



Riverbound Update

A healthy River Murray and riverine environment through sustainable local uses

Publications available from MWLAP

POSTERS

History - of the Swanport Wetland

Vision – outlining the Swanport Wetland Management Committee's vision for the future of the wetland

Threats – environmental flows, weeds, human impacts, introduced animals

Features – the 'Swanport Wetland consists of two areas of open water a densely vegetated reed bed and a clay pan....'

NEW Wetland Birds of South Australia - showing the common species of birds that frequent local SA wetlands

SWANPORT WETLAND BOOKLET

A 16 page booklet containing a map and information on birds, fish, plants frogs and aquatic invertebrates within the wetland

SWANPORT WETLAND WALK GUIDE.....Updated

A descriptive step-by-step guide through the wetland with detailed map.

SWANPORT WETLAND BROCHURE

Brochure includes a how to get there map, information and a map of the wetland

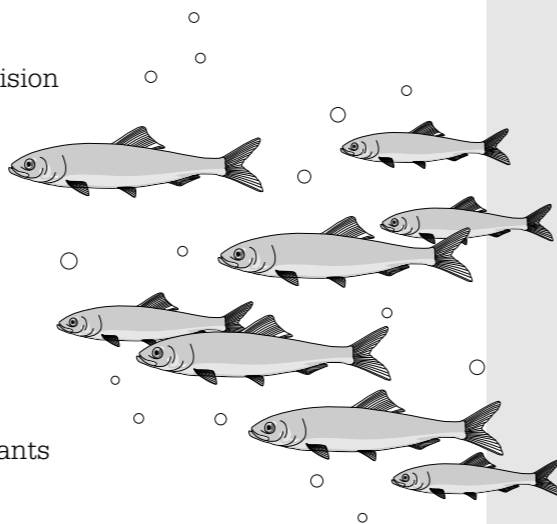
Swanport Wetland Weed Identification Guide

Common weeds throughout the wetland have been identified and recorded on identification cards developed for schools to use on field trips to identify and assess the problems of weeds in the wetland.

Compiled and written by Barbara Martin.

Wetland Birds of South Australia Identification Guide

Compiled and written by Barbara Martin, the cards cover the common species of birds found within wetlands with photographs and drawings, descriptions and facts about each species.



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South Australia 2007 Landcare Awards

- Special Commendation Award - Rookie Crew Kids
- Rivglades Wetland - First
- Rocky Gully - Second
- Murrundi Wetland - Third
- Primary Producer & Individual Landcare - Kathryn & Owen
Second in both awards



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ON-TAP 2008 Water Expo

The Mannum to Wellington Local Action Planning inc. is a non profit organisation based in Murray Bridge SA. We had organised a community event called On-Tap 2008 Water Expo, that was held in our local town hall on the 5th and 6th September. Free sites were available for displays on water saving, garden water wise plants, and climate change.



Local and other businesses were part of over twenty stalls, including everything from fish to turtles, water-saving products, information on rebates and energy saving solar power. There were lots of giveaways including the 'Rivers Run' free show bag which was popular with both the young and old.

Last year this event was run over 3 days where local and regional public got a snippet on what you can do from the household to the farm with an action list you can tick off in making your world a better place. This event is to make us all aware we have a place in looking after our world.

Two submissions were written to obtain some funding for the Expo. At this stage we are uncertain if there will be funding for next year. If you may be interested or have any further information that may be appropriate for 2009 please contact us.

Kathryn Rothe, Project Manager

MWLAP Christmas Doo



Come along to the MWLAP Xmas Doo
Thursday 11th December 10am – 12.00noon concludes
with free BBQ lunch

Swanport Reserve Murray Bridge. (Turn off opposite Dundee's)

5 minute guest speakers include Martin Philcox, Dean Brown, Jack Reddin, Vicky MacDonald, Terese Reeves, Michael Cutting, Peter Koch, Kathryn Rothe and more.

A chance to ask YOUR questions to guest speakers, and catch up with others.

BYO chairs

Aerial photos will be available for pick up.
RSVP 9th December MWLAP 85313222.

For more information about the Mannum to Wellington LAP visit the website
www.mwlap.org.au

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► Start of Green Corp Team

MWLAP has recently been successful in contracting a new Greening Australia Green corp team. They have been very busy, doing lots of different works/training through out the Murray lands area.

They were issued their uniforms at the Team induction held 1st September, and prepared ready for work. As part of OH&S they conducted risk assessments at the 13 different sites where most of their works will be done.

Reed planting, weed control, (either by spraying or cut and swab) seed collection and plant propagation are some of the works that the group have been involved with. The group were also involved with the construction of nesting boxes, and fencing at various sites plus several trips to the Monarto Zoo.

They attended a 2 day First Aid course which is a very valuable aide to obtain.

Class room lessons included:

- Recognising native plants
- Operating basic machinery and tools
- Chemicals (basic chemical use)
- Weed Management

Field trips to Milang and Goolwa, looking at the Murray Mouth and the water issues there, were very informative for the group, showing the flow on effects from the drought.

The Green corp group will continue their works until March 2009.

► Mypolonga Produce Dinner

On the morning of Wednesday the 24th September 2008, the Mypolonga Sports Club rooms were alive with the noise of vegetable peelers peeling, pots of water boiling, and knives chopping frantically, in preparation for the Annual Mypolonga Local Produce Dinner. Under the guidance of Helen Markobotsaris, Cheryl Doecke, Kathryn Rothe and Annette Thomson, the Greencorp Group was kept busy preparing veggies for the evenings 4 course meal.

The tables were beautifully set the night before, including a display table, showing off some of the great produce grown within the local area. Some produce was available for purchase on the night.

Sophie Thomson the Gardening Presenter & Writer for Gardening Australia and the Sunday Mail was the guest speaker for the night. She spoke about assessing your garden, and adapting it for surviving drought. Sophie also spoke about the SA Water rebates, having pamphlets available for those interested.

Mr & Mrs Allan Arbon, along with many locals from the surrounding areas attended the dinner.

The Annual awards were presented with Neville Martin receiving the Citizen of the Year award. Jasmine Traeger, Sam Martin and Corey Jones all received the Junior Citizen Awards.

The night would not have been such a success with out the help of the kitchen staff, waiters, local growers, dairy suppliers and the Smart Family for donating, cooking and slicing the beef steaks and roast.

Another enjoyable Mypolonga Local Produce Dinner.

► Caloote Area Landcare Group

Caloote Area Land core group held their meeting 20th Sept 2008 at Max and Jacqui Merckenschlager's property.

**AGM Saturday 22nd November
11am at Mary Anne Reserve,
Mannum Waterfront.**

Discussion on partial funding for future projects on private land will be held at this meeting.

Please RSVP to 0428878163 or treetops@dragnet.com.au so we can order enough cooked chickens. Bring a plate of salads/sweets to share for lunch. FREE ICECREAMS.

All welcome, inc non-members.

► Community Benefit SA Funding for Farmers

The Board of Community Benefit SA in cooperation with the Department for Families and Communities approved a one-off project grant for: Support for farming families in hardship.

Farming Families experiencing hardship through ongoing drought conditions, suffering from financial constraints, mental health issues or lack of time off from the farm, were given the opportunity to get away, relax, regroup and discuss with the family, future options. Many families have benefited from this project.



Government of South Australia
Community Benefit SA



► Chairman's report 2008

First of all I would like to thank all of those that have put in their own time and efforts to help keep the LAP and our local area running.

My personal vision for the coming years of the LAP is for us to have a look at what we have achieved in the past but also look to the future. I feel that we have achieved a lot of what was first set out when the LAP was instigated, and it may be time for us to update our ideas. This will be important for us to stay relevant within our community but also to make sure that we are aligned with the funding constraints of the future. As we come up to the first 12 years of the LAP, I ask each of you to think about, and have input into what activities the LAP can be doing in the next 10 years.

The activities that we have been undertaking for the past few years have been by necessity, changing due to the drought. Where we have been heavily focused on revegetation, we have found that people have been quick to work out that it may not be the best time to try and do large scale reveg work, and have to draw water from the already overstretched river system to keep the projects alive. In a perfect world we would wait until it starts raining again to carry out these activities, and follow the natural cycles. However we are guided by funding cycles and the sometimes disconnected political will behind them.

We are also well aware of the plight of irrigators not just along our patch but throughout most of the country. The walking off of the land by so many businesses has and will continue to change the make up of our smaller communities and I hope that the LAP can help out where possible to make life bearable until we get some more water.

There have however been some positives that we can stretch out of the drought. Paiwalla wetland continues to go from strength to strength and providing food and shelter for thousands of wetland species that have little other options as most other wetlands are dry. This however provides us with opportunities for these wetlands as it is the perfect time to do major works like installing structures, controlling willows or adding islands.

Again, I thank you all for your time and wish you all the best, Daniel Brown

► Senate Inquiry

A Senate Inquiry into water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes was held on 27th August 2008.

The Committee considered Emergency Water (Murray Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008 for inquiry. The closing date for receipt of submissions for water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes was 11th Sept. 2008.

Further information contact your local member.