



Kings Billabong Regulator Community Update 9

April 22, 2013.

An environmental regulator is being constructed at Kings Billabong during April-May 2013 to return healthy variations to the water level of the wetland.

Construction of the regulator has started and will be completed by late May.

A draw-down of Kings Billabong, using the new environmental regulator, is scheduled for the off peak irrigation season in mid-2014. The target drawdown level is 36 mAHD.

Kings Billabong-Nichols Point oral history

Work is underway on an oral history for the Kings Billabong and Nichols Point area. This oral history is being completed to recognise the social, environmental and economic importance of the area; to capture the memories of some of the people who know and love this area; and to provide the community with a substantiated historical record of the unique role this area has played in Sunraysia's development.

Jacinta and Terry Gange, from NewsAlert PR, will be writing the oral history and they are currently scheduling interviews with local people who have strong connections to the Kings Billabong-Nichols Point area. Jacinta and Terry will also be looking for historic photographs of the area, which can be used in the book.

If you would like to be interviewed or have any photographs that might be suitable for use in the book, please give them a call on 0498 490 672 or email tjgange@bigpond.com

A Facebook page has been set up to facilitate wider community input into the oral history. This is another way that you can submit photographs, documents, information or recollections of significant events in the area's development. Please invite anyone you believe may have something to contribute, or may enjoy sharing their memories.

Click on the link below to have a look:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kings-Billabong-and-Nichols-Point-History/232829720192854?ref=hl>

Collating an oral history for an area with such an interesting history is going to be a big job, but it's hoped the oral history will be completed by August this year.



Temporary closure of Central Pumps car park

Lower Murray Water (LMW) is the Committee of Management for the small parcel of land known as Central Pumps (Water Supply Reserve, Allotment 99B, Section F, Parish of Mildura).

LMW wishes to advise that the car park area at Central Pumps will be closed to public access from April 22, 2013 until September or longer/shorter as required. The closure is due to construction works in and around the Central Pump Station, including the construction of the environmental regulator. The closure is to protect public safety. Signage and barriers will be erected at the bitumen entrance road to the car park and on the walking track where pedestrians enter LMW managed land.

This will not affect the Kings Billabong lookout loop walk.

Please contact Fiona Murdoch, Lower Murray Water, on 5051 3471 should you require further information.

Other points to note:

- Plant a tree for your Mum this Mother's Day at the Trees for Mum event at the Psyche Pumps Pavilion from 9-11am on Sunday, May 12. This event is being run by Landcare, with support from the Friends of Kings Billabong, Mallee CMA and Parks Victoria.
- The Mildura Weir will be removed on May 27, 2013 for scheduled maintenance. More information is available at: http://www.mdba.gov.au/media_centre/media_releases/lowering-of-mildura-weir-pool-from-monday-27-may-2013