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Welcome!

Welcome to the Lakes Hub Bulletin Number 111! I'm very excited to be sending the Bulletin out this week, although still a little sad to say goodbye to Lou.

I'll work with Amelia Graham, our new coordinator (see last weeks' bulletin) to continue to bring you updates and information from around the Lakes and the Coorong districts, and also those wider issues that affect the Basin. I've got a few ideas up my sleeve, and we had some great feedback to our survey, so expect see more great content and a few new regular features.

If you have any news, photos or stories you'd like to share, or questions you'd like answered, please send them in. We are, after all, *your* community driven Lakes Hub.

Kind regards,
Stuart Jones.

Community Eye

We're continuing to keep an eye on projects in the region, through updates from the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR), as well as local eyes on the ground. This snapshot courtesy of Carole Richardson of Clayton Bay shows the continuing work to remove the Clayton Bay Regulator.



July's Community Update from DEWNR reported that "Phase 3 removal work will see a dredge in the channel moving sediment underwater from areas above the pre-construction bathymetry into void spaces. The aim is to restore pre-construction bathymetry as near as practicable."

DEWNR expects work to be completed by 30th of September 2012, weather permitting. We will continue to watch this space with great interest!

Lower Lakes Community Nurseries Newsletter

Eleventh Edition, June 2012

In this edition:

- The network celebrates their third successful propagation season
- Final Inspections
- 2012 Planting Update
- Finniss Cowshed Nursery Official Opening
- Victor Harbor Garden Club visits Clayton Bay Nursery
- Saltmarsh – A nationally threatened plant community?
- Plant Profile: *Olearia pannosa* (Silver Daisy-bush)



Third propagating season complete and planting underway!
Welcome to the eleventh edition of the Lower Lakes Community Nurseries Newsletter produced by the Lakes Hub. Contact Jo McPhee (Community Nurseries Coordinator) on 85 370 808 or 0488 465 043. In this edition we would like to provide an update on our third season growing for the Coorong Lower Lakes & Murray Mouth Recovery Project.

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Download here: <http://bit.ly/QRtVIP>

Keep Australia Beautiful Week



Starts this week focusing on motorists and roadside litter.

To coincide with Keep Australia Beautiful Week, KESAB and RAA are making 10,000 car tidy bags available to the travelling public. KESAB would like motorists to call into any of RAA's 22 South Australian outlets and pick up a free car tidy bag.

Check out <http://kab.org.au/> and <http://www.kesab.asn.au/> for more information.



Bridal Creeper Workshop - Friday 24th August

Does this image seem familiar? Bridal Creeper is a huge issue for Southern Australia. ([Have a look at this map!](#))

The time is now, to act on this pervasive weed. August and September are the best months of year to be collecting the spores needed to control Bridal Creeper, and this hands-on workshop will show you how to control Bridal Creeper biologically, and safely. Everyone can get involved!

Where: Milang Environmental Centre, Community Nursery. Jupiter St. Milang

Time: 1pm - 3:30pm

Bookings are essential. Book either by Phone, in person or by email:

Milang Old School House Community Centre

24-25 Daranda Tce, Milang SA 5256

Ph. 08 8537 0687

Email: reception@moshcc.com.au



The History Spot

During the early settlement of the lakes and Coorong duck shooters used to mount a large bore gun to the floor of punt boats similar to the one in the picture. These guns had the capability of killing large numbers of Ducks with one shot. A mock up of one of these "Punt Guns" can be seen at the Meningie Museum.



A little digging for information on [Trove](#) (one of my favourite sites) brings up a few great old articles relating to Punt Gun use. Including this (below), from The Register in 1904, where the residents of Meningie are ready to do their bit to protect the bird population:

THE PUNT GUN.

In the Assembly on Wednesday Mr. Peake read a letter from nine residents of Meningie relating to the question of the use of punt guns on the lakes. The writers expressed their willingness to co-operate with the authorities in order to catch any offenders, and added, "We are all owners or part owners of sailing boats, and we are anxious to place our boats and our services at the disposal of the police to prevent law breaking. In this respect; and further as an incentive to others to help put down such practices, and an earnest of our desire in that direction, we are prepared to subscribe £5 among ourselves as the nucleus of a reward to be paid to any one who will give information which will lead to the conviction of any person using a punt gun. We have interviewed Constable Gardiner of Wellington, who is a capable and alert officer, and with his aid have evolved a plan whereby our boats will be available at short notice to proceed under his direction to any part of the lake to search for and endeavour to catch the user of the punt gun. At the same time we wish to point out how unjust it would be to the owners and legitimate users of duck boats who use them in a legal manner to recover game shot from the shore, or pursue them with lawful weapons, if the use of such boats were prohibited simply through the evil doing of one individual. We are quite as anxious as others to preserve the game which are at present on the lake in thousands, and are desirous of working in harmony with the authorities and the Birds' Protection Society to that end."

'1904 'THE PUNT GUN.', *The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)*, 17 November, p. 4, viewed 20 August, 2012, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article56582204>

THE PUNT GUN

Smuggled across the border from Victoria, Shooters concealed their Punt Gun as a shaft on their carts.

The Coorong and Lakes area was known of as the land of plenty because of the abundant food sources such as birdlife, fish, kangaroos and rabbits.

The Punt Gun was used to shoot the numerous ducks that were found in the area.

Outlawed by the Police in 1867 a 5 pound reward was offered for information on the whereabouts of the gun.

It is alleged that the Shooter involved hid the Punt Gun and then charged the Police 1 pound to take them to the gun by boat before he collected the 5 pound reward.



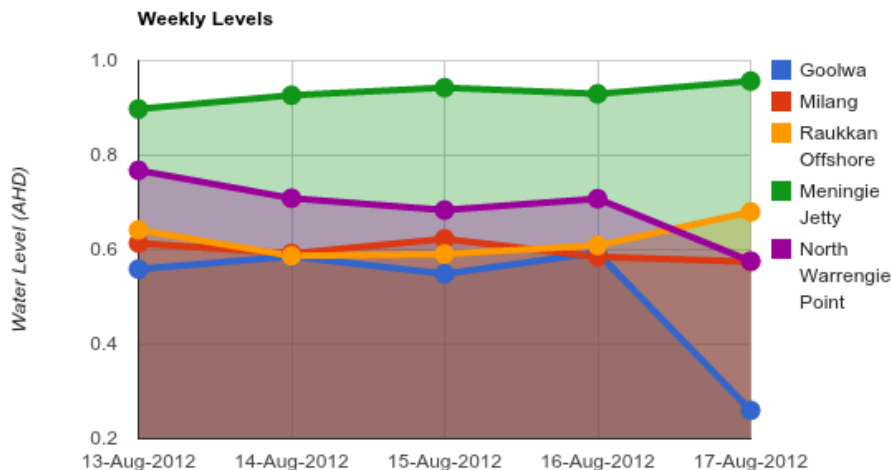
Image courtesy of State Library of Victoria, http://search.slv.vic.gov.au/primo_library/libweb/action/dlDisplay.do?vid=MAIN&reset_config=true&docId=SLV_VOYAGER1749218

On the Level

Here's a bit of a visual idea of this weeks Lake Levels. We're working on having a page of the website updated with each week's readings in this style for the depth as well as salt readings.

You can have a sneak-peek at our Levels Page while it's being put together here:

<http://lakeshub.com/lake-levels>



Daily Recordings – River Murray Data

Data received from:

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

DATE Aug 13-17 2012

DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	GOOLWA	0.559	447
14		0.586	481
15		0.549	482
16		0.594	485
17		0.260	2556
	AVERAGE	0.510	890
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	MILANG JETTY	0.614	443
14		0.592	438
15		0.623	438
16		0.585	438
17		0.575	429
	AVERAGE	0.598	437
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.642	537
14		0.587	648
15		0.591	533
16		0.609	573
17		0.680	361
	AVERAGE	0.622	530
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	MENINGIE JETTY	0.898	3846
14		0.927	3658
15		0.943	3639
16		0.930	3716
17		0.957	3633
	AVERAGE	0.931	3698
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
13	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.768	3522
14		0.709	3486
15		0.684	3578
16		0.708	3543
17		0.576	3706
	AVERAGE	0.689	3567

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

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.

September 2012	
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30	World Rivers Day

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