



EstuaryWatch Update May-June 2008

This is a monthly email to let people know of recent achievements and upcoming events for EstuaryWatch. If you receive this and would like to be removed from the mailing list please reply to email requesting to be removed. Any person interested in adding something to the update, please send me an email with your written piece toward the end of the month.

Night Seminar in Anglesea

The first night seminar was held in Anglesea for EstuaryWatch volunteers and guests. Night seminars aim to develop and enhance knowledge of estuary processes within our monitoring teams that will help volunteers to interpret their water quality measurements and visual observations.

The next seminar will be held in Apollo Bay in October. If anyone has any specific topics that they would like to suggest feel free to send them along to Rhys.

Rewards for loyal EstuaryWatchers

Those EstuaryWatchers that have been with the program for more than a year have been rewarded with jackets and beanies which were handed out at the night seminar in Anglesea. Thanks for your support and time. Without your help the program would not survive. Those not present on the night will be given theirs in the next two weeks.

Current monitoring sites

Our coverage of estuaries across the Corangamite CMA region is very extensive. Full depth profile monitoring takes place on the Barwon River, Spring Creek, Anglesea River, Painkalac Creek and Gellibrand River, and mouth condition monitoring is taking place at Thompson Creek, Kennett River, Erskine River and St George River. We have now added the Barham River, Wild Dog Creek and Skenes Creek. Thanks to Murray, Fiona, Phil, Danielle, Alistair, David and Carol.

EstuaryWatch training

The next EstuaryWatch training session will take place in November. Details will be released closer to the event. Anyone wishing to become involved before this date can call Rhys on 0429192589.

Database Development

Discussions have been underway to increase the capabilities of our database in regard to mapping. Careful planning has also been taking place to ensure estuary managers can utilise our data. Some improvements and upgrades will happen over the next two weeks with further work during August.

A reminder, our data is available for public viewing at www.ccma.geomatic.com.au Search the “Results” section of then enter estuary of your choice.

Estuary Openings

The Aire River was also artificially opened under permit on the 9th and 29th of May.

That’s all for this month.

I’ll be on leave from the 19th of June until the start of August. If you need assistance with anything contact me before then. For highly urgent matters during my absence contact Peter Swanson on 5224 9117.

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