

## The Living Murray Community Reference Group Meeting 8: 25–26 June 2007, Echuca

The Living Murray program is a commitment by the Australian, New South Wales, Victorian, South Australian and ACT governments to improve the health of the River Murray through significant investment in regional communities.

The Living Murray Community Reference Group (CRG) was established to provide advice to the Community Advisory Committee on all aspects of The Living Murray's implementation. It includes representatives from the Indigenous community, primary industry, environmental groups, local government and the business community. The Community Advisory Committee considers the CRG's advice and communicates it to The Living Murray Committee, the Commission and the Murray–Darling Basin Ministerial Council.

This communiqué provides an overview of the CRG's June 2007 meeting in Echuca.

The CRG was taken on a tour of Gunbower–Koondrook–Perricoota Forest by Linda Broekman, NSW State Forests (Icon Site Manager) and Brad Drust, North Central CMA (Vic.). Sites visited included Torrumbarry Weir, Reedy Lagoon, Little Gunbower Creek and Koondrook State Forest.

Items discussed at the meeting were:

- Strategic opportunities for CRG advice into The Living Murray for 2007–08.
- Progress of the Indigenous Partnerships Program, including the Land and Occupancy Mapping project
- Water recovery progress and initiatives, including the Pilot Environmental Water Purchase project which is scheduled to commence in July 2007.
- Planning underway to maximise the environmental benefit from integrated works and water packages for each icon site.
- Communications activity under The Living Murray communications plan.

Echuca resident, Jenny Williams presented to the CRG about her role and experiences as the President of the Echuca Urban Landcare Group, North Central Catchment Management Authority Board member, and local business person.

### CRG Members

Lee O'Brien (Chair)  
Laurie Arthur  
Gordon Ball  
Kelvin Baxter  
Robert Black  
Merril Boyd  
Arlene Buchan  
Tricia Caswell  
John Grabbe  
Henry Jones  
Howard Jones  
Judi Lawler  
Paul Martin  
Barrie MacMillan

Henty, NSW  
Moulamein, NSW  
Deniliquin, NSW  
Berrigan, NSW  
Coleambally, NSW  
Berrigan, NSW  
Melbourne, Vic  
Melbourne, Vic  
Dirranbandi, Qld  
Clayton, SA  
Dareton, NSW  
Moama, NSW  
Renmark, SA  
Mildura, Vic

Anne McCamish  
Kevin McKinnon  
Doug McWilliam  
Phyllis Miller  
Sarah Moles  
Kerri Muller  
Sarah Nicholas  
Jack Papageorgiou  
Jeff Parish  
Russell Pell  
Matt Rigney  
Wayne Webster  
Paul Sinclair  
Col Thomson  
Dick Thompson  
David Wotton

Shepparton, Vic  
Tocumwal, NSW  
Griffith, NSW  
Forbes, NSW  
Allora, Qld  
Strathalbyn, SA  
Wandiligong, Vic  
Cooltong, SA  
Barmera, SA  
Kyabram, Vic  
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