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Reminder—have your survey in by Tuesday to WIN !

We have devised a short online survey that will assist us to monitor the effectiveness of the Hub's E-Bulletin and also help us to identify any changes or improvements we could make . It should only take a few minutes of your time and when completed you will be in the running to win a trip for two on the Spirit of the Coorong for a [Coorong Adventure Cruise](#).

You have until the 31st of July to return your E-survey.
The winner will be contacted and the result will be announced in the Lakes Hub Bulletin on August 6th issue No: 108.

To access the survey click on the following link .
Good luck to all participants and thankyou in anticipation.



Thanks you to those readers that have already returned your E-Surveys.
The feedback to date has been very helpful and greatly appreciated.



Carp Wars

Landline 22/7/2012

Last week Landline featured a story on the Carp situation in our waterways and the research and technology that has gone into trying to control this introduced species. Numbers are expected to have increased by 4000% over the past few years.

To access the podcast and the video of the program click on the Landline icon.



Wild Ferrets seen near Milang

Recently there have been several sightings of wild ferrets on Lake Rd just out of Milang.

We are not talking plague proportions but it would be interesting to know if others have seen these creatures also.

If you have seen any would you please report it to the Lakes Hub for monitoring purposes.



WHERE IN THE WORLD ?

This tiled map of the Coorong and Lower lakes region was an 'artists in schools' project in 2001 together with the Milang Progress Association (now known as the Milang and District Community Association). The artist who worked with the children was Claire Barry.

The map platform is located in Milang on the Lake Road just near the Caravan turn off and is a great means of putting the region into perspective whilst looking across Lake Alexandrina to the Coorong.



Native Vegetation Council Research Grants now open

The Native Vegetation Council (NVC) invites applications for funding research projects for the 2012-13 round of Native Vegetation Research Grants. This program funds research only, on ground restoration works are funded through NVC significant environmental benefit grants.

Funding of up to \$20,000 is available for research into the conservation, restoration and management of native vegetation. The grants are open to individuals, groups, societies and research institutes.

Application and guidelines are available on our website.

For further information please contact the Research Officer on (+61 8) 8303 9720.

For more information click on the icon

Applications close 5:00 pm 31 August 2012

Department of Environment,
Water and Natural Resources

CSIRO Report—Farmers options to cope with the impacts of Climate Change

CSIRO said broadening the mix of agricultural enterprises could help farmers protect themselves from the long-term impacts of climate variability. [\[Full text\]](#)

Aside from market fluctuations and changes in commodity prices, climate variability is the greatest threat to the long-term economic viability of dryland farms. In order to counter these uncertainties, many farmers have turned to diversification as a short-term survival strategy, but little research exists on the long-term benefits.

The research found diversification should be considered as a long-term strategy to mitigate economic risk from climate variability, a feature of farming that may increase in future in response to climate change.

River Murray Water Justice:

Does the Proposed Basin Plan Protect Our Water Rights?

WHEN : Wednesday 1 August 2012 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start

WHERE : Allan Scott Auditorium, UniSA City West campus, (rear) Hawke Building, 50-55 North Tce

RSVP essential via [Hawke Centre website](#)

Are we facing a significant threat to our State rights?

Legal experts from the University of South Australia, the University of Adelaide and in private practice, will offer their perspectives on the rights of South Australians to water certainty in the context of the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan. They will also address questions regarding sharing water rights and what can be done to achieve water justice for all South Australians – allowing for the full range of natural climate variability, the projected impacts of climate change and the requirements of a growing population.

Join UniSA Professor of Business Law **Jennifer McKay**, University of Adelaide Dean of Law, Professor **John Williams**, UniSA Associate Law Professor **Wendy Lacey** (moderator), and additional contributors **Shaun Berg**, Berg Lawyers and 2012 Fulbright Scholar **Adam Webster**, for this foray into water justice. [More information](#)

Jointly presented by the [Water Action Coalition](#) and [The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre](#) of the University of South Australia.

SA Murray-Darling Carbon Farming Forum - Murray Bridge

Date/Time: Friday, 17 August 2012 9:30 AM—3.00pm(lunch provided)

Where: Murray Bridge Town Hall, 13-17 Bridge Road, Murray Bridge

Description: **FREE EVENT**

RSVP : is essential, please check flyer icon for details



Ngarrindjeri Weaving Workshop

WHERE : Milang Old School House Community Centre

WHEN : Friday September 7th 2012

TIME : 9.30am—2.30pm

GENERAL INFO : Join artists Ellen Tevorrow, Debbie Rankine, Doreen Kartinyeri and Sandy Elverd for a hands on workshop

BOOKINGS : MOSHCC 85370687 Email : reception@moshcc.com.au 24 Daranda Terrace, Milang SA 5256

Community Stream Sampling Program – Autumn Seasonal Summary

Community based monitoring is valued by the South Australian Murray Daring Basin Natural Resource Management Board (SA MDB NRM Board) as this activity collects important information about the health of local sites and environments.

Over 30 Groups and landholders monitor water quality at more than 100 sites in the SA MDB NRM region.

Following is a link to the latest Seasonal Summary from the Community Stream Sampling Program. (Click on the icon)

This summary includes an article of the highly successful “Change Exchange” at Mannum; The latest development with the Online Database and the analysis of the Autumn round of monitoring.



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 23 - 27 2012

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23	GOOLWA	0.828	634
24		0.860	524
25		0.867	458
26		0.601	26993
27		0.772	11399
	AVERAGE	0.786	8002
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23	MILANG JETTY	0.800	484
24		0.798	496
25		0.790	515
26		0.691	465
27		0.824	450
	AVERAGE	0.781	482
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.793	376
24		0.801	477
25		0.802	398
26		0.779	366
27		0.824	451
	AVERAGE	0.800	414
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23	MENINGIE JETTY	0.821	2990
24		0.821	2957
25		0.821	2995
26		0.988	3883
27		0.853	3947
	AVERAGE	0.861	3354
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
23	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.857	3933
24		0.889	3891
25		0.917	3803
26		0.912	3918
27		0.862	3829
	AVERAGE	0.887	3875

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.

NOTE : all past Bulletins are available on the Lakes Hub website
www.lakeshub.com

August 2012

1	River Murray Water Justice —free forum. Adelaide. See Bulletin No 107 or phone 83020215
2	Invigorating Agriculture - www.invigoratingag.com.au or see Bulletin no 104 page 2
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23	Public consultation—National Food plan ‘Green’ paper Find out more about the green paper and stakeholder consultation opportunities
24	Bridal Creeper workshop —biological control. 1-3pm Milang Community Nursery Bookings—85370687 or email reception@mshcc.com.au
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31	Native Vegetation Council Research Grant applications close —see DEWNR website or Bulletin No 108

Note : Sept 7th—Ngarrindjeri weaving workshop—see Bulletin no 108 & 109

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