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Lakes and Coorong Communities Alliance - postcard launch

By Silver Moon –Lakes & Coorong Communities Alliance Group

The Lakes and Coorong Communities Alliance were pleased to launch their postcard on 28th March with the help of Murray the short necked Turtle.

Murray the Turtle arrived at Milang jetty in a beautifully restored boat captained by John Bradford. The children of the Milang school were there to greet Murray along with adults from near and far and two very different Murray Cods.

Murray carried with him a green Save the Turtles bag that contained the postcards, which have a brief submission to the Murray Darling Basin Authority on them.

Murray needed a little help from the schoolchildren to write his name and address on his submission and then he posted his card in a special post box that was positioned at the end of the jetty for the day.

Organiser of the event , Anne Hartnett, the chair of Point Sturt Landcare, said that the Lakes and Coorong Communities Alliance had been meeting for quite a few weeks now to go through the Murray Darling Basin Plan in detail, and prepare a joint submission. However the group had realized that many people might not be able to do this and created the postcard for others to make a quick and easy response to the Plan. The cards were printed with the help of the Reedwarblers Choir.

The text of the card is

Submission on the proposed Murray Darling Basin Plan

The plan must include timely actions to improve the health of the Basin's rivers, wetlands, lakes and Coorong.

The plan must provide -

1. •sufficient flow to keep the Murray Mouth continuously open, without dredging:
2. •sufficient flow to flush the 2 million tonnes of salt and pollutants out of the Mouth:
3. •sufficient flow to prevent acidification of Lakes Albert and Alexandrina and
4. •sufficient and timely flows to restore wetland health and maintain resilience throughout the Basin.

If closure of the Mouth and increased salinity threatens, water must be released from storages and/or allocations reduced immediately.

In no part of the Murray Darling Basin should there be any further increase in the total amount of surface or ground water allocated for agricultural and industrial use.

Name _____

Address or email _____

Anne said , "As well you can find the postcard on the internet at www.fixthebasinplan.com and email it straight to the MDBA from there. We only have until the 16th of April to get our voices heard and make sure that the government know how important it is for us to have a healthy river system."

Postcards are available at the Lakes Hub and local shops. You can drop them in to the Hub and they will send them on to the MDBA for you.



Community Nurseries join in the Farm Gate Festivities



Following the success of the inaugural Alexandrina Farm Gate Festival in 2010 the second Biennial Farm Gate Festival once again celebrates creativity. It brings together artists and farmers, youth, community nurseries and creative others to collaborate on gate-art works that will be displayed on roadside farm gates around the Alexandrina region.

This year some of the local Community Nurseries will be exhibiting gates at their nursery sites and will also have quality plants for sale at very reasonable prices.

The Hindmarsh Island gate “Revegate” can be seen on the lawn at Signal Point, Goolwa and was proudly erected by Wendy Phillips and Jill Masters.

The Festival was launched by Mayor Kym McHugh at Signal Point, the newly established Regional Cultural Centre at Goolwa on Saturday 31st of March. The gates will be exhibited at various locations until the 29th April 2012.

Photos of exhibits from top - :

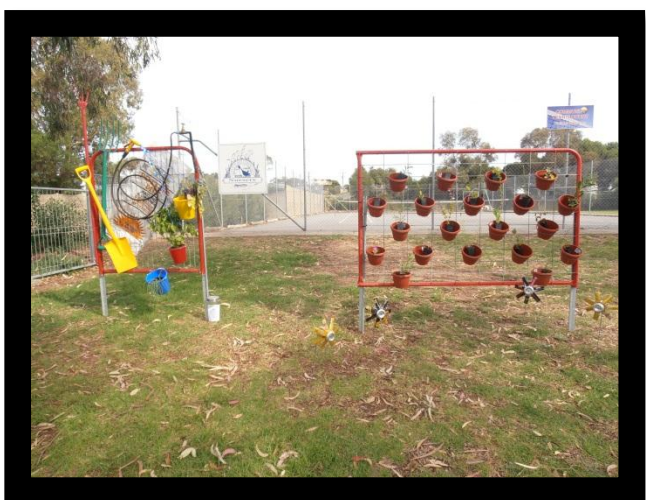
Milang Community Nursery

Clayton Community Nursery

Hindmarsh Island Community Nursery

For more information contact :

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Daylight saving

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of advancing clocks one hour during the warmer months of the year. In Australia, Daylight saving is observed in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and the Australian Capital Territory. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am on the first Sunday in October and ends at 2am (which is 3am Daylight Saving Time) on the first Sunday in April.

Where Daylight saving is observed:

NSW, ACT, Vic and Tas move from AEST to **Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)**

SA and the NSW town of Broken Hill move from ACST to **Australian Central Daylight Time (ACDT)**

Daylight saving is not observed in Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia.

Reed harvesting for weaving

INVITATION to join a group to collect some traditional basket weaving reeds/sedge (*Cyperus gymnocaulos* - Spiny Flat-Sedge)
Please come along and help harvest some traditional materials which will be used in weaving workshops in Milang and Goolwa in September and October 2012.

Cultural weaver Ellen Trevorrow, family and friends will host a weaving workshop for Kumuwuki/Big Wave - the Regional Arts Australia National Conference in October.

Now is the right time to harvest the reeds so we have plenty of materials to work with.

(Cyperus gymnocaulos - Spiny Flat-Sedge)



When: Thursday 12th April, 2012 : 9.30am - 2.00 pm
Where: Basham's Beach, Middleton Meet at Basham's Beach car park 9.30 am
What to bring: gloves; hat; water; picnic lunch to share
Please RSVP : Ollie Black, Project Officer, Alexandrina Council
Ph: (08) 8555 7239 Mobile: 0447877447
Email: Ollie.Black@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

SAMDBNRM Seed Collection workshops

SESSION ONE

When: Tuesday 17 April 2012
Where: Murray Bridge
Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm (lunch provided)

SESSION TWO

When: Thursday 19 April 2012
Where: Berri
Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm (lunch provided)

There are still spaces available for both sessions, so please contact Miranda Leckie ASAP on 08 8532 9100 or miranda.leckie@sa.gov.au if you would like to attend.

Authority to face Murray questions

Links to recent media on the Murray Darling Basin Draft Plan.

AdelaideNow

April 02, 2012

THE draft Murray-Darling plan is clearly a deeply flawed document, writes Diane Bell. What is to be done and by whom?

Alternatively, you can copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/authority-will-face-tough-murray-questions-today/story-e6frea83-1226316861435>

Financial Review

Last chance for word on Murray Darling, Lucille Keen, April 3 2012

Hundreds of people are expected to fill the Adelaide Convention Centre on Tuesday for the last Murray Darling Basin Authority draft plan public meeting before submissions close on April 16.

http://www.afr.com/p/national/last_chance_for_word_on_murray_darling_QDGznOF2Fw5Mh3LvGSaPqL

From: The Advertiser

Plan for river a science failure by: Greg Kelton and Ken McGregor April 02, 2012 11:00pm

SCIENTISTS have found that the River Murray draft plan to return 2750 billion litres of water to the river will not meet environmental requirements.

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/plan-for-river-a-science-failure/story-e6frea83-1226316901984>

From: The Advertiser

Editorial: History will judge us if the river dies, April 02, 2012 11:00pm

THE travelling roadshow that is the Murray-Darling Basin consultation process rolls into Adelaide today, as the 16-week feedback period grinds to a conclusion.

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/opinion/editorial-history-will-judge-us-if-the-river-dies/story-e6frea83-1226316838006>

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	APR 2 - 6 2012		
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
2		0.643	646
3		0.564	591
4	GOOLWA	0.588	601
5		0.637	616
6		0.689	608
	AVERAGE	0.642	612
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
2		0.638	773
3		0.617	764
4	MILANG JETTY	0.650	756
5		0.636	753
6		0.665	751
	AVERAGE	0.641	759
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
2		0.629	564
3		0.624	543
4	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.644	562
5		0.635	588
6		0.644	585
	AVERAGE	0.635	568
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
2		0.643	4822
3		0.673	4839
4	MENINGIE JETTY	0.666	4835
5		0.662	4829
6		0.667	4863
	AVERAGE	0.662	4838
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
2		0.706	4807
3	NORTH	0.691	4880
4	WARRENGIE	0.706	4886
5	POINT	0.712	4851
6	LAKE ALBERT	0.660	4862
	AVERAGE	0.695	4857

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for more info contact the Lakes Hub

APRIL 2012

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5	School holidays begin – to 23rd
6	EASTER
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12	Reed harvesting for weaving –Middleton 9.30 am Contact : : Ollie Black, Project Officer, Alexandrina Council Ph: (08) 8555 7239 Mobile: 0447877447 Email: Ollie.Black@alexandrina.sa.gov.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 Poster competition entries due in for Save the Frogs Day event Art competition entries due in for Save the Frogs Day event Pottery entries to be hand delivered to the Milang Institute on the 26 th prior to 10.00am
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23	School resumes
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25	ANZAC DAY
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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30	Understanding Carbon farming & launch of the Coorong Action Plan – Coomandook Hall 4.pm – 7pm contact Graham Gates 0427 572330 or book online www.coorong.sa.gov.au/lapregistration
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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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