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Goolwa Rowing Club - Older Rowers' achievements



Mike Jenkins pictured in the early morning at Kingston - waiting for the lock to open (Photo by Lisanne Edgar)

What started as a mad idea came to fruition in May when 3 of the Goolwa Rowers completed the Men of the Murray Odyssey. Starting at the NSW/SA border on May 4 they rowed single sculls down the Murray to Goolwa, arriving at the wharf on May 20 somewhat weary, but elated.

It is no mean feat at any age, but the idea originated when Bob Russell decided that he wanted to do the trip before he turns 70 (in 2009). The idea gained momentum and David England and Michael Jenkins joined Bob in what became a fundraiser for Breast and Prostate Cancer together with The Flying Doctor Service. Bob also spoke at various spots along the way to raise awareness of Organ Donation. The row could not have been completed without Bob Leopold providing on water backup.

They received fantastic support along the way, which helped to lessen the pain of the blisters. Hands and feet recovered quickly, but sitting comfortably took some time!

Australia Post Delivery - Poll Results

In February Australia Post conducted a delivery poll to determine the level of community support for the introduction of a 'to the property' street mail delivery within The Marina Hindmarsh Island.

Although the poll's accuracy and fairness were significantly questioned in local media and by many residents and community groups the poll results have now been announced.

The final results were;

67.4% of residents wished to retain present delivery arrangements while only 32.6% of residents requested a 'to the property' delivery service

Therefore, as less than 51% of eligible residents polled requested a 'to the property' street mail delivery Australia Post have advised that present delivery arrangements for The Marina Hindmarsh Island will remain.



Alexandrina Cove - Shooting up



Exciting times are ahead with the civil and building construction now well underway for Stage 1 situated on the corner of Princess Royal Parade and Vesta Drive. Alexandrina Cove is The Marina Hindmarsh Island's very own lifestyle village for the over 55's.

This new \$50million development is spread over 5 hectares of prime marina real estate and the project will incorporate 116 homes, a massive community building, tennis court, croquet/putting green and multi purpose lawn areas. All these facilities are for the exclusive use of the Alexandrina Cove residents.

Stage 1 of the development covers 1 hectare and will consist of 23 homes, community building, tennis court and BBQ areas. Rossdale Homes and Oakford Homes have now started construction and homes will be ready for you to move into by Christmas.

All of the homes will be built to exacting standards and all will offer a high level of finish including chef's kitchen with granite bench tops, stainless steel European appliances with wall oven, gas cook top, inbuilt microwave and dishwasher. Other quality features include porcelain or polished timber floors to living and passage, ducted vacuuming and ducted reverse cycle air conditioning. The homes will also be "Telstra Smart Homes" ensuring super fast internet speeds and offering other opportunities such as movies on demand. All of the homes are of very generous proportions of around 184m² and offer three bedrooms or two plus a dining/study. Both single and double garages are available.

The community will be gated providing added security and peace of mind for all residents, with intercom and video systems from the homes to the electronically activated gates.

There is certainly no other Marina waterfront lifestyle village in South Australia. Alexandrina Cove is sure to please the most discerning buyers. Offering a relaxed waterfront lifestyle in quality surroundings. Whilst not everyone will have a yacht to moor at there front door, marina berths will be available for residents to rent as we are sure this will play a large part in resident's lifestyles.

Alexandrina Cove the South Coast's first "Ultimate Lifestyle Village" for over 55's is an address that is sure to impress. The area offers residents a vibrant lifestyle change with the undeniable benefits of being a mere hour by road from Adelaide and surrounded by picturesque towns of Goolwa, Middleton, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor. You have worked hard and long to reach this stage of your life so you deserve the best "Alexandrina Cove".

Contact Richard Joy or Annie Bauer today at The Land Sales and Information Centre on 8555 7300 for further details and to register your interest in the ultimate village.

Sunny Beaches perfect for a Blokart



Lower water levels in the Murray have given us the opportunity to explore some amazing sandy beaches. The Marina Hindmarsh Island resident Derek Stevens is one person who is more than happy to take advantage of this zooming around on his blokart.

The blokart is a fun, fast sailing and karting experience. Weighing only 29kg the lightweight vehicle can be propelled at speeds of around 60kms by the 3 or 4 meter sail. Packing down into a unique carry bag without tools in just minutes Derek says that he "loves the ease of being able to throw the blokart into the back of his car". Mr Stevens hopes to one day start a SA blokart club.

For more information on the Blokart visit <http://www.blokart.com/> or phone 0408 928 060

Island Cafe - Recent Opening

The Marina Hindmarsh Island's head office has recently undergone a big overhaul to make room for the brand new **Island Café**.

The *Island Café* is a coffee lounge priding itself on the illusive search for the perfect coffee.

Open from 9.00am seven days a week, the café is equipped with 6 plush 2 seater sofas, a plasma TV and additional internal and external seating but also offers customers the option of takeaway.

Coffees start at \$2.50 and are complemented by a delicious range of muffins available.



Wildlife Link - Wildlife Welfare Organisation



Caption: Baby White faced heron raised by Rena Robinson of the Wildlife Welfare Organisation

WWO has been very busy with rescue and advice calls over the last few months. Fishing hooks and fishing line entanglements are still high on the list where injuries to wildlife are concerned. I urge all residents to retrieve any discarded line or hooks from the water as this is a major risk to all water birds. It is very difficult to catch these birds, particularly if they can fly, so prevention is the key.

Low water levels have uncovered many mud flats exposing good food sources for the waders, swans and other water birds that feed on vegetation, aquatic insects and crustaceans.

Thirty two species of waders visit Australia as non breeding birds. Breeding occurs in the northern hemisphere and the birds usually arrive here August to October. They depart in March to April. Unfortunately long term exposure of these mud flats will result in the dying off of vegetation and insects. The increase in salinity levels will also have an impact on the native vegetation.

One of the largest and most majestic of the waterbirds is the black swan. An ancient belief is that they (especially the mute swan) will only sing when it is dying. Hence the term 'swan song'. It is also one of the rare birds that moult all their flight feathers at once after the breeding season, and are unable to fly for several weeks. In the last quarter of the year large numbers of swans can be seen on our waterways, passing the time whilst they wait for their flight feathers to grow. At this time they are more vulnerable to being hit by fast boats or jet skis. Please, we don't want to hear any singing swans!

Remember, report early, try to stay with the bird until help arrives and keep dogs away.

For advice or assistance with injured wildlife contact 0434 114 628.

By Rena Robinson

Great Murray Lakes Clean Up - Thank you

The Marina Hindmarsh Island would like to thank you for your help in making the Great Murray Lakes Clean Up **a huge success...**

More than 300 Community Volunteers collected over 100 tonnes of dangerous steel, glass, plastic and wood waste and rubbish and 1000 tyres from the shores of the Great Murray Lakes on April 4 -6.

The army of volunteers cleaned up over 33km of river and lake front across the townships of Goolwa, Clayton Bay, Milang, Mundoo Channel and Meningie.

Some of the items included old steel security safes, one old 303 rifle that was handed to Goolwa Police, engine blocks, railway carriage wheels and running gear and large industrial cogs and wheels.

The notion of a clean up had originally started with The Marina Hindmarsh Island. The concept spread rapidly with offers of help from the Alexandrina Council, the Premier of South Australia, KESAB, Coorong District Council and local businesses and community groups, who came together to organise and support the event.

"The Navy Reserve divers who brought up dangerous items from beneath deeper waters near the wharf attracted great community interest from visitors to Goolwa on the Sunday. We were also pleased with the attendance of the Minister for the River Murray, Karlene Maywald, regional Members of Parliament Michael Pengilly and Adrian Pederick and the Mayors of both Alexandrina and Coorong Councils and many of the elected members of councils.

Tom Chapman of The Marina Hindmarsh Island said that "At a time when so many people around the country were focusing on the negatives caused by the current low levels and increased salinity it was this kind of event which was really needed. Shifting focus from the negative to the positive a combined task force of businesses, councils and community members were able to together achieve something positive for the future health of the Great Murray Lakes."

Minister for the River Murray Karlene Maywald MP was at Goolwa to assist volunteers in their work. She said the response by volunteers in the region was an example of the great community spirit that is needed to support the river at this critical time.





"If there is a silver lining to the problem of drought, then this opportunity was it," said KESAB Project Manager, Dick Olesinski.

"This was a once in a lifetime chance to clean up the lake and river shores by removing decades of rubbish and pollutants".

"The 'Great Murray Lakes Clean Up' delivered a cleaner environment and increased user safety by the removal of hidden dangers such as old steel and concrete anchor moorings, hidden steel or wooden stakes and fence posts and old tyres - and even a rifle - that damage the environment and cause hazards to water sports and navigation."

The environment was cleaned up and protected in more ways than only the collection of nasty materials - with the discovery of severely injured tortoises due to the drought and attack of pests.

The volunteers also played a major role in rescuing about 80 tortoises that have been severely affected by life threatening infestation by coral worms that are plaguing the Murray Lakes around Goolwa, Hindmarsh Island and Munday Channel.

From the Galley - Wok-Seared King Prawns with Chilli, Lime and Soy

When a recipe calls for green prawns, it means raw or uncooked prawns. Fresh prawns are the best to use if available. Frozen prawns are fine but will need to be thawed before being peeled. The safest method of thawing is to place the frozen prawns onto a covered tray in the refrigerator over night.

The use of a good chilli paste like Guilin Chilli Sauce or nam prik pao produces a beautiful flavour. Sear the prawns in a wok on high heat and cook only until *just* cooked.

20 peeled and deveined green (raw) prawns
 2 tblsp Guilin chilli sauce
 1 tsp sambal olek
 1 lime (juice and zest)
 2 tblsp light soy
 2 cups coriander (coarsely chopped)
 50 ml extra virgin olive oil
 salt flakes (to taste)

In a medium size bowl, combine the Guilin chilli sauce, sambal olek, lime zest, olive oil and half the coriander. Mix in the prawns, coat well and set aside in the refrigerator until required.

Place a wok onto a wok burner and turn on to high heat. When hot, add a splash of extra virgin olive oil and the prawn mixture, cooking and tossing well for 6 to 8 minutes. (Shorten the time a little if the prawns are smaller, but do not over cook them).

Remove the wok from the wok burner and then add the light soy, lime juice, olive oil, coriander and salt. Toss well and serve immediately. These prawns are great when presented with bowls of steaming hot rice or freshly cooked noodles. Serves 4.



Splash Properties SA

Are you looking to Sell your property?

Then look no further you have found the answer. Annie and Richard from Splash Properties SA specialise in selling property exclusively at The Marina Hindmarsh Island. They dedicate their time and efforts solely to The Marina. Being on site 7 days a week "You could say we eat, sleep and breathe The Marina" Annie said. Their office is located in The Land Sales & Information Centre in the main Marina Building.

So for a no-nonsense approach to selling your property have a talk with Annie and Richard today.

"Our stocks currently are very low we have been receiving a number of enquiries each week in particular for north facing waterfront allotments so if you have been thinking of selling why not give us a call" Richard said.

Yes, they do also sell established homes so no matter what your real estate requirement is we are sure they will be in a position to help.

Remember Splash Properties SA in the Land Sales and Information Centre at The Marina Hindmarsh Island.

Annie & Richard can be contacted on 8555 7300.

Coorong Tree Planting Day

On Sunday June 22, sixty five volunteers gave their support to The Marina Hindmarsh Island's native revegetation program, attending a Tree Planting day.

Although not under any obligation The Marina Hindmarsh Island aims to plant 4,000 trees a year. Much of these 4,000 trees are this year going into the area off Telegraph Crt often referred to as the Coorong area.

This area is development land which has been given back to the environment and will be re-vegetated and eventually opened up as an environmental buffer.

800 native Melaleuca were planted, a species capable of surviving on local rainfall and in high salinity areas without relying on ongoing watering, chemicals or intensive maintenance.

The planting day commenced at 10:00am and finished around noon, earlier than expected due to the overwhelming response. Volunteers then gathered for a BBQ, a few light drinks, and a bonfire overlooking the serenity of the area.



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Map and Chart Datums

Datum is a mathematical surface on which a mapping and coordinate system is based. There are two types of datum used in mapping - horizontal and vertical - but for the purposes of this publication, the vertical datum is ignored because the use of a GPS in the boating environment is generally confined to sea level. The coordinates ie latitude and longitude are derived from the horizontal datum.

There are many different horizontal datums in use worldwide, most of which are based on the requirements of a particular land mass. For over 40 years,

Australia has used the *Australian Geodetic Datum 1966* (AGD66) but this has now been changed by the introduction of *Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994* (GDA94), a system that will interface better with satellite navigation systems such as GPS.

The result of this is that all future Australian maps and charts will be based on GDA94 and coordinates based on earlier datums will be different. The difference between coordinates derived from AGD66 and GDA94 is about 200 metres measured in a generally north easterly direction.

Another datum, World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84) has also been in use and is often the default datum in many GPS units. The difference between coordinates derived from this datum and those of GDA94 is negligible ie approximately 10cm.

What is the effect of this change when using a GPS in the Lower Murray, the Lakes and the Coorong? The two existing Small Boat Charts are based on AGD66 datum and until these are reprinted using GDA94 datum, a GPS should be programmed to AGD66. When a reprint occurs using GDA94, the GPS should then be reset to this datum. If GDA94 is not available in a GPS, WGS84 will suffice.

If a skipper intends using the chartlets in the BIASA publication *South Australia's Waters - An Atlas and Guide* where GDA94 has been used as the basis for the coordinate system, then the GPS should be reset to either GDA94 or WGS84 to avoid navigating errors. The differences between the latitudes and longitudes for the two markers using the three datums can be seen in the section 'Latitude and Longitude Markers' below.

Remember, your GPS must be compatible with the paper chart in use to avoid positioning errors.

Article with thanks to David Brook.

Club Marina Holidays - Winter Sale

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Boat Blessing a cause for celebration

Eight close friends helped Bob and Marie Tynan celebrate the blessing of their boat 'Mariah' earlier this month.

The small ceremony was officiated by friend and berthed neighbour Peter Marr a SAPOL chaplain. The ceremony was at times comical as Peter expressed the apologies of the Pope, the Prime Minister and the Premier who were unable to attend.

Following from the ceremony the group gathered at the close by BBQ near J jetty and enjoyed some music, a bit to eat, a few drinks and a laugh.



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