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Lakes Hub Bulletin E-Survey winner

Thank you to the many people that returned the Lakes Hub Bulletin E-Survey competition with such positive feedback and with fantastic ideas for future issues. Vicki Smith of Meningie is the lucky winner . She has won a trip for two on the Sprit of the Coorong for a Coorong Adventure Cruise.



From Vicki Smith -:

'Thank you very much for the prize. I am really looking forward to it!! I am a retired kindy teacher, married to Dan (a builder in Meningie), mother of 2 and grandmother of 6. Dan and I moved to the area 34 years ago as teachers, intending to stay 4 years but decided this was a great place to bring up our 2 children! I think we are almost locals! At the moment we live across the road from Lake Albert and the views, particularly the sunsets, are quite spectacular. We recently bought some land with views (from a distance) of Lake Albert and the Coorong, where we are in the process of building and we also intend to re-vegetate a large portion. The views are very different from what I have now, but equally as stunning. My camera runs hot quite often.

New Project Officer Position with GWLAP

Eastern Hills and Plains Land Management Project Officer

Full time to June 30th 2013 (ongoing subject to funding)
 Office located in Strathalbyn



Job and Person Specifications can be obtained from the website www.gwlap.org.au or by emailing: tony.randall@gwlap.org.au

Applications addressing the key selection criteria and a CV should be submitted by Monday 20th August 2012 by email to tony.randall@gwlap.org.au

For further information about the position please phone Tony Randall
 Phone : (08) 8536 5612 or mobile : 0427 917 511

Proposed Basin Plan — the next steps

The altered *Proposed Basin Plan* has been handed to the Basin state and territory ministers, as well as the Commonwealth minister (Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities). This is the next step in developing a plan for the Murray-Darling Basin. This revision of the *Proposed Basin Plan* incorporates a number of changes that were made following comments received from the ministers on the *Proposed Basin Plan — a revised draft*, as well as key stakeholders.

The documents we released recently include:

- * *Proposed Basin Plan, August 2012*
- * *Guidelines for the method to determine priorities for applying environmental water, August 2012*
- * *The Authority's views on the matters raised by the Murray–Darling Basin Ministerial Council, Volumes 1 and 2*

These new documents are now live on the Murray Darling Basin Authority [website](#).



Ngarrindjeri Weaving Workshop

WHERE: Milang Old School House Community Centre,
24 Daranda Tce, Milang

WHEN: Friday 7th September 2012 from 9.30 to 2.30

WHAT : Join artists Ellen Trevorrow, Debbie Rankine, Doreen Kartinyeri and Sandy Elverd for a hands on Ngarrindjeri weaving workshop. Supported by the Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC) Country Arts SA, Just Add Water—Goolwa arts 2012, Alexandrina Council, Government of SA and The Lakes Hub.

BOOKINGS : Through the MOSHCC Ph : 85370687 or
Email reception@moshcc.com.au

Ngarrindjeri Yarluwar Ruwe Program

A fantastic video on the work of the Ngarrindjeri people in the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) region. It shows importance of the preservation and protection of the environment and how they are accomplishing this, the significance of aboriginal heritage sites and the mechanisms for training the future custodians of the land.

To watch this 10 minute video click on the Ngarrindjeri flag icon.



Invitation to Fisheries and Aquaculture Meetings

By Conservation Council SA <http://www.conservation.sa.org.au>

Fisheries

Conservation Council SA has built and continues to build a good relationship with [PIRSA Fisheries](#). Since early this year, we have been meeting every second month, informally, to share and discuss a range of fisheries issues from legislation, licensing and compliance, to research, management plans and species-based concerns.

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone with an interest in fisheries, from the conservation sector, to join us at these meetings. Our next meeting is **Wednesday 22 August 4.30 - 5.30 pm, CCSA, 157 Franklin St, Adelaide**, and will be followed by the Aquaculture meeting below.

If you are interested in attending this, and/or future fisheries meetings, please contact Alex Gaut at CCSA on 8223 5155 or [email Alex](#). You are welcome to suggest items for discussion at the meeting and if you can't attend, but would like us to raise a specific topic, just let Alex know.

Aquaculture 101

PIRSA has offered us the opportunity to learn about aquaculture legislation, policy and jargon at a meeting on **Wednesday 22 August 5.30 - 6.30 pm at the Conservation Centre**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the way the aquaculture system works in SA. Please [RSVP](#) so that we can get an idea of numbers.

A favourite icon in Milang

Information about this icon in Milang is difficult to find but it certainly a favourite with photographers and locals alike. It is thought to have just 'arrived' at this site opposite the caravan entry gates from Shack no. 1 after the shacks were connected to the STEDS scheme in about 2005.

The first shacks were originally built in 1948 so it's assumed that this old 'dunny' was one of the originals which means that it a tough old thing having lived through major events such as the 1956 flood.



Aust. Government -release of the National Food Plan green paper for public consultation

Find out more about the [green paper](#) and [stakeholder consultation opportunities](#).

The Australian Government is developing Australia's first ever national food plan to help ensure that the government's policy settings are right for Australia over the short, medium and long-term.

The aim of the national food plan is to foster a sustainable, globally competitive, resilient food supply that supports access to nutritious and affordable food. To achieve this outcome the government proposes to focus on the following objectives, helping the government better integrate what it already does and help identify if and where a better approach might be needed.

- Identify and mitigate potential risks to Australia's food security
- Contribute to global food security
- Reduce barriers to a safe and nutritious food supply that responds to the evolving preferences and needs of all Australians and supports population health
- Maintain and improve the natural resource base underpinning food production in Australia
- Support the global competitiveness and productivity growth of the food supply chain, including through research, science and innovation
- Reduce barriers faced by food businesses to access international and domestic markets
- Contribute to economic prosperity, employment and community wellbeing in regional Australia.

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig, is leading this initiative, and is working closely with relevant ministerial colleagues to ensure a whole-of-government approach to the development of the plan.

The government has also established strong collaborative arrangements between departments to ensure a coordinated approach to consultation and development of the national food plan and is using existing mechanisms to engage with state and territory governments.

Further sources of advice are being drawn upon, including the [Food Policy Working Group](#) and [the Food Processing Industry Strategy Group](#).

There will be public consultations in Adelaide on 23 August, 7–9 pm, and Port Lincoln on 22 August, 7–9 pm

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 30 - Aug 3 2012

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
30	GOOLWA	0.832	1110
31		0.787	1147
1		0.771	690
2		0.679	463
3		0.691	492
AVERAGE		0.752	780
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
30	MILANG JETTY	0.821	454
31		0.796	520
1		0.776	486
2		0.717	525
3		0.684	456
AVERAGE		0.759	488
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
30	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.822	363
31		0.799	399
1		0.780	372
2		0.728	678
3		0.735	647
AVERAGE		0.773	492
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
30	MENINGIE JETTY	0.846	3946
31		0.816	3926
1		0.805	3845
2		0.815	3699
3		0.798	3441
AVERAGE		0.816	3771
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
30	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.884	3665
31		0.855	3822
1		0.851	3821
2		0.835	3718
3		0.850	3684
AVERAGE		0.855	3742

2010—2012 July averages

July averages **2012**

	Water level AHD	Salt (EC)
Goolwa	0.757	4213
Milang jetty	0.741	476
Raukkan	0.598	403
Meningie	0.756	3713
Warrenjie	0.832	3900

July averages **2011**

	WATER LEVEL AHD	SALT (EC)
Clayton	0.697	-
Milang	0.688	573
Raukkan	0.688	806
Albert	0.723	5859

July averages **2010**

	WATER LEVEL AHD	SALT (EC)
Clayton	0.143	17,448
Milang	-0.092	4136
Goolwa	0.150	20,319
Albert—Warrenjie	-0.385	13,565

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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17	MDBANRM Carbon Farming Forum. Murray Bridge. See Bulletin No 108 of phone 8532 9100
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22	Fisheries & Aquaculture meeting Conservation Council of SA - see Bulletin No 109 pg 2 for more info
23	Public consultation—National Food plan ‘Green’ paper - more info in Bulletin No 109 pg 3 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@moshcc.com.au
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31	Native Vegetation Council Research Grant applications close —see DEWNR website or Bulletin No 108

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