

# Passing of Henry Jones

**The death of Henry Jones of Clayton on 15th April has sparked memories of this legendary campaigner of the River Murray, Lower Lakes and Coorong.**

Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Ian Hunter has paid tribute to a leading voice behind South Australia's successful campaign for a healthy River Murray - Clayton Bay fisherman Henry Jones, who has died after a long illness.

The fourth-generation fisherman was a champion for the River Murray

and was instrumental in helping achieve the return of 3200 gegalitres of water to the river.

"Henry was a commercial fisherman for more than 50 years, and it was this experience that gave him a unique insight into the Murray Darling Basin," he said.

"His level of passion and commitment was unparalleled.

"Henry became the face of the fight for the River Murray."

The stories of people at the end of the river who had experienced the consequences of decades of over-allocation in the river system were a powerful force as South Australia campaigned for a healthy river.

"We were fortunate to have Henry on our side as we strove to bring all South

Australians together - city and country, irrigators and environmentalists," Mr Hunter said.

Federal Member for Mayo Jamie Briggs remembers Henry Jones was widely recognised as playing a key role in shaping the historic Murray Darling Basin Plan (Basin Plan) and returning his beloved lakes back to life.

"The Basin Plan would not have been if it were not for the years of dedication from Henry Jones," Mr Briggs said.

"From captaining the local CFS to building community halls and boat clubs, being an active contributor to the community and state was an integral part of his life.

"His dedication to the River Murray was recognised in 2013 when he became the first member of the community to receive the River Murray Medal, awarded by the Murray Darling Basin Authority.

"In further recognition of his efforts, Henry was named State Finalist Senior Australian of the Year 2014.

"His remarkable legend and generosity of spirit will live on through the years of dedication he gifted to his community and South Australia."

Mr Briggs said, "It was a privilege to work with and represent such a humble man, committed to his family, his state and his country."

"My thoughts are with his beloved wife of 51 years, Gloria, and their daughters, Christine, Julie, Susie and their families."

Adrian Pederick Member for Hammond said, "I was privileged to call Henry a friend and it was an honour to work with him on issues impacting his beloved Lower Lakes and Coorong fishery and the River Murray."

"His passion, dedication and enthusiasm for the

River Murray and Lower Lakes and Coorong fishing industry were second to none and he will be greatly missed by many," said Mr Pederick.

"On behalf of the SA Liberal Party, I extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends."

All agree, our region, our state and our country has lost a great man who will always be remembered.

