

## NEWS

# Big year for Murray youth council

YOUNG members of the River Murray Youth Council celebrated their achievements for 2012 at Monarto Zoo's Indaba Bush Camp last month.

Students from five schools, including those at Karoonda and Coomandook, shared stories with friends, family, school staff and local Members of Parliament Adrian Pederick and Patrick Secker before enjoying a dinner cooked by the Murray Bridge Rotary Club.

As well as meeting regularly last year, they were involved in the state-wide Youth Environment Council, travelled to the headwaters of the River Murray, planted 3500 plants and made a presentation at a water conference in Melbourne, among other achievements.

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**Young achievers:** River Murray Youth Council mentor Ian Walton, chairperson Lili Kiriakou, Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick, vice chairperson Georgia Seidel and Member for Barker Patrick Secker were among guests at the council's end-of-year celebration.

education coordinator Jodie Sommerville said the youths' presentations had highlighted their dedication, enthusiasm and passion.

"The students have increased their confidence and public speaking skills, learnt about different environmental topics

and made lifelong friends while having fun," she said.

"They have also learnt that they can make a difference."

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