



## **Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Community Advisory Panel**

**Meeting #3 – 09/08/2012  
Raukkan Learning Centre, Narrung**

### **Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority (NRA) update:**

The NRA structure is the peak body and voice for the Ngarrindjeri community, and it gives Ngarrindjeri people an opportunity to sit at the table and have their skills and knowledge taken into account. This enables the best outcomes, and facilitates the strengthening of relationships.

The partnerships with the State and Australian Governments are currently meeting their targets, and the *KNYA* continues to support Ngarrindjeri participation in natural and cultural resource management. The *Yalura Ruwe Program* – which involves on-ground vegetation works and monitoring – is also helping to build NRA capacity.

### **Ngarrindjeri Partnerships Program update:**

Copies of the annual *KNYA* Taskforce report are now available at:

[www.ngarrindjeri.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/KNYA-Taskforce-Report-2010-11.pdf](http://www.ngarrindjeri.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/KNYA-Taskforce-Report-2010-11.pdf)

Since 2009, 15 Ngarrindjeri have been employed through Ngarrindjeri Ruwe Contracting to work on the CLLMM Program's revegetation projects. The NRA has propagated and grown 200,000 plants during the past two years, and have planted them across eight Ngarrindjeri properties.

The NRA also has a Heritage Management Team which helps to make sure CLLMM Program projects and activities aren't conducted on culturally sensitive lands. Culture heritage training is being provided to CLLMM Program service providers.

### **The Living Murray (TLM) Indigenous Partnerships Project update:**

TLM program will look to tap into existing meetings through the CLLMM Program, the *KNYA*, and other taskforces.

Younger members of the Ngarrindjeri community are getting involved in data collection and monitoring, as well as preparing statistics and report writing, which is expanding their skills and knowledge. Ngarrindjeri also have significant input into documents such as the Icon Site Management Plan, communications products, and basin-wide indigenous forums representing TLM.

**CAP communication ideas:**

CAP members were given a range of ideas to consider to relay their deliberations to the community, including regular CAP columns in local newspapers, regular spots on local community radio stations, CAP media releases, displays at community events, a CAP newsletter, and opening CAP meetings to the public.

CAP members commented that local papers are very important, as the community generally reads the local paper. A CAP newsletter, or a communiqué after each meeting, were discussed as good ideas. A trial communiqué will be prepared for the CAP's consideration (this document).

**CLLMM Program Director's update:**

Work plans for the delivery of CLLMM Program projects have been completed and approved by the Australian Government. In the future, the CAP will help the CLLMM Program to develop the work plans. The CAP will also explore gaps that might be in the Long-Term Plan for the CLLMM region, as well as identifying new opportunities.

A funding submission for a scoping study into the future management of water quality issues relating to Lake Albert and the Narrung Narrows has been presented to the Australian Government for consideration.

**Community Resilience Pilot Study:**

The CAP members were asked to provide input into a proposed community resilience study. The study would look at how the CLLMM Program is engaging the community, how the Program is building capacity in the community, and the benefits for the community of the Program's vegetation work. This "pilot" study would concentrate on the CLLMM Program's vegetation projects, with a broader study across all of the CLLMM Program's projects and activities foreshadowed for a later time.

The CAP endorsed the pilot study, and a small working group of CAP members was formed to further discuss input into the proposed study.

**River Murray Water Resources update:**

Climate studies suggest an El Nino weather phenomenon is approaching.

Recent freshwater inflows have been positive for the Murray-Darling Basin, and all storages area full. Dilution flow and unregulated flow are continuing, with South Australia guaranteed to receive entitlement flow of 1850 GL in 2012-13. Additional water has been provided for flushing flow through the Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth.

**The Living Murray (TLM) update:**

The consensus is that TLM is a very important project in the Murray-Darling Basin, and it will continue. However, it was noted that TLM is competing with other projects for MDBA funding.

245 GL of e-water for 2012-2013 will be delivered during the summer, with the Lower Lakes and Coorong receiving the largest allocation. The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) is interested in speaking with the CAP to provide a Basin-wide perspective. CAP members agreed the CEWH could address the CAP in the future.

**Other Business:**

CAP members will be provided with written reports prior to meetings so that they can prepare questions for feedback. CAP members were also invited to attend KNYA meetings as observers if they wish. CAP members discussed the best ways to prepare agendas for future meetings.

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