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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.

The Lakes Hub - Save The Frogs Day

Over 150 people were involved in the inaugural Save the Frogs Day at the Milang Institute on Thursday 26th April and all left the event with a greater awareness and appreciation of the different frog species living in our region.

Frog experts were on hand at different information stations to answer questions from inquiring visitors. Live frogs, reference materials, frog voice recordings and photographic, art and pottery competitions created a lot of interest as did the opportunity to speak with one of the most highly regarded frog and toad experts in Australia, Mike Tyler.

School children from EFS – Milang, Ashbourne and Strathalbyn were guided through a 'round robin' of 5 activities during their visit which included drumming in the frogs, our local frogs -live frog identification, local frog noises and voice calls, what frogs eat and how they find it and frog 'dream time' stories told inside a massive, inflatable frog (see picture below).

Photographic, art and pottery competitions were hotly contested with an array of fantastic entries in each section.

Awards as follows -:

Photographs of local frog species

- 1st R Durbridge, Goolwa – Peron's Tree Frog (**photo at right**)
- 2nd F Bullock, Melbourne – Peron's Tree Frog
- 3rd C Knight, Meningie – Southern Brown Tree Frog

Pottery

- 1st P Ingleton, Point Sturt
- 2nd P Ingleton, Point Sturt
- 3rd S Bagley, Milang

Student Art

- 1st D Wright, EFS Milang R-6
- 2nd A Potts, EFS Langhorne Creek R-6
- 3rd A Martin, EFS Strathalbyn R-6

Poster

- 1st Tim Moyse, EFS Strathalbyn 7-12
- 2nd G Mayberry, EFS Strathalbyn R-6



The Lakes Hub sincerely thanks the following people for their generosity and expertise which ensured the success of this inaugural event.

Mike Tyler, Adelaide – Frog and Toad expert, Adelaide Uni and SA Museum

Evelyn Roth (Evelyn Roth Festival Arts) – giant, inflatable frog

Dawn Jones, Joy Mayberry and Cynthia Jones – judges

Ian Pysden - drumming

Regina Durbridge (GWLAP) – live frogs

Kate Mason (SAMDBNRM) -frog call identification and Frog mapping. Harry Beauchamp (SAMDBNRM)- what frogs eat

Terry Sim (GWLAP), John Bradford, Kate Hicks – general

Stuart Jones (MDCA) – I.T and sound

Gemma Cunningham (DENR), Freda Mills – story tellers

For more photos of this event go to the Lakes Hub website – Control + Click on the icon

Culvert at Meningie foreshore transformed into a lagoon

Aaron Cheesman - Revegetation Planner / Coordinator Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Inc.- LAKES HUB, Milang

With the traditional Anzac Day break of season a few days early this year, it's once again planting time. Last Monday (23rd of April), we saw a variety of organisations combine to plant over 2,200 plants in and around the culvert at the Meningie Foreshore.

Brief but heavy showers were welcomed by the plants - but perhaps not the planters! There was plenty to do in the sunny patches in-between, including laying out plants, constructing guards, digging and drilling holes, cutting holes in weed matting, watering and planting.



The plants selected for the site included a range of locally growing sedges, grasses, wetland plants and small shrubs suited to the conditions.

Many thanks to the Friends of Meningie, Meningie Area School, Ngarrindjeri Ruwe Contracting, the Goolwa to Wellington LAP and the Department for Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for their hard work and dedication.

Clayton regulator “Talking Heads”

The Lakes Hub at Milang will host a “Talking Heads” drop-in afternoon on Wednesday 16 May to provide the latest information about the removal of the Clayton regulator.

Staff from the Department for Water and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources will be on hand from 2.00pm until 5.00pm to answer any questions from the community about the removal work.

Community Stream Sampling analysis Summer 2011-12

From the SA Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board website

A wide variety of community and other monitoring is being undertaken in the SA MDB region, which collectively provides important data and information relating to the condition of the region's natural resources.

Community based monitoring is valued by the SA MDB NRM Board as this activity collects important information about the health of local sites and environments. Community networks include landcare and catchment groups, special interest groups such as field naturalists, education institutions and individual landholders. They monitor for a variety of reasons including community based management such as wetlands, supporting rehabilitation projects, research, to influence natural resource management and build local knowledge.

A Network of over 30 Groups and landholders monitor water quality at more than 100 sites in the SA MDB NRM region.

Information on following can be found by **Control + Click on the icon.**

- Community waterwatch group profiles and sites monitored
- Community stream sampling feedback summaries
- Additional monitoring in the SA MDB

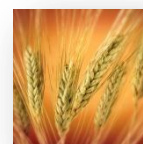


Contact Greg Lundstrom, Senior Project Officer - Community Monitoring / Climate & Energy
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Good news for farmers battling salinity

A salt-tolerant variety of durum wheat that outperforms other varieties by 25 per cent on salty soils has been developed by CSIRO scientists using traditional crop breeding techniques.

For more info **Control + Click on the icon**



Revegetation EOI closes this Friday

The Expressions of Interest process for Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth landholders interested in revegetation and other restoration opportunities ends this Friday.

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 this 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 –

http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Conservation/Rivers_wetlands/Coorong_Lower_Lakes_Murray_Mouth/The_community/Vegetation_Program

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

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

Alexandrina Council shouts volunteers free cinema passes

Submitted by the Alexandrina Council

To celebrate National Volunteer Week May 14 - 20 May, Council invites volunteers across the Adelaide Hills, Mount Barker and Alexandrina Council regions to a free movie, - any session, any time, any movie on Thursday 17 May 2012!

To redeem your voucher please complete the 2012 volunteer survey.

Simply click on this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/movieday2012> to start.

Don't forget to PRINT the final page as this is your voucher to take on the day!

Volunteer Movie Day is proudly supported by Hills Volunteering, Wallis Cinemas and the Mount Barker, Alexandrina and Adelaide Hills Council.

For more information contact : Roweena Evans Program Support Officer Alexandrina Council

Ph: (08) 8555 7000 Email: roweena.evans@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

FREE volunteer training opportunities

Please find below some upcoming FREE volunteer training opportunities. If you would like to attend any of these training courses, please RSVP to Miranda Leckie as soon as possible.

Administrative Officer, South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board

Tel: 08 8532 9100 (Reception) Email: miranda.leckie@sa.gov.au

Introduction To Corporate Governance

Trainer: Dynamic Training & Facilitation

When: Thursday 10 May 2012

Where: Mount Barker

Time: 6:00pm To 9:30pm

Native Plant Propagation

Trainer: Andrew Allanson, Irongrass Environmental Rehabilitation Services

When: Tuesday 15 May 2012

Where: Murray Bridge

Time: 9:30am To 12:30pm Followed With Lunch

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 23 - 27 2012		
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23		0.701	551
24		0.583	1673
25	GOOLWA	0.716	2749
26		0.786	2437
27		0.660	767
	AVERAGE	0.689	1635
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23		0.639	698
24		0.748	693
25	MILANG JETTY	0.774	687
26		0.796	687
27		0.772	680
	AVERAGE	0.746	689
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23		0.670	324
24		0.756	320
25	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.770	313
26		0.799	334
27		0.773	356
	AVERAGE	0.754	329
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23		0.723	4236
24		0.679	4377
25	MENINGIE JETTY	0.706	4472
26		0.809	4475
27		0.813	4460
	AVERAGE	0.746	4404
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23		0.708	4714
24	NORTH	0.694	4719
25	WARRENGIE	0.803	4659
26	POINT	0.846	4720
27	LAKE ALBERT	0.856	4695
	AVERAGE	0.781	4701.4

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.

APRIL 2012

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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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8	3RD SA WEED CONFERENCE CONTACT : Shauna Potter ph 8303 9748 or Email : Shauna.Potter@sa.gov.au
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10	FREE VOLUNTEER TRAINING INTRODUCTION TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE RSVP to Miranda Leckie Tel: 08 8532 9100 MDBANRM Email: miranda.leckie@sa.gov.au
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15	FREE VOLUNTEER TRAINING NATIVE PLANT PROPAGATION RSVP to Miranda Leckie Tel: 08 8532 9100 MDBANRM Email: miranda.leckie@sa.gov.au
16	TALKING HEADS 'DROP IN' AFTERNOON – topic: Clayton Regular removal. From 2 – 5pm at the Lakes Hub, Milang – no booking required.
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Reminders

Naturemaps workshop on the 18th July at the Computer Room of the Eastern Fleurieu School on Callington Road, Strathalbyn, at 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Places are limited and so it is essential that you book your spot with Derek Fenton at derekf@activ8.net.au

National Tree Day is on Sunday 29th July 2012

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