

The Mid Murray Local Action Planning Committee

Our Vision

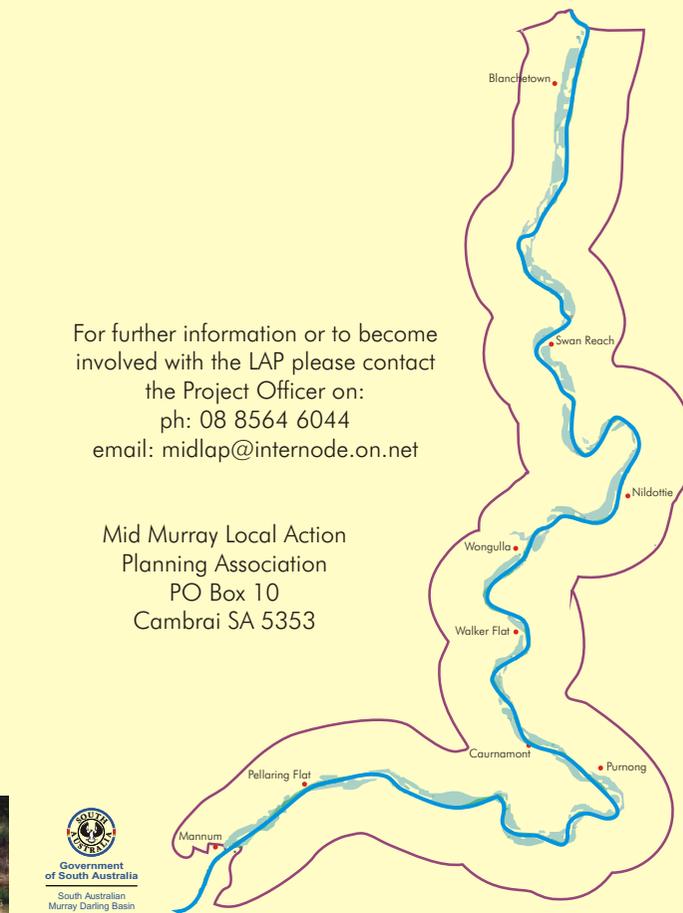
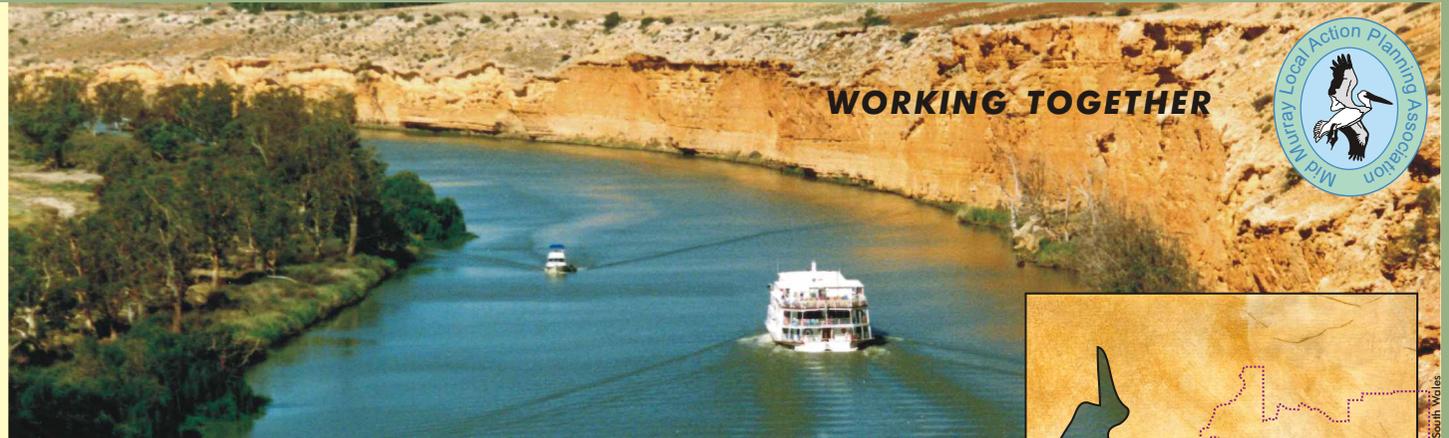
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A healthy and sustainable riverine environment for
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The Mid Murray Local Action Planning Committee was formed in 1997, drawing its members from a broad cross section of the community. Although members come from differing backgrounds, it does not matter because no single approach to natural resource management will provide all the solutions. The broad aim of the Committee is to foster collaborative participation, the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experiences, so that the Mid Murray community will be empowered to tackle the crucial issues of environmental degradation within their district. Such a direction will help ensure that the vision of "a healthy and sustainable riverine environment for present and future generations" is realised.

By working together for a sustainable future, the Mid Murray LAP Committee hope to achieve their vision by:

- empowering the community through education and networking;
- encouraging natural habitat rehabilitation;
- collaborating to ensure sustainable irrigation development
- and practice;
- ensuring that recreation activities are sustainable; and
- facilitating measures to improve water quality.



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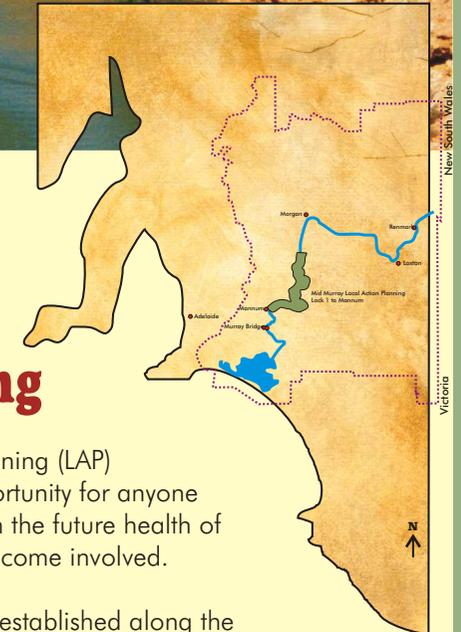


Map showing the Mid Murray LAP area and wetlands

Local Action Planning

Local Action Planning (LAP) provides an opportunity for anyone with an interest in the future health of the SAMDB to become involved.

The process was established along the River Murray in South Australia in early 1996. A Murray-Darling Basin Commission initiative, LAP enables communities, industry and government to work together to tackle the big issues of environmental degradation in the SAMDB. This helps ensure that regional planning initiatives are translated into on ground action. An overarching framework provides direction, technical advice and access to funding, the logistics of which are managed by LAP Committees representing stakeholders, statutory authorities and interest groups within a district. Currently there are eleven such LAP Associations each group has developed Local Action Plans to guide the process. The map above depicts the Mid Murray Region.



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WORKING TOGETHER



Current projects the community can be involved with are:

- Meldanda Community Bush gardens
- Revegetation projects
- Wetland monitoring
- Bat monitoring and trapping workshops



The LAP has been successful in attracting over \$2,000,000 to activities in the area through the Natural Heritage trust and other funding sources. This has allowed the LAP to undertake a number of studies and projects to support community groups, many in association with the Mid Murray Council. Some of the achievements to date include the following;

- Sustainable Recreation Area Management Strategy
- Wetlands Management Study for the Riverine LAPS
- A study to underpin a Land and Water Management Plan
- Mid Murray Riverine Township Storm 'Water Management Plan
- A study to aid the development of a Vegetation Management/Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy
- A study to aid the development of Remnant Roadside Vegetation Management Strategy
- Direct Seeding Trials on Floodplain Soils
- Instream NanoTem survey of the River Murray 2005
- Supporting groups with projects like the Long Gully Creek Restoration Management Plan, Restoration and Protection of the Frog Pond and Lake Bywaters Wetland Education Program

- Tenbury Hunter Reserve Development demonstrating sustainable recreation
- Willow removal at numerous wetlands, wetland baseline surveys and management plans, installation of culverts, flow structures and carp exclusion screens
- Threat abatement like the boneseed eradication project
- Community Bat Monitoring Program and poster development
- Active Adaptive Management trials on Wheel Cactus and fact sheet development
- Support and promotion of Irrigation Efficiency Projects and the Annual Crop Surveys.
- Revegetating over 70 hectares of land and distributing thousands of local native seedlings from our nursery grown by volunteers.
- Numerous workshops, field trips and forums to educate the community and school students.



- Volunteering in our native nursery
- Threatened species recovery projects

