Weekly Bulletin

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Out and About at the Festival

Over the weekend we shared a stall with the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association, down at the **South Australian Wooden Boat Festival** at Goolwa. Ben Simon from the GWLAP Strath Office took the opportunity to promote some of the fantastic work that the local dedicated Coastcare group are doing on the beach and dunes near Goolwa while we promoted the Lakes Hub, Community Nursery Network and how to look after our beautiful Lakes & Coorong. It was a great weekend and goes to show how much passion there is out on the water; a passion for history, a passion for boating, and a passion for sport, a passion for the great outdoors, the environment and the water.

I have to admit I've spent a couple of days this summer out on the water and must say I'm a little taken with the idea of boating myself. The danger lies in browsing on Gumtree for boats I can't afford… :-)

Nevertheless, there is something about getting a different perspective on things that boating offers, I imagine the case might be the same for those who soar the skies in their light aircraft.

No, I'm not even tempted there.

Have a great week,

Stuart Jones.

The weekly links…

Nominate a species, ecological community or key threatening process under the EPBC Act by 5pm Thursday 28th March at: www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/nominations.html

2013 Riverprize Applications Now Open!

The Thiess International Riverprize, Australian Riverprize and IRF European Riverprize are awarded for excellence in river management, and are the worlds most prestigious environmental prizes. Since 1999 International River Foundation has awarded over AU$3 million in Riverprize awards. www.riverfoundation.org.au/riverprize_entering.php

Study: Australia soaks up 30% of carbon emissions

According to a new study by Australia's leading scientific organisation the CSIRO, the Australian landscape soaked up one third of the carbon emitted by fossil fuels in Australia over the past 20 years. To read more: www.econews.com.au/news-to-sustain-our-world/study-australia-soaks-up-30-of-carbon-emissions

Job opportunity at Community Nursery

Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group

NURSERY MANAGER

We require an enthusiastic, self-motivated person, living locally, to manage our Hindmarsh Island nursery. The job requires a mature, well-organised and reliable person with good interpersonal skills. Experience in nursery procedures is highly desirable. Own transport essential. The position will be 21 hours/week.

To obtain a Job & Person Specification, please phone
0428 843 327 or 0419 002 068
Applications close 15th March, 2013

A Timely Reminder

There have been three recent incidents on the Lakes involving boats and a jet-ski encountering a protruding fence and a structure from a pump shed.

Landholders are reminded, it is their responsibility to remove infrastructure they placed on the lakebed during times of low water levels.

Fortunately there were no serious consequences. However, it serves as a timely reminder to take the following precautions when going onto the lakes, even if you are familiar with the area:

1. Gain a copy of a Lakes Hazard Map which is available from the DEWNR website (click on this link www.environment.gov.au) or the Lakes Hub.
2. Keep well away from any pump sheds. During the periods of low river flow, the suction lines from the pumps were extended well into the Lakes (in some cases hundreds of metres out).
3. Look for signs of fencing on the mainland and keep away from the area out from where the fence meets the water.
4. Use caution when close to the shoreline.
5. Seek local knowledge of any hazards.

MURRAY WATCH is watching

To report a hazard, contact Murraywatch on (08) 8531 0710 but for emergencies call police on 000 or 131444.

Community Grants for Safer, Greener, More Active Travel

The South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, in partnership with the Motor Accident Commission, is offering grants for groups and organisations to deliver small scale projects that support safer, greener and more active travel choices. Projects can focus on improving road safety, getting people cycling, walking or catching public transport, replacing car journeys with technology, doing things locally or using the car smarter.

DPTI is delivering information sessions to potential grant applicants to assist applicants in developing and implementing quality projects. For more information about the grants information session or to apply: visit www.dpti.sa.gov.au/communityprograms (follow the links to Community Grants),

email DPTI.CommunityGrants@sa.gov.au or call (08) 8402 1913.

Applications for Community Grants close at 5pm on Friday 15 March 2013

NRM Volunteer Small Grants 2013

Grants up to $1,000 per group are aimed at assisting volunteers with their NRM activities by covering or contributing to the cost of equipment, project materials or capacity building activities such as training.

Application form Submit by Friday 29 March

Community Reference Group for Lake Albert Scoping Study

DEWNR CLLMM Recovery Program are undertaking a 12 month scoping study into water quality in Lake Albert. Project Manager Theresa Myburgh says input from the community will be vital: “We are looking for any information that will help us conduct the study, including historic photographs, maps and articles – anything that’s relevant to water quality management in the lake and narrows”.

Anyone with material they would like to contribute should contact Andrew Dawes at the Lakes Hub Meningie on (08) 8575 1830 or email meningie@lakeshub.com.

Millions of tress, shrubs and groundcovers have been planted throughout the Coorong, Lakes and Murray Mouth region by volunteers, community groups, landholders and schools.

Help us bring all these plantings together and give credit to all of the wonderful people involved with an inspirational name and/or logo. Feel free to create a name, story, picture, bumper sticker. Poetry or video - whatever medium inspires you.

Application forms available at Lakes Hub
Milang - info@lakeshub.com 8537 0808
Meningie - meningie@lakeshub.com 8575 1830
www.lakeshub.com

Send submissions to:
info@lakeshub.com
Lakes Hub Milang, 2/10 Daranda Tce. Milang SA 5256
Lakes Hub Meningie 79 Princes Hwy Meningie SA 5264

All entries will be on display at an exhibition on World Environment Day June 5th

Entries due 12th April 2013

Community CLLMM Volunteer Barbeque

You are invited to the 2013 Community Revegetation Program Volunteer Luncheon

All 2012 and 2013 project participants are invited to share a BBQ overlooking the picturesque Narrung Wetland.

Where: Narrung Hall, Alexandrina Drive

When: Thursday the 7th of March, from 12:00pm

Transport from Milang can be arranged and will aim to depart at 10:30 am. Please notify Jo if you would like a lift!

All food and drinks will be provided by Goolwa to Wellington LAP and the Lakes Hub.

Please RSVP to Jo McPhee on 8537 0808 or at jomcphee@lakeshub.com by Thursday the 28th of February. See you there!

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GOOLWA TO WELLINGTON LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC

LAKES HUB

ONE DAY TRAINING COURSE

FOR SEED COLLECTORS

Provided as an introduction to the concepts and practices required to manage the planning, collection and management of provenance seed.

Participants will learn about;

- Collection planning
- Licensing / Permits
- Provenance
- Seed collection
- Seed cleaning
- Seed storage
- Data capture

Course Dates: 10th April 2013; Karoonda

11th April 2013; Loxton

clean energy future

To register contact the Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association

P: 8531 3075 E: feofficer@internode.on.net

Limited places available—Course and catering provided free ; RSVP 20th March 2013

Supported through funding from the Australian Government's Clean Energy Future Biodiversity Fund.

Strawbale Building

Intrigued? Want to learn more?

Hands on course-learn some basic strawbale building information. Plan, cost and build creative garden structures with our experienced & passionate strawbale builder.

15th, 22nd, 28th March & 5th, 6th & 12th April in Milang.

To find out more or to book ring

8537 0687 or email

reception@moshcc.com.au

MILANG OLD SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

This course is funded through the ACE program, as part of the Government of South Australia's *Skills for All* initiative.

On the Level

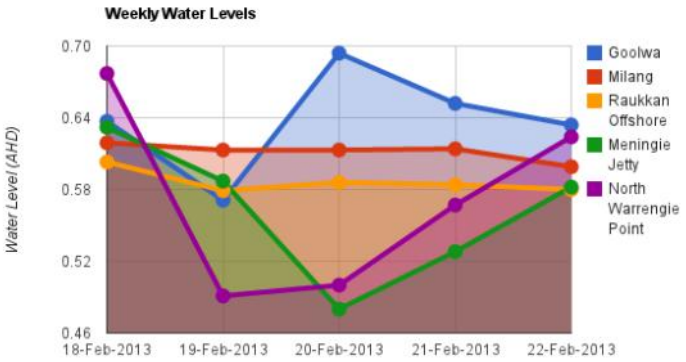
Lake Levels (AHD)

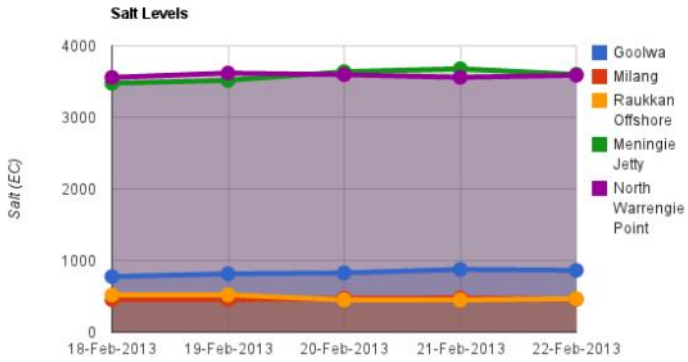
Date	Goolwa	Milang	Raukkan Offshore	Meningie Jetty	Nth Warrengie Point
18-Feb	0.637	0.619	0.603	0.632	0.677
19-Feb	0.571	0.613	0.579	0.587	0.491
20-Feb	0.694	0.613	0.586	0.48	0.5
21-Feb	0.652	0.614	0.584	0.528	0.567
22-Feb	0.634	0.599	0.58	0.582	0.624
Average	**0.638**	**0.612**	**0.586**	**0.562**	**0.572**

Salt Levels (EC)

Date	Goolwa	Milang	Raukkan Offshore	Meningie Jetty	Nth Warrengie Point
18-Feb	777	454	520	3477	3559
19-Feb	815	454	522	3518	3619
20-Feb	828	473	451	3638	3597
21-Feb	877	477	450	3679	3560
22-Feb	864	460	468	3601	3589
Average	**832**	**464**	**482**	**3583**	**3585**

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

Some electrical conductivity ranges	
Water type	**Electrical conductivity (µS/cm)**
Deionised water	0.5-3
Pure rainwater	<15
Freshwater rivers	0 - 800
Marginal river water	800 - 1600
Brackish water	1600 - 4800
Saline water	> 4800
Seawater	51 500
Industrial waters	100 - 10000

Source: Suttar S., Ribbons of Blue Handbook. Scitech, Victoria, 1990.

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.

February 2013	
27	
28	Talking Heads - Eco-wise Action workshop 10am - 12noon Lakes Hub Meningie ph 8575 1830

March 2013	
1	Clean-up Australia - Schools clean-up day
2	
3	Clean-up Australia Day 2013 www.cleanup.org.au Friends of Meningie Clean-up - meet Meningie Lions Park Boat Ramp at 9.00am ph 8575 1830 Conservation Council SA - Grant Boot-camp University of Adelaide Bookings ph CCSA 8223 5155
4	March 3-9th Sea Week Marine Education Society of Australia www.mesa.edu.au
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6	Coorong & Lakes Quarterly Project Officer Meeting 10am Meningie ph 8537 0808
7	Barossa Bush Gardens Tour 9am-5pm ph Murray Mallee LAP 8531 3075 feofficer@internode.on.net Community Revegetation Volunteer Lunch - Narrung. RSVP Lakes Hub 85370808 email jomcphee@lakeshub.com
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10	10-16th International Ground Water Awareness Week www.ngwa.org
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15	Strawbale Building Course starts MOSHCC Milang ph 8537 0687
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18	Fleurieu Swamps Presentation GWLAP Strath NRC 7pm ph 0498 114 047
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22	Strawbale Building Course continues Milang ph 8537 0687
23	Earth Hour 8.30pm www.earthhour.org.au

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