

# Nurragi Reserve Working Bee

As part of Treasury Wine Estates Global Volunteer week (May 18th -22nd) Langhorne Creek Treasury Wine Estates vineyard staff offered their time to assist the Friends of Nurragi Reserve with some projects on the reserve.

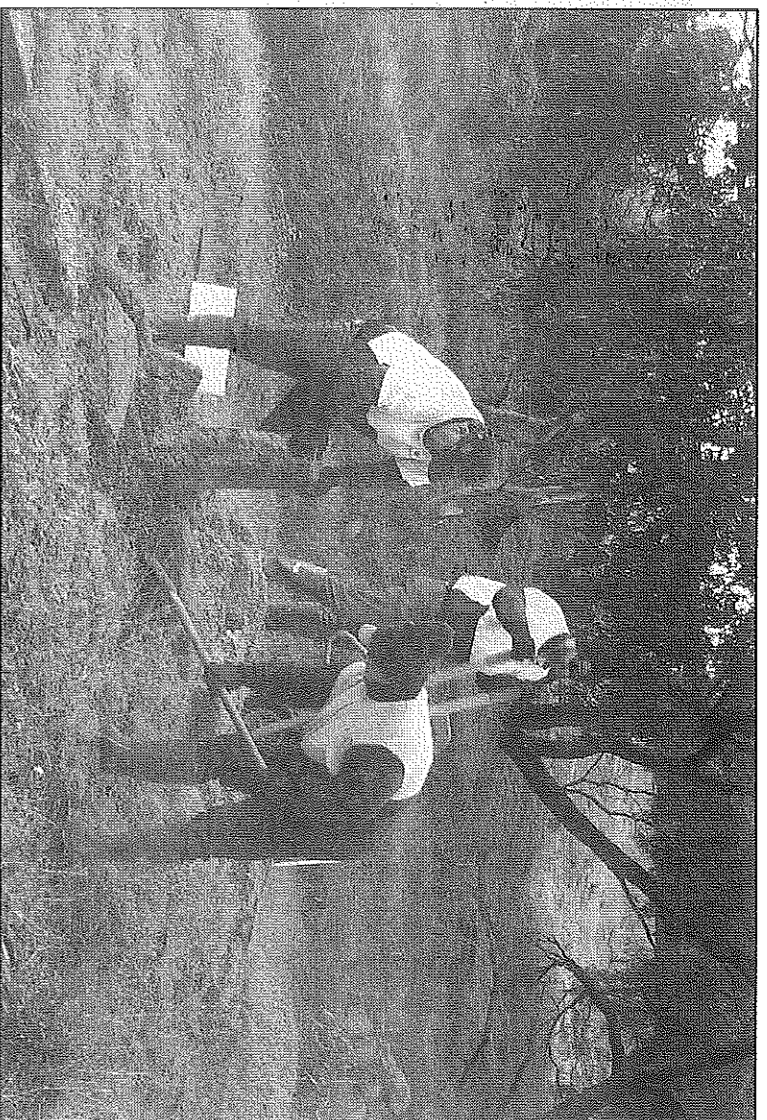
"We had a really productive time with seven Treasury workers helping for the day," said Jeff Whitaker, president of the Nurragi committee. The Nurragi Reserve is an interesting linear park following the former railway line from Sandergrove to Milang. It has significant remnant native vegetation and extensive areas of more recent plantings. Last year a new walk-

ing trail was developed along the entire 12.4km length of the reserve. The Treasury staff assisted on the day in the following ways. Some of last year's tree plantings needed weed control to reduce competition. Treasury staff sprayed around approximately 1400 plants. They also hand seeded about 450 spots - hopefully plants for the future.

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Some of the Treasury workers placing stepping stones at the Nurragi Reserve working bee.

## Successful Poultry Show held at Murray Bridge

The Strathalbyn and Districts Poultry and Pigeon Club Autumn Show held at the Murray Bridge Show- grounds on Sunday May 31, created a lot of interest, with 360 poultry in the Show, and was a great day, with good weather conditions, and enjoyed by all.

Special thanks were conveyed to the major sponsors, thanks on the day was given to Myraellen Show Ribbons, Sydney, who completed the job for the club on a day's notice.

This was the second event for the season for the Poultry Club, after a very successful Poultry Sale, which was held at the end of March at Uralla, with 840 birds being offered for sale.

Poultry exhibitors came from near & far for the Autumn Show, travelling from local areas including Strathalbyn, Mylor, Narree, Dawesley, Kamarron, Murray Bridge, Monarto South, McLaren Vale, McLaren Flat, Morphett Vale, Tanunda, Tailum Bend, Meningie, Sherlock and as far away as Millicent.

The President, Trudy Hull and Secretary, Rex Liebelt, then thanked everyone for their attendance and support, with a special thanks conveyed to the stewards for all their help and especially the poultry judges, Mary Scruby and Scott Evans who commented on the overall high standard and quality of winning birds.

A big thanks was also conveyed to Les Vivian for judging the Pigeons and Eggs.

Mary and Scott thanked for their invite, with Scott appreciating the opportunity as a trainee judge.

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Paul Wilson - Champion Bird of Show (Langshan Pullet), Ron Wright - Large Hard Feather (Jubilee Game Hen), Scott Evans, judge, Mary Scruby, judge, Dennis Hart - Champion Light Breed (Ancona Cockerel) and Champion Pigeon, Sarah Spencer, Zak Spencer - Reserve Champion Junior (Australorp Bantam Pullet), Greg Spencer (JAKTS Poultry) - Reserve Champion Bird (Silver Appleyard Duck), Haylee Jacob - Champion Soft Feather Bantam (Australorp Cockerel), Laurie Barber - Champion Hard Feather Bantam (Old English Game Grey Cockerel), sitting - Madison Moyes - Champion Junior (Silver Laced Wyandotte Pullet).

Judges comments It was an enjoyable day judging. Many groups had six or more in a class. Soft feather bantams, very happy with winners, some birds having feather condition, eg broken feathers.

Waterfowl had good entries, with some outstanding and presenting themselves well, with some other good birds sitting on the floor, and not showing themselves. Birds are a credit to their owners.

Very interesting and good to see so many people asking about their birds. The next event hosted by the club will be the Annual Show on Sunday August 9, and will be a 'True Bantams Feature Show'.

Major Awards: Champion Bird of Show - M Maywald & P Wilson (Langshan Pullet); Reserve (Langshan Pullet); Reserve Champion Bird - JAKTS Poultry (Silver Appleyard Duck); Champion Fowl - M Maywald & P Wilson (Langshan Pullet); Champion Hard Feather Bantam - Laurie Barber (Old English Game Grey Cockerel); Soft Feather Bantam - Haylee Jacob (Australorp Cockerel); Champion Waterfowl - JAKTS Poultry (Silver Appleyard Duck); Champion Junior - Madison Moyes (Wyandotte Silver Laced

Pullet); Reserve Champion Junior - Zak & Sarah Spencer (Australorp Bantam Pullet); Champion Pigeon of Show - Dennis Hart (German Beauty Homer Cock).

Other Champions Champion Heavy Breed - M Maywald & P Wilson (Langshan Pullet); Heavy Breed Male - Laurie Barber (Rhode Island Red Cockerel); Heavy Breed Female - M Maywald & P Wilson (Langshan Pullet); Champion Light Breed - Dennis Hart (Ancona Cockerel); Light Breed Male - Dennis Hart (Ancona Cockerel); Light Breed Female - M Maywald & P Wilson (White Leghorn Pullet); Champion Large Hard Feather - R & M Wright (Jubilee Game Hen); Large Hard Feather Male - Laurie Barber (OEG Blue Red Cockerel); Large Hard Feather Female - R & M Wright (Jubilee Game Hen); Hard Feather Bantam Male - Laurie Barber (Old English Game Grey Cockerel); Hard Feather Bantam Female - R & M Wright (Indian Game White Young Drake); Waterfowl Female - JAKTS Poultry (Silver Appleyard Duck); Turkey- Jake & Jaime Fix (Blue State Hen); Guinea Fowl - Deb Quinton (Pullet); Eggs - Lorna Tummel (Tinted Hen Egg); Champion Junior Fowl - Madison Moyes (Wyandotte Silver Laced

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Indian or Jubilee Game Bantam - Zak & Sarah Spencer (Australorp Pullet); Champion Junior Waterfowl - Madison Moyes (Indian Runner Duck); Champion Junior Heavy Breed - Madison Moyes (Wyandotte Silver Laced Pullet); Champion Junior Light Breed - Tylar Fix (Leghorn Hen); Feather Bantam - Keryn Hull (Old English Game Pullet); Champion Junior Soft Feather Bantam - Zak & Sarah Spencer (Australorp Pullet).

Best Of Breed Large Fowl - Old English Game - Laurie Barber;

Indian Game - R & M Wright; Sussex - M Maywald & P Wilson; Orpington - M Maywald & P Wilson; Cochon - JAKTS Poultry; Rhode Island Red - Laurie Barber; Langshan - M Maywald & P Wilson; Bantam - Travis Goulding; Kelsey; Wyandotte - Geoff Gale; Andalusian - Stephen Sacventoff; Hamburg - D & M Jacob; Aracana - JAKTS Poultry; Leghorn - M Maywald & P Wilson; Polish - JAKTS Poultry; Naked Neck - Les Vivian.

Bantams Modern Game - Les Vivian; Old English Game - Laurie Barber;

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The previous earthen banks on Munding Creek could not control flow or allow for fish passage, but these new structures will allow water to be held on the floodplain to simulate a natural flood, ensuring the environment gains the maximum benefit.

When the entire Pike Floodplain project is complete we will be able to inundate the floodplain to the same level as a 70,000ML/day natural flood. This level is 1.65m higher than the normal pool level in Munding Creek.

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

be fully and properly and truthfully informed so that she can make an honest and fair decision for all of the regions and all of the providers equally," said Mrs Graham.

"The people of South Australia are constantly disappointed with decisions like this one from the Weatherill Labor Government," said Mr Pederick.

"The State Liberals believe in opportunity and choice, but clearly these are two things the Weatherill Labor Government does not believe in.

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## Pederick warns on RTO training reform

The proposed Training Reform announced by the Weatherill Labor Government will have a negative effect on Registered Training Organisations (RTO's), according to Liberal Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick.

Registered Training Organisations play a huge part in delivering quality training across the State. Many organisations are stressing to the South Australian Government that removal of access to accredited training could spell the end of their businesses," said Liberal Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick.

Christine Willersdorf has created her business, Ellicit Success, by provid-

ing quality accredited and non-accredited training to hundreds of residents of the Murraylands. "Under the changes, local dedicated training providers will no longer have the option to provide accredited training in the Murraylands," said Mrs Willersdorf.

in the Murraylands. The courses delivered vary from Certificate II to Certificate IV. "Elicit Success must now rely completely on non-accredited training. I will also have to provide my training services interstate and I will no longer be able to support my local community by hiring local contractors, training rooms and supplies."

Along with many others, Caroline Graham, who provides agricultural training through her business, Regional Skills Training, expressed her concerns with the reform. "The government needs to do a big rethink. The Minister needs to