

## Meningie's Lake Front Habitat Restoration Project

The 2011/2012 year has seen the MLFHR Project transform the Lake Albert Fore Shore into an Environmental show piece.

July

- The Friends of Meningie formerly became part of Meningie Progress Association Inc.
- Community suggestions were received for the naming of the Interpretive Pathway with 42 suggestions being put forward. FOM selected the dual naming put forward by the students of Meningie Area School and the path became Pelican Path or Yunti Ngopun Ngami (Ngarrindjeri for Together we walk).
- FOM along with MAS students, GWLAP and DENR staff planted the first 800 of the 22,000 plants proposed for the MLFHR project.



August

- FOM, MAS, GWLAP and DENR planted the area at the southern end of the Pelican Path
- The cement pathway was completed in September now making this a picturesque 400 meter interpretive walk.



September

- This month the Interpretive Pillars were installed with 4 lots of 3 pillars, 1 was for Ngarrindjeri, 1 was for Early European Settlement and the other was for the Environment.
- Our first group of visitors some Nuffield Scholars were given a guided tour along the Pelican Path

## October

- Our official opening was conducted this month with the South Australian Minister for Water Mr Paul Caica opening the Interpretive Pathway now known as the Pelican Path/Yunti Ngopun Ngami. Tom Trevorrow gave a Welcome to Country and Major Sumner conducted a Traditional Smoking Ceremony for the new pathway. There were a good number of people in attendance for the opening with most people taking the time to walk the Interpretive Pathway and view the newly established plantings.



## November

- Premier Jay Wetherill accompanied by Minister Caica visited the MLFHR Project and walked the Pelican Path escorted by teachers and students from Meningie Area School. The Premier was seeking support for the MDBA Plan and trying to gain a feel for Environmental Water requirements for South Australia. During the walk no less than 10 species of Australian Birdlife were encountered on the 400m walk. Species seen on the day included Pelican, Heron, Egret, Darter, Cormorant and Crested Terns.



December, January

- This time of the year the MLFHR area becomes very busy with Tourists who visit the Lions Park and are now taking time out to walk along the new Interpretive Path and learn more about the area along with the culture of the traditional owners of the area the Ngarrindjeri people.

February/March

- Renaturalising of the storm water drain was completed this month following the removal of the Croquet Clubs sheds and the old fencing along with the cement drain and introduced plantings. This area was transformed into a wetland with its own lagoon area before the weed matting was laid down in readiness for the upcoming plantings.

April

- Planting of the 2,200 plants for the renaturalised drain area was done this month with the Meningie Area School, DENR, GWLAP, CTLAP, FOM and RUWE contracting.



May

- Construction of the tiered beach seating took place during May and the construction team from Salisbury Earth Movers was lucky to finish the seating just before a storm on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The viewing platform screw piles were also installed in the month of May



## June

- This month the construction of the viewing platforms and bird viewing shelter took place adding yet another dimension to this project.
- Community plantings were undertaken this month with the Meningie Football Club planting a substantial amount of plants which was organised by the Meningie Progress Association. The students of Meningie Area School along with Orana and others also took part in the revegetation of the Meningie Fore Shore area.



Looking Good