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Great job available !

From Lou Mawson, Lakes Hub Coordinator

MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

I have decided to move on but it is with great regret and trepidation that I will be leaving such a wonderful job surrounded by such focussed and dedicated people in a region that is bursting with life's treasures both in the human and ecological sense.

The past few years have been such a life changing experience for me, even though I have lived in this area for decades I had little knowledge of how very special the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth region really is.

It's now in my heart forever as are the people that are working so hard to protect it.

Expressions of interest are invited -:

for the position of **Lakes Hub Coordinator** based at Milang with responsibility to manage the Lakes Hub Offices at Milang and Meningie.

To access the position advertisement please click on the following link :



Governments agree on Basin reform

A combined Government response to the Murray Darling Basin Plan was due on the 9th of July and at the last hour the Australian Governments agreed on a 'vehicle' designed to drive Basin Reform. For a full report and audio interview with the Federal Water Minister, Tony Burke can be accessed by clicking on the ABC Rural icon.



Wildlife promotion

Perhaps this could be a unique way of promoting our native wildlife.

Maybe a turtle , water rat or frog ?

Could it be an opportunity for our youngsters to make extra money by using their heads ?



Vote for our local Landcare award finalists—People's Choice

The Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group, who are one of the Lower Lakes Community Nurseries, have achieved finalist status for the 2012 National Landcare Awards. Eighty eight other individuals and groups from all over Australia have also achieved this status and now it's time to support them by voting online.

The Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group (HILG) are finalists in two separate categories, the Toshiba Community Group Award and the Australian Governments Coast-care Award. To support them with your vote just click on the icon above and then go to the vote tab. There are also several other SA finalists that would appreciate some SA support. Good luck HILG !



Commonwealth Environmental Water 2010-2011 Outcomes Report

Commonwealth environmental water is water which is made available for the purposes of protecting or restoring the environmental assets of the Murray-Darling Basin.

The primary objective of Commonwealth environmental water use is to protect and restore the environmental assets of the Murray-Darling Basin. This means improving the conditions of the whole ecosystem including its connected elements. A healthier Basin will be more sustainable for the communities and industries that rely upon it.

The 2010-11 Commonwealth Environmental Water Outcomes Report provides information on early results from water use including the impacts on particular plant and animal species. These results are important not just because of the species themselves but because these are indicators of wider river and wetland health and associated benefits.

You will find more information on the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and in particular the 2010/11 Outcomes Report click on the following icon.

The Lower Lakes and Coorong is featured on pages 26 & 27 of this report.



An Introduction to Organic Farm Management Course

This five session course will give a comprehensive introduction to managing your land organically including the principals of organic farming, soil management and fertility, integrated pest management. Case studies from leading organic farmers will share their experiences and the course will finish with a visit to a working organic farm. Details to be finalised, register your interest to receive updates.

Victor Harbor October Free

Please contact : Jodie Pain ph : 8550 3405 Email : Jodie.pain@sa.gov.au

The Fox and Wild Dog Bounty in Victoria—a tool to assist fox control

The Fox and Wild Dog Bounty has encouraged hunters all over Victoria to pick up there guns more regularly.

Since the bounty commenced on October 1 last year, more than 11,200 fox heads have been submitted to the Ballarat's Department of Primary Industries Collection Centre.

More than 80,000 scalps have been delivered to the 22 collection centres over the nine months.

The last collection in Ballarat we saw 42 people deliver 2714 entire fox scalps—each entire foxscalp awards a hunter \$10 and a wild dog skin \$50.



Thank you and Farewell to the LLCMM Icon Site Community Reference Committee

By Kirsty Wedge, Project Officer Lower Lakes, Coorong and Murray Mouth Icon Site

On Thursday 31st May 2012, the former Department for Water (DFW) hosted a final and farewell meeting at Goolwa for the Lower Lakes, Coorong and Murray Mouth (LLCMM) Icon Site Community Reference Committee (CRC). The CRC was first established in February 2006 to operate as a reference group for The Living Murray program - a formal requirement under The Living Murray Business Plan.

Over the last six years, the LLCMM Icon Site CRC has met regularly to actively discuss and provide advice on various projects relating to The Living Murray, including planning documents, on-ground infrastructure projects, monitoring and research projects, environmental watering projects and modelling reports. All of which has contributed to the overall management of a unique and ecologically important region - the Coorong, Lake Alexandrina, Lake Albert and the Murray Mouth.

To honour the dedicated work of the committee, group members (past and present) enjoyed a boat trip on the Spirit of the Coorong and lunch at Goolwa – a perfect day to celebrate the committees' achievements and reflect on successful projects.

A newly formed reference group, the 'Community Advisory Panel' (CAP) will take on the role previously filled by the CRC, but will now provide advice on both The Living Murray and CLMM Murray Futures programs, with both initiatives now with the new Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR). Many of the original CRC members will maintain an active role on this new committee. The development of the new Community Advisory Panel will build on the strong foundation established between government and community that was a feature of the CRC.

CRC membership as of May 2012 was Emily Jenke (chair), Bill Paterson, Colin Grundy, Neil Shillabeer, Terry McAnaney, Andrew Dawes, Chris Bagley, Keith Scobie, John Crompton, Simon Oster, Grant Rigney, Glen Jones, Gary Hera-Singh and Frank Tuckwell.

On behalf of DEWNR, The Living Murray staff, thanks the CRC members for their commitment and outstanding contribution as valued members of the LLCMM Icon Site CRC.



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:

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

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

DATE July 9 -13 2012

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
9	GOOLWA	0.780	985
10		0.741	857
11		0.754	898
12		0.777	888
13		0.765	821
	AVERAGE	0.763	890
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
9	MILANG JETTY	0.718	455
10		0.710	506
11		0.738	483
12		0.732	488
13		0.719	525
	AVERAGE	0.723	491
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
9	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.703	354
10		0.716	378
11		0.726	360
12		0.733	359
13		0.746	356
	AVERAGE	0.725	361
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
9	MENINGIE JETTY	0.692	4184
10		0.693	4103
11		0.697	3905
12		0.699	3863
13		0.713	3843
	AVERAGE	0.699	3980
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
9	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.780	3876
10		0.774	3893
11		0.805	3900
12		0.818	3977
13		0.810	3916
	AVERAGE	0.797	3912

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