



Kings Billabong Community Update 11

June 28, 2013.

Kings Billabong levels lower to meet irrigation needs

Kings Billabong is used by Lower Murray Water as a balancing storage for irrigation, which enables more efficient use of the existing pumps located at Psyche Bend on the River Murray and Central Pumps located on Psyche Channel. This is an established practice.

As a result of the current maintenance works being carried out on the Mildura Weir, the weir pool is lower than usual and Lower Murray Water is using water from Kings Billabong to supply the First Mildura Irrigation District. This will result in the lowering of water levels in Kings Billabong. It is expected that this may be up to 0.5m to 1m, but is dependent on the volume of water orders and the duration of works on Lock 11.

If you would like more information on this, please contact Lower Murray Water on 5051 3400.

Birds flock to Ducksfoot Lagoon



A keen local photographer took this image (above) of all the pelicans currently flocking to Ducksfoot Lagoon in Kings Billabong Park. The waterbirds are making the most of the lower water levels in the lagoon. A drying regime has been initiated for the lagoon to improve ecological function and health of the system. If you go down to Ducksfoot Lagoon, you can see cracks forming in the wetland bed, which will be followed by plant germination in spring. The



lagoon will continue to dry until water is resupplied to the site in spring/summer 2013.

Kings Billabong-Nichols Point oral history

An oral history of the Kings Billabong-Nichols Point area is progressing on schedule, with large portions of the foundational work complete and interviews underway.

A Facebook page has been set up to facilitate wider community input into the Kings Billabong-Nichols Point oral history. This is another way that you can submit photographs, documents, information or recollections of significant events in the area's development. Please invite anyone you believe may have something to contribute, or may enjoy sharing their memories.

Click on the link below to have a look:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kings-Billabong-and-Nichols-Point-History/232829720192854?ref=hl>

If you would like to be interviewed for the oral history, or have any photographs of the Kings Billabong-Nichols Point area which you would be happy to have reproduced in the book, please contact Jacinta or Terry Gange on 0498 490 672 or email tjgange@bigpond.com

The oral history is due to be completed later this year.

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- The Community Updates are produced by the Mallee CMA to keep the entire community up to date about the Kings Billabong Regulator project.
- The Community Updates are posted on the Mallee CMA website on the day of release (www.malleecma.vic.gov.au)
- If you would like more information on anything in this update, please contact Lauren Murphy on 5051 4331 or email lauren.murphy@depi.vic.gov.au

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