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Life on the Lakes

The lakes Hub offers a big Happy 50th Birthday to the Milang Regatta Club!

Sailing and boating are a big part of life on the lakes, a huge source of recreation and tourism and an important part of the economy of our small towns.

2012 has been a special year, with the Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic returning after 4 years of not being able to go ahead. I'm sure you'll agree, the sight was absolutely breathtaking. It is only fitting that the Club can celebrate its 50th year with a great flow of water.

It's certainly true that a healthy environment promotes healthy recreation. With continued progress with bioremediation, encouraging biodiversity and enough environmental water flow, the future could be bright for another 50 years (plus!) for the Regatta Club, and other guests of the Lakes.

More information on Celebrations (which will be celebrated at the Opening Regatta on September 29th and 30th) and the upcoming season can be found on the [Milang Regatta Club website](#), and their [Facebook page](#)

Fair winds,
Stuart Jones.



Ramsar Convention on Wetlands COP 11

It's the year of Tourism for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, appropriately enough, and the recent 11th Conference of the Parties saw continued discussion on listed wetlands the world over.

Reports etc. from the proceedings of the 11th Conference of the Parties can be downloaded here: <http://bit.ly/NBaiTh>

If you take a look at The [status of sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance](#) you'll see that the Coorong and Lower Lakes are listed under "Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur" (page 12)

Here's a link to Australia's "[National Report on the Implementation of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands](#)" submitted to the secretariat prior to the conference. Which shows how Australia is taking steps to implement the convention, and updates on the progress since 2008 (the 10th COP). Keep in mind this report was written last year and so does not contain up-to-date references for the Murray Darling Basin Plan... but it is well worth reading.

Employment Opportunity: Fleurieu Peninsula Swamps Project Officer

This Goolwa to Wellington LAP position is based at the Strathalbyn Office and will see the incumbent working on Fleurieu Peninsula Swamp management projects being undertaken in the Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges.

Applicants must provide a CV and address each of the key selection criteria individually in their applications. Applications can be submitted via email to tony.randall@gwlap.org.au up until COB, Monday September 24th 2012.

For additional information relating to this position please contact Tony Randall on 8536 5612 or 0427 917 511.

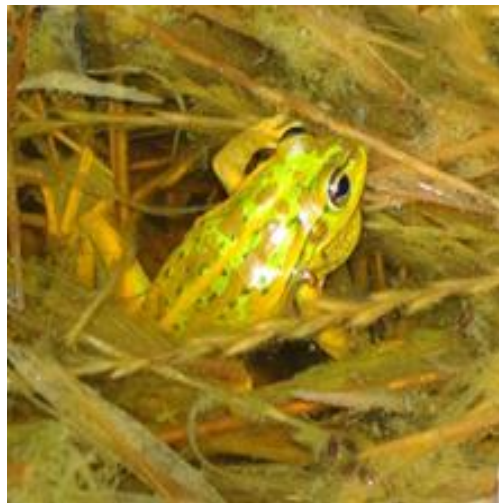
This position is advertised in this weeks edition of the Victor Harbor Times, Southern Argus, Hills Courier, and Murray Valley Standard.

Frog Workshop — Lakes Hub, Meningie

Thursday 20th September 2012, 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Following a successful Frog Workshop at Ibis Siding Garden Centre in Goolwa last Saturday Regina Durbridge from the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association is running another workshop in Meningie. Come and learn about our local frog species and how to monitor frog populations. Live specimens on display.

Place are limited please phone or email to book; Ph 08 8537 0808 / 0427 364 551, regina.durbridge@gwlap.org.au



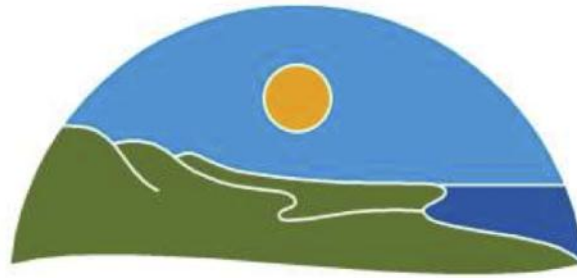
This week in the News ...

[Murray-Darling Basin Authority to act on own after new law passes](#) (AdelaideNow) 11 Sept 2012

“Water Minister Tony Burke will today present to Parliament the new legislation, which would allow the Authority to shift the diversion limit up or down by 5 per cent if it rules that an infrastructure improvement has saved water for the environment. “

[River Murray's lower reaches to benefit from 1000 billion litres of water this coming year](#) (news.com.au) 16 Sep 2012

“As debate continues to rage about how much environmental water the Murray-Darling Basin Authority should return, Federal Water Minister Tony Burke has released the Government's watering plan for the coming year. The MDBA is expected to this week release modelling on the release of 3200 billion litres.”



GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL
ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC

Would like to invite you to our

Annual General Meeting

Featuring a presentation showcasing
Current Environmental and Land
Management Project Initiatives
Being undertaken in the local area.

To be held at the St. Andrews Hall

(Corner of Alfred Pl. and Russell St., Strathalbyn South Australia. (opposite the Strathalbyn Cathedral))

on Wednesday 10th October 2012 commencing at 7.00pm

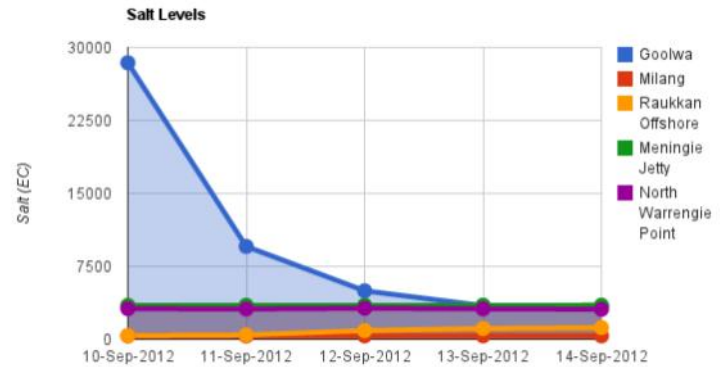
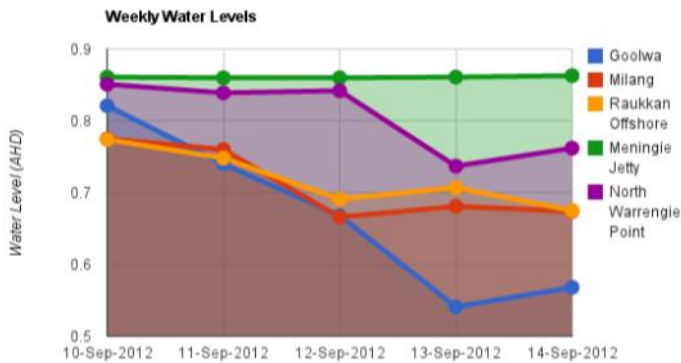
Members of the Public welcome.

Light refreshments will be served following the AGM and
presentation.

Please RSVP Tony Randall by Friday October 5th 2012 on 8536 5612 or
0427 917 511, or by email: tony.randall@gwlap.org.au

On the Level

Salt levels peaked on Monday (Sept 10) in Goolwa. The levels from Goolwa are taken from Beacon 23, Hindmarsh Island Bridge.



Daily Recordings – River Murray Data

Data received from:

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

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: [Water Connect](#), [Daily Flow Report](#), [River Murray Storage 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

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DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
10	GOOLWA	0.821	28437
11		0.740	9554
12		0.668	4989
13		0.541	3458
14		0.568	3423
	AVERAGE	0.668	9972.2
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
10	MILANG JETTY	0.775	362
11		0.760	352
12		0.666	364
13		0.681	363
14		0.674	363
	AVERAGE	0.711	360.8
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
10	RAUKKAN OFFSHORE	0.774	388
11		0.748	451
12		0.691	897
13		0.707	1112
14		0.675	1205
	AVERAGE	0.719	810.6
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
10	MENINGIE JETTY	0.861	3489
11		0.860	3497
12		0.860	3500
13		0.861	3498
14		0.863	3504
	AVERAGE	0.861	3497.6
DATE	SITE	WATER LEVEL (AHD)	SALT (EC)
10	NORTH WARRENGIE POINT LAKE ALBERT	0.851	3156
11		0.839	3121
12		0.842	3198
13		0.737	3138
14		0.762	3089
	AVERAGE	0.806	3140.4

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 (Biodiversity Month)	
1	National Wattle Day
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3	Landcare Week
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7	Ngarrindjeri Weaving Workshop—Milang More info : Email : reception@moshcc.com.au Ph : 8537 0687 National Threatened Species Day
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15	Frogs and Frog Monitoring workshop—Ibis Siding Garden Centre, Goolwa. 6:30pm—8pm Places are limited—please phone or email to book. Regina Durbridge 8537 0808 / 0427 364 551 regina.durbridge@gwlap.org.au
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20	Frogs and Frog Monitoring workshop, Lakes Hub Meningie 2:30-4:30pm Enquiries: Regina Durbridge 8537 0808 / 0427 364 551 regina.durbridge@gwlap.org.au
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24	School Holidays!
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26	Turtle Shed Open—Eastern Fleurieu School Milang Campus phone 8537 0223
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30	World Rivers Day

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