

# Fishers hook new cod data

LOCAL recreational fishers have been encouraged to attend a fishing event aimed at gathering Murray cod data this Saturday.

The event, hosted by the Riverland Fishing Club at Lyrup Flats boat ramp, encourages recreational fishers to provide catch information, adding to existing data on the condition of Murray cod stocks.

PIRSA director fisheries and aquaculture policy, Sean Sloan, said the PIRSA and RecFish SA supported fishing events are "gathering momentum".

"I'm thrilled at the enthusiastic response of recreational fishers to help with research through the collection of data," he said.

"This data is critical for future evaluation of stock enhancement of Murray cod in the South Australian River Murray."

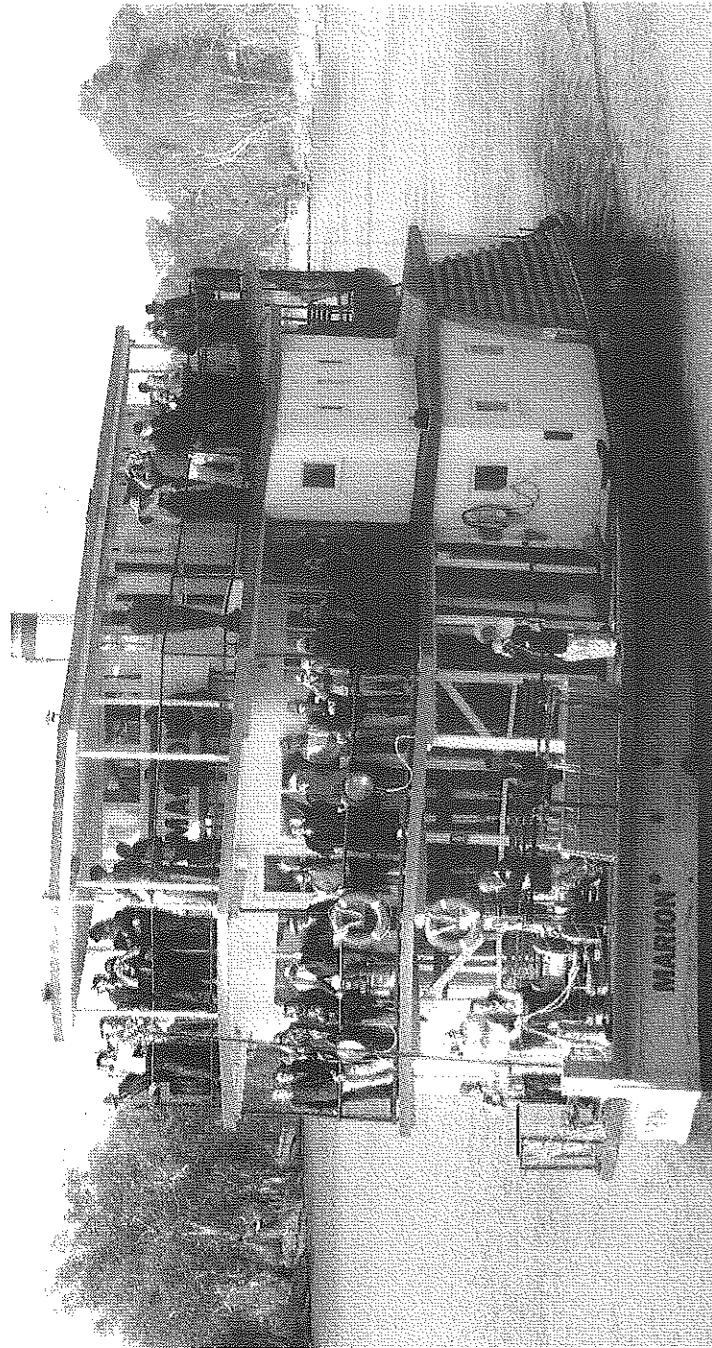
The Stock Enhancement Program aims to support the conservation and recovery of Murray cod in South Australia so that it may one day support a sustainable recreational fishery in the region.

"Community participation is vital to help provide the information we need to assess the recovery of the stock," Mr Sloan said.

The recreational fishing event will be hosted by the Riverland Fishing Club at Lyrup Flats boat ramp this Saturday, from 7.30am to 3pm.

For more information about the event visit [www.pirsa.gov.au/murraycod](http://www.pirsa.gov.au/murraycod) or contact Heidi Alleway on 8226 0900.

The ps Marion's journey to Lock One on Friday was similar to its voyage to the newly opened lock 100 years ago. The iconic vessel was part of the lock's centenary celebrations held at the Blanchetown site last week. **BELOW:** Among those at the event were Member for Hammond Adrian Pederrick, Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone, Murray-Darling Basin Authority chair Neil Andrew, and Member for Barker Tony Pasin.



# Centenary milestone for Lock One

LAST week marked the 100th birthday of the foundation stone laid to construct Lock One – the site that kick-started a century of River Murray infrastructure.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin was among those to attend commemorations at the century-old structure in Blanchetown on Friday, exactly 100 years after its official opening.

"It is 100 years since a landmark agreement was made between New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and the Commonwealth for the management and sharing of water resources of the Murray River," said Mr Pasin.

"In September 1914, after nearly 60 years of debate, droughts, community action, enquiry



Hunter said in the past century, the River Murray has transformed from a travelling and trading route into a major economic and environmental asset.

"The installation of infrastructure along the river over the past 100 years has been integral to managing the Murray and providing water security to

communities living along it," he said.

On June 5, 1915, a celebration saw more than 100 eminent politicians catch a train to Murray Bridge and then board the ps Marion to Blanchetown for the ceremony.

Mr Hunter said Friday's celebrations included

recreations of the original launch.

He said the centenary event came as three new regulating structures – which aim to improve the health of the Pike Floodplain – are being completed near Renmark and Paringa.

"When the entire Pike Floodplain project is complete we will be able to inundate the floodplain to the same level as a 70,000 megalitres a day natural flood," said Mr Hunter.

"This level is 1.65m higher than the normal pool level in Mundic Creek."

The Mundic Creek regulators were funded through the State and Federal Governments' \$91 million Riverine Recovery Project.

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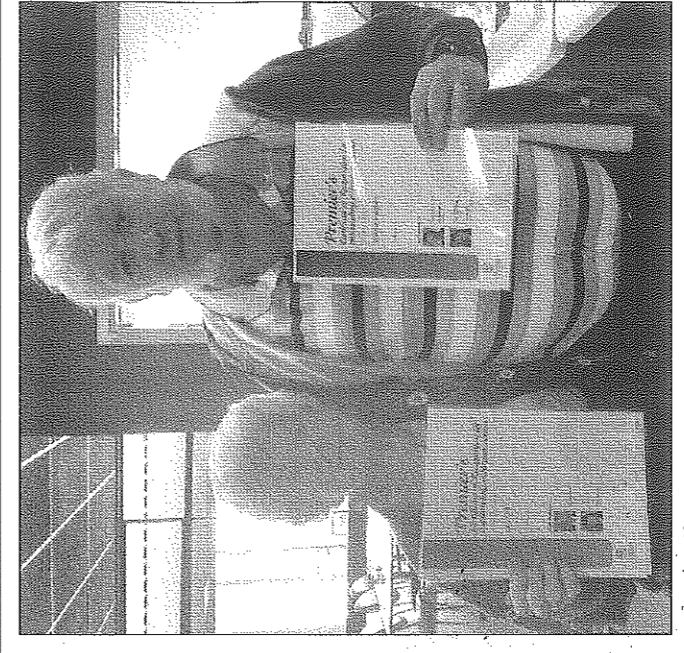
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**VOLUNTEERS:** Riverland Community Health Services volunteers receiving their Premier's Certificate of Recognition for outstanding volunteer service 2015 were Joy Gill and Wayne Hughes. Absent: John Fewster.

# Workers rack up annual leave

AUSTRALIAN full-time workers have an average of 21 days of leave under their belts.

Roy Morgan Research revealed over 123 million days of annual leave had been accrued by workers.

Male workers accounted for 69 per cent of total leave owed, with the remaining owed to female workers.

While nine per cent of workers had no leave days, 28 per cent had collected more than five weeks.

Roy Morgan Research group director Angela Smith said the amount of leave that workers have in the bank is surprising.

"It's almost impossible to fathom that Australia's six million full-time workers have no less than 123,510,000 days' annual leave accrued between them," she said.

"What's more, 80 per cent are planning to take a trip in the next 12 months."

"Considering the volume of annual leave between them, this represents a great opportunity for destination marketers and tourism operators to target these people and offer suggestions on how and where to spend their leave."