687 or moshcc@bigpond.com by 25th April. Having been involved with this program for the last 2 years the Association can help you out with tools and support to help you have a great experience. Last year Milang Campus raised over \$2000 for a 2 day effort and other Community Groups raising funds were Point Sturt Landcare, Community Living and Support Services, Clayton Bay CFS and Clayton Bay Community Association.

The Community Revegetation Program is an initiative of the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Inc and is part of the South Australian Government's Murray Futures program, funded by the Australian Government's Water for the Future initiative.

Mulloway fishing restrictions to be reviewed

Records from 2009-2010 have revealed that the Mulloway catches in South Australia were the lowest in 22 years which has initiated additional research.

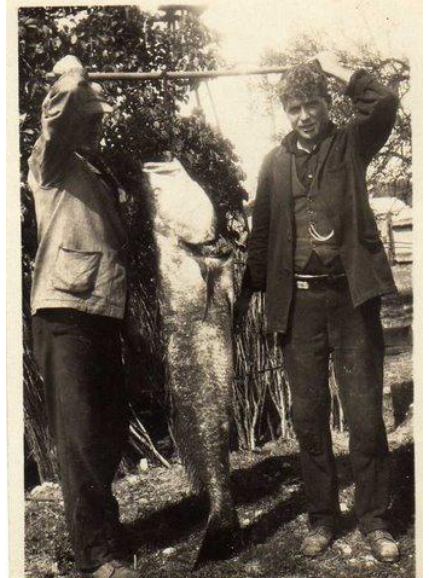
Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA) is expected to have a review of the commercial fishing of Mulloway in the Lakes and Coorong by mid-2013 when it will be released for public consultation.

According to research the Mulloway do not reach sexual maturity until about 5 years of age when they are around 80cm in length. An assessment report released last year suggested that more than 80% of Mulloway catches were immature.

Photo courtesy of Bob Honor. Caption by Bob Honor.

“A 70 lb Mulloway caught in 1935 prior to Barrages, Uncle Dick Cremer and Fred Tee”

Note : 70lbs = 31.75kgs



Revegetation opportunities for CLLMM landholders

Expressions of Interest are being sought from Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth landholders who are interested in revegetation and other restoration opportunities for their properties.

The Vegetation Program aims to revegetate, rehabilitate and restore habitats around the Coorong and Lower Lakes region, as well as combating environmental issues such as acidification and soil erosion.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources' CLLMM Program is looking for landholders interested in undertaking native revegetation, fencing, and pest and weed control as part of the Vegetation Program.

The Vegetation Program provides an opportunity for local landholders to become directly involved in the collaborative effort to secure a healthy and resilient future for the region.

Further information and the Expression of Interest form are available from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources website - Control + Click on the icon

Or contact Nikki Brookman on (08) 84637694 or email nikki.brookman@sa.gov.au

Expressions of Interest submissions close 5pm 4th May 2012.



What is HERPETOLOGY ?

'Herpetology is the study of reptiles and amphibians. Reptiles include snakes, lizards, crocodiles, turtles and tortoises. Amphibians include frogs, salamanders and caecilians. The two groups of animals are only distantly related but have traditionally been placed together as a research discipline.'

From the Australian Museum <http://australianmuseum.net.au/Australian-Museum-Herpetology-Collection>

REMINDER :



SAVE THE FROGS DAY

Milang Institute

April 26th 2012

Contact the Lakes Hub for more information and competition entry forms

Murray River Community meeting

When: Tuesday 10th April at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

Where: Adelaide Town Hall.

Speakers include:

Hon Jay Weatherill, South Australian Premier, Peter Owen, South Australian of the Year (Environment), Richard Kingsford, Director of the Australian Wetlands and Rivers Centre, Federal Environment Minister Hon Tony Burke and other important South Australian Federal Leaders.

Come and hear what is needed to make the Murray healthy and have your say!

RSVP: www.lifeblood.org.au

Review of the SA Murray-Darling Basin Regional NRM Plan - SURVEY

The South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board (the Board) invites you to take part in a short survey to hear your views on the current Regional NRM Plan (NRM Plan), your involvement in its development and improvements for the next NRM Plan when it is reviewed and refined.

The SA MDB NRM Region (The Region) is currently in its third year of implementation of the NRM Plan. The NRM Plan was prepared by the Board over a two year period and came into full effect on 30 June 2009. It represents the first comprehensive plan for the Region prepared under the auspices of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004.

The four Volumes of the NRM Plan are structured by the primary natural resources asset classes of Water, Biodiversity and Land. This is supplemented by a People asset, recognizing that people are the major determinant of NRM outcomes (be they good or bad), and an **Atmosphere** asset, recognizing that impacts on the atmosphere leading to climate change will have major impacts on all natural resources into the future. The Strategic Plan (Volume One) sets the direction for the Region for the next ten years and is reviewed every five years to ensure that it stays current. The Business Plan (Volume Four) provides the Board's investment profile for the next three years and is reviewed annually.

Given the time taken to review and amend a Regional NRM Plan (all 4 volumes), it is timely to consider and prepare for the amendment of the Regional NRM Plan. Stage 1 of the review process aims to add to the known strengths and weaknesses of the current plan and planning process, and identify opportunities for its improvement as it is reviewed and refined.

Please click on the following "Survey Monkey" link to take part in a short survey (5 -10 minutes). Results will help the Board determine the primary areas for improvements (including addressing gaps and sharpening targets) and identifying areas that already work well.

Survey Monkey link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TLNDM5L>

We would appreciate your feedback by **16 April 2012**. Feedback will also inform the development of a concept statement that will be sent out to stakeholders outlining the areas that will be reviewed for the next edition of the Regional NRM Plan.

Phil McNamara (for) Amy Goodman, Planning and Evaluation Manager, SA MDB NRM Region

CLAYTON BAY BOAT CLUB Inc. ANNUAL RAT RACE REGATTA REPORT

By Rob Jones, Race Organizer

This year, the Rat Race Regatta was sailed on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March in two divisions over two courses, the traditional Rat Race Course and the Stony Point Course. On Saturday in stronger than forecast airs of between 12 and 15 knots, boats sailed anti-clockwise around the courses with the Stony Point boats doing an extra lap around Rat Island.

After an exciting 'mosh-pit' start with many boats taking evasive action to avoid collisions (and some failing) boats battled the fresh breeze up to and behind Rat Island where the fleets diverged onto the Rat Island and Stony Point Courses.

Overall winner of the Rat Race Trophy and wearer of the famous daggy 'rat hat', was Mal Hart for the second year in a row.

The new and somewhat ostentatious Stony Point trophy was won on a count-back by Nick Jongewaard from Don Richardson.

The Hartley Perpetual Trophy was won by CBBC's Mark Rainbird in "Sienna" and Jay Wagorn won the Fastest Junior Trophy.

All in all a splendid weekend with excellent weather, a fantastic support team in the clubrooms and on the water, and great sailing.

Conservation Council SA - latest news

This issue contains Murray Darling Basin Plan issues.
To access the web site Control + Click on the icon.



SAMDBNRM – Change Exchange



Change Exchange

Community observations of environmental condition in the South Australia Murray Darling Basin Region

The South Australian Murray Darling Basin NRM Board **wants you to come and share your observations of environmental condition** within the region at its inaugural "Change Exchange" Forum. The day is an opportunity for those involved in community monitoring to come and share their story of the condition and trend of natural resources within the South Australian Murray Darling Basin region.

Whether you are involved in a regular monitoring group, have done a one off project or have just generally noticed that things in your local area are changing **the Board is inviting you** to attend and share those observations with them and others from across the region.

The forum is **acting upon the recommendations** of the *Review of Participatory Monitoring in the South Australian Murray Darling NRM Region*. We have attached the executive summary of that review to this email, and the full report is available on our website.

The day will give you the **opportunity to share knowledge and skills** and to **tackle head on some of the issues facing community monitoring**. The day will involve **presentations from those who conducted the review**, as well as **some good news stories** about how community monitoring data is being used by scientists to assess the condition of natural resources in the SAMDB region. There will also be some **workshops on how you can get your data out** into the broader community as well **ways to improve the quality of your data**.

Most importantly though, there will be plenty of **time for you to meet others who share your passion for the region**.

The forum will be held at the **Mannum Community Club on the 17th of May**. As SAMDB is a big region, the Board will be **co-ordinating car pooling** and **providing morning tea and lunch** for all who attend.

So please [Register Now](#)

If you have any queries or any problems using the online registration system please get in contact with Peta Page at peta.page@sa.gov.au or call on 83917516

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

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DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
26	GOOLWA	0.736	7627
27		0.745	5800
28		0.630	1609
29		0.622	907
30		0.622	882
	AVERAGE	0.671	3365
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
26	MILANG JETTY	0.731	798
27		0.722	799
28		0.666	771
29		0.658	758
30		0.639	765
	AVERAGE	0.683	778
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
26	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.706	555
27		0.712	497
28		0.676	573
29		0.654	543
30		0.639	555
	AVERAGE	0.677	545
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
26	MENINGIE JETTY	0.699	4584
27		0.694	4609
28		0.714	4695
229		0.680	4666
30		0.663	4706
	AVERAGE	0.690	4874
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	4874
26	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.735	4874
27		0.749	4874
28		0.754	4874
29		0.731	4874
30			4874
	AVERAGE	0.742	4874

March averages 2012

Water level salt (EC)

Goolwa	0.649	1716
Milang jetty	0.661	787
Raukkan	0.647	568
Meningie	0.631	4706
Warrenjie	0.662	4803

March averages 2011

	WATER LEVEL AHD	SALT (EC)
Clayton	0.625	489
Milang	0.712	487
H.Island	0.499	492
Albert	0.694	6978

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for more info contact the Lakes Hub

APRIL 2012

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6	EASTER
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8	EASTER – School holidays begin
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10	River Murray Community meeting – Adelaide Town Hall 5.30 for 6.00pm start Contact RSVP www.lifeblood.org.au
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14	Clayton Bay Fair Contact Leonie on 0407 394 907 for further information or to book a site.
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20	Photo competition entries due in for Save the Frogs Day event – contact Lou at the Lakes Hub info@lakeshub.com 85370808
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26	SAVE THE FROGS DAY Milang Institute 1.00 – 6.00pm Interactive day with live, static and digital exhibits, Frog enthusiasts, Competitions - art, photography, clay etc. Contact Lakes Hub 85370808 info@lakeshub.com for entry comp entry forms etc. ALL FREE
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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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