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HOW MUCH WATER IS TOO MUCH?

WHAT IS IN STORE FOR FINNISS?

The River Murray is experiencing high flows from upstream, and communities and visitors are encouraged to be aware of conditions. The latest forecasts upstream of the South Australian border indicate that the flow will continue to increase over the coming weeks and months depending on rainfall in the Murray-Darling Basin.

The rhythm of our lives is set by the weather, especially if you are a farmer, fisherman, tourism operator or parent. Wherever I go in the electorate at the moment people are commenting on the unseasonable conditions. The date tells us it is nearly summer holidays but many of us have had to chop more wood for our fires at home.

I am sure, like me, you are scrolling the social media, watching the news, surfing the web and listening to the stories of friends we know that remember 1956.

I have been fascinated by a website that tracks the river flow at certain points and the sheer volume seems surreal as it moves in slow motion down our river system.

The questions we are all asking is What will it look like when it gets here? When will it get here?

To put your minds immediately at rest, the levels are not predicted to rise in our communities of Milang or Goolwa until mid-January but here are some resources to keep you updated and able to prepare.

It is time to **KEEP INFORMED**, prepare and plan for the increased water flow along the Murray River into the lower lakes in our region. Community meetings are scheduled by the SES and will be live streamed and saved for later viewing on: <https://www.facebook.com/SAStateEmergencyService>



Community Meeting
When: Saturday 28th November 1:00 - 2:30pm
Where: Carlebury Hall, 14 Gable Street
Goolwa
A meeting for the River Murray community about predicted river flows, impacts and how to prepare.

RESOURCES (use reputable sources)

SA Government facebook for the River Murray:
<https://www.facebook.com/RiverMurraySA>

Your local council - Alexandrina:
<https://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/disc-over/latest-news/sa-river-murray>

River data for lower lakes barrages:
<https://riverdata.mdba.gov.au/Lower-Lakes-Barrages>

SA Government - Department for Environment and Water River Murray Flood frequently asked questions:
<http://bit.ly/3Ojx185>

My office is on hand to assist in any way we can - Please contact us.

Check the flood risk of your property by using the flood mapping tool:

<https://www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au/Systems/FAM/SitePages/Home.aspx>

1. accept terms and conditions
2. select "Launch Map",
3. select the Council Area in drop down list as "Alexandrina Council",
4. under Flood Studies list please select "River Murray Flood Extent 1956", zoom in on the map to find your property location.



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REMEMBER TO REMEMBER 11.11.22

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.
Lest we forget.*

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marks the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front after the bloodshed of World War 1.

Over the past century, this moment has been adopted across the globe as a time to remember those who served and sacrificed in all wars and conflicts then to now.

Across the electorate of Finnis, Remembrance Day services are held and attended by community to honour the courage, service and sacrifice made by those brave individuals who have worn and continue to wear, the uniform of our Country's Defence Force and allied services.

With respect, commemorating this service and sacrifice is very important to me and it will be an honour to lay wreaths in humble remembrance at Milang, Mount Compass, Victor Harbor, Port Elliot and Goolwa.

Nov 11 is familiar to us as red poppy day when it is customary to pin a red poppy to the left lapel of your shirt as a simple way to show support and commemorate those who have served.

Selling red poppies is a way for the Returned Services League (RSL) and other groups to raise funds and I encourage you to support this cause any way you can. There are a number of active community groups who are a valuable to support those who have served and families. Contact my office if you wish to connect or support.

PORT ELLIOT SHOW 12 & 13 NOVEMBER

I am excited for this weekend, when the 142nd Port Elliot Show will overcome adversity of the past two years and open for a great family weekend out.

A country show is a celebration and showcase of individual, community and business success. The Port Elliot Show is an event to make memories with family and friends.

The community spirit of a country show and the hard work of individual volunteers and local businesses reminds me of my heritage and why I am passionate about being your Local Member. I will be making memories at the show - drop in and see me there!

IT'S SHOW TIME!!



Honorary Life Members' board: reminding me of our family's long history with the Port Elliot Show and community.

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