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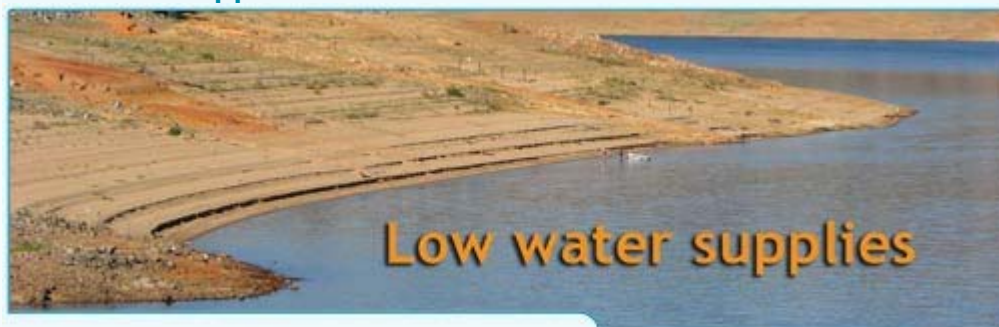
Editorial

Read about the Philosophy of 'The River' eNewspaper and a letter from the Executive Editor!

FOR TEACHERS



Low water supplies



Water held in public storages across the Murray-Darling Basin is down to about 21 per cent of its total capacity. Water in private storages is also at low levels. These storages of water are held in various places throughout the Basin - dams, lakes and on farms - and are at critically low levels at the moment; some areas do not even have enough to cover human, stock and domestic needs.

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One of the basin's precious wildlife species will be featured each month. This month it's the **Flightless Mountain Grasshopper**.



Each month *The River* features one species of fish taken from the Basin Fish section of the Basin Kid's website. This month

Community meetings to help lakes



Two important community meetings were held in July to discuss how to manage the Coorong and Lower Lakes. These meetings, or forums (public discussions), were held at Moama, near Echuca in NSW, and Murray Bridge in South Australia. The purpose of these forums was to discuss what to do now and in the future about the water issues of the Coorong and Lower Lakes.

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it's the **Australian Smelt**.



Each month *The River* features one native plant. This month it's the **Pacific Azolla**.



Come on kids send us your art!!!!

Creative corner shows the community how creative the Basin's kids can be! If you like to draw, paint pictures, write poems and stories or even write songs about the Basin then give it a go!



Create a clever caption for this cartoon. The best suggestions will be published in the next issue of *The River*.



Definitions for tricky words are found in this section.

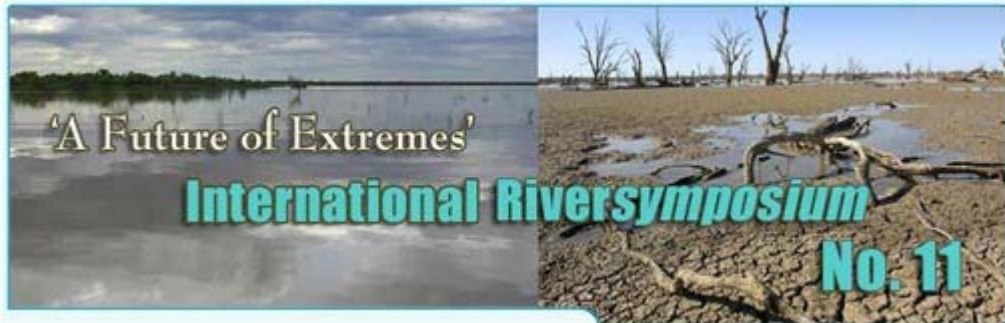
Calling country gals



Do you know any women who work hard on the land? If so, maybe they should enter the Rural Women's Award. Every year, the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) gives out awards to women living and working on the land. The awards celebrate rural women and their contribution to primary industries - producing goods for consumers.

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International Riversymposium No. 11



The 11th International Riversymposium will be held in Brisbane from September 1-4 2008. The conference will explore the challenges of increased flooding and drought that is expected to occur with climate change; hence this year's theme name of 'A Future of Extremes'. The Murray-Darling Basin Commission is a major sponsor of the event and chief executive Dr Wendy Craik will present a forum on the different responses to challenges in the Basin, now and in to the future.

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Bugs, Beetles, Bats & Birds



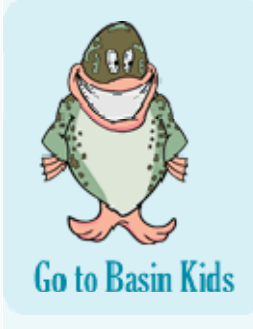
Why not enter the 'Write-a-Reader Competition 2008' and write about the animals in your region? This year's subjects are bugs, beetles, bats and birds - what a great range of animals to write about. The competition has been going for a few years now and is run by the Cotton Catchment Communities Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) and the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority.

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Cartoon Captions - July 2008 Winning Entry by Max Cooper, Vic



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