

Fieldtrip 6: Lower Lakes and Coorong

Wednesday 12th January

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The Coorong and its surrounds have been home to the Ngarrindjeri people for some 6,000 years. There are important Aboriginal sites and relics of both cultural and scientific significance in the area. The Coorong is a National Park and lagoon ecosystem in South Australia southeast of Adelaide. The western end of the Coorong lagoon is at the Murray Mouth near Hindmarsh Island and the Sir Richard Peninsula, and it extends about 130 km southeast. The Park area includes the Coorong itself, and Youngusband Peninsula, which separates the Coorong from Encounter Bay in the Southern Ocean. The Coorong has been cut off from Lake Alexandrina by the construction of the Goolwa Barrages (weirs) from Goolwa to Pelican Point during the late 1930's.

Your Eco-cruise takes in views of the Mouth of the Murray River and into the Coorong National Park stopping at Godfrey's Landing for a guided boardwalk across Youngusband Peninsula to view the Great Southern Ocean. Lunch is served on board as you travel down into the Coorong National Park. The next stop is at Cattle Point for a guided walk into a significant Aboriginal site. Afternoon tea is served after this walk. On your return cruise we will cruise to the Murray Mouth.

You will be provided with a DVD of resource materials, powerpoint presentations and images.



Coorong lakes



Coorong beaches for 150kms



Murray Mouth 2010



Murray Mouth, Lower Lakes and Coorong



Goolwa Beach



Hindmarsh Island Marina – low water levels

