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## Welcome to the Lakes Hub- Will Miles



Will Miles from the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association (GWLAP) has commenced in the position of Project Officer Coordinator taking over from Carole Richardson and will be stationed at the Lakes Hub in Milang.

Will has previously been working as the GWLAP Project Officer for the Fleurieu Swamps Stewardship Project based in Strathalbyn at the Natural Resource Centre.

## Welcome back Leah Sullivan

Leah Sullivan has returned to the GWLAP after maternity leave. Leah has a shared position as Revegetation Planner and Coordinator with Aaron Cheesman, both of whom work out of the Lakes Hub in Milang.



## Farewell Joy Mayberry

For the past 12 months Joy has been a part time Administration Assistant at the Lakes Hub, Milang. One of Joy's passions is horticulture so when time allowed she made great inroads into the development of a Herbarium for the Lakes Hub. Joy is also an accomplished artist—the Hub at Milang will certainly miss her artistic flare ! Best wishes from the Hub, Joy.



## NAIDOC Week July 1-8th

NAIDOC stands for the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.



NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. The theme for NAIDOC Week 2012 is **Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on.** For more information on NAIDOC week visit the web site by clicking on the icon.

## MENINGIE NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS—Wednesday 4th July 2012

Flag raising—Coorong District Council Office 10.30am, Meningie

Morning Tea—Meningie Hospital Community Health Centre 11.00am

After morning tea travel to Raukkan for further NAIDOC celebrations during the afternoon.

For more information contact : Valda Rigney or Jordan Sumner 8575 2777

## DENR—change of name

The Department for Water and DENR have joined forces to increase efficiency and productivity and so from the 1st of July the Department of Environment and Natural Resources ( DENR) will be known as the **Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR)**.

## The Common Brushtail possum is no longer 'common'

There are 5 types of possums found in South Australia.

Common Brushtail Possum  
Common Ringtail Possum  
Western Pygmy –possum  
Little Pygmy-possum  
Eastern Pygmy-possum

It has been identified that the Common Brushtail Possum has suffered a significant decline in population in its range across South Australia and it is anticipated that further decline will continue.



Although Common Brushtail Possum populations are secure within the Greater Adelaide Region, Mount Lofty Ranges and Kangaroo Island, it is considered rare in the Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth region. In South Australia, all possums are protected under the provisions of the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972.

## Fight for the Murray campaign

More than 1,500 people have already joined up to Fight for the Murray campaign.

The South Australian Government is spending \$2 million on the Fight for the Murray Campaign with an aim to engaging a plan for the Murray-Darling Basin which will return the river to health.

A healthy River Murray is crucial for the future of the whole country, not just South Australia. Many livelihoods and much of our precious natural environment depend on it.

The campaign will involve mobilising people across the country in the fight, and will involve news, advertising, digital and social media and community events and activities which aim to unite, motivate and educate people and communities as the fight continues for a healthier river system.

As the campaign builds momentum, a national alliance of people and organisations will take up the fight in their own states to get other State Governments and the Federal Government to do the right thing and save the river.



For more information on the Fight for the Murray Campaign click on the icon.

## Invigorating Agriculture

Invigorating Agriculture is a two-day conference that is an initiative of The Ag Institute Australia – this conference is the first of its kind and aimed at all professionals in agriculture.

Currently there is no equivalent to this event – an opportunity for like-minded ag professionals to get together – in a cross-sectorial gathering.

Please check out the program and register by clicking on the icon.

**WHERE :** Stamford Grand Plaza, Glenelg, Adelaide

**WHEN:** August 2nd & 3rd 2012

**CONTACT :** See the web site for more information by clicking on the above icon.



## World's largest man-made floating wetland for Rotorua, NZ

Rotorua, on the North Island of New Zealand is in the process of constructing the worlds largest man-made floating wetland using 20,000 plants grown from seed sourced from the region.

The construction will be a 4,000 square meter floating wetland platform made up of giant letter modules spelling the word 'Rotorua' so not only will this wetland be improving the water quality of Lake Rotorua but it will also be promoting the region. The construction will measure around 160 metres in length and 40 metres wide and will be moored in the lake not far from the airport for maximum visual impact.

For more information on this innovative idea go to the Wetland Care Australia website by clicking on the icon.



## Electricity costs put brakes on irrigation

By MALCOLM SUTTON, Stock Journal 29 Jun, 2012

RISING electricity costs are likely to punch a hole in efficient irrigation practices and become one of the highest input costs for growers.

Central Irrigation Trust chief executive Gavin McMahon says energy charges for its pressurised water delivery system have nearly doubled in the past three years and will increase by about \$351,000 in the next 12 months.

He says about 25pc is down to ETSA network charges, which are significantly higher in 2012-13 because of its responsibility to recoup costs on behalf of State Government for the solar Feed-in Tariff scheme, and will increase by \$37,500 to \$198,580.

Other expenses include the carbon tax (\$38,727) and supporting SA's contribution to the Federal Government's Renewable Energy Targets scheme (\$18,727).

For more on this story click on the Stock Journal icon.



## Largest ever planting of the endangered Mount Compass Oak-bush

Get involved in the largest ever planting of the endangered Mount Compass Oak-bush and help create habitat for the nationally endangered Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) are looking for volunteers to assist in planting seedlings at Stipiturus Conservation Park on the Fleurieu Peninsula. You will be contributing to the conservation of endangered species such as the Mount Compass Oak-bush and Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren as well as learning about the importance of critically endangered peat swamp ecosystems on the Fleurieu Peninsula.



Experience in planting seedlings is preferable. This is also a perfect opportunity for university/tafe students to gain experience.

**When:** Saturday 14th July from 10am- 4pm

**Where:** Stipiturus Conservation Park- approximately 7kms from Mount Compass and 1.5 hours from Adelaide.

**Bring along:** Appropriate wet/dry weather gear, sturdy footwear (or gumboots) and own gardening gloves.

Lunch will be provided.

**To register** please contact Kat Mroczek by email [southernloftyvolunteers@sa.gov.au](mailto:southernloftyvolunteers@sa.gov.au) Alternatively, you can contact Kat on 81309064 by July 9th 2012- Places are limited!

Once registered you will receive a confirmation email including information about the meeting locations\*

For more information on the Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren click on the picture.

*Picture by Marcus Pickett*



## 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:

<https://www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au/RMWD/Pages/default.aspx>

[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>

DATE 2012 JUNE 25 - 29

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
25	GOOLWA	0.597	6921
26		0.653	3674
27		0.669	1856
28		0.643	1493
29		0.554	1552
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.623</b>	<b>3099</b>
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL ( AHD)	SALT (EC)
25	MILANG JETTY	0.574	433
26		0.590	454
27		0.590	443
28		0.556	573
29		0.494	472
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.561</b>	<b>475</b>
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
25	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.593	521
26		0.596	469
27		0.586	498
28		0.600	310
29		0.597	399
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.594</b>	<b>439</b>
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
25	MENINGIE JETTY	0.662	3793
26		0.625	3839
27		0.617	4412
28		0.658	4516
29		0.692	3747
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.651</b>	<b>4061</b>
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
25	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.688	4276
26		0.664	4110
27		0.677	4045
28		0.747	4063
29		0.700	4084
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>0.695</b>	<b>4116</b>

### June averages 2012

Water level salt (EC)

Goolwa	0.597	4620
Milang jetty	0.582	440
Raukkan	0.587	480
Meningie	0.618	4023
Warrengie	0.665	4322

### June averages 2011

	WATER LEVEL AHD	SALT (EC)
Clayton	0.618	1908
Milang	0.588	697
Goolwa	0.601	11,388
Albert	0.661	6362

## 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.

JULY 2012	
1	<b>Change of name—DENR to DEWNR</b> NAIDOC week
2	NAIDOC week
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4	<b>Meningie NAIDOC celebrations—</b> Meningie and Raukkan. Contact Valda Rigney or Jordan Sumner 8575 2777 NAIDOC week
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14	<b>Largest ever planting</b> of the endangered Mt Compass Oak bush Contact ; <a href="mailto:southernloftyvolunteers@sa.gov.au">southernloftyvolunteers@sa.gov.au</a> Alternatively, you can contact Kat on 81309064 by July 9th 2012- Places are limited!
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18	<b>NATUREMAPS workshop—</b> Strathalbyn Contact Derek Fenton Email <a href="mailto:derekf@activ8.net.au">derekf@activ8.net.au</a>
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29	<b>National Tree Day</b> <b>Special tree planting celebration</b> with the Milang & District Community Association—volunteers welcome FREE LUNCH !
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