Murray Darling Basin

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1. Educator resources

**Fresh & Salty** (kit)
2008, Wimmera Catchment Management Authority
Primary Years +

“The purpose of this education kit is to guide teachers and their students through an informative and engaging journey into the world of salinity and its impacts on the Wimmera environment. This kit has been specifically designed for primary and secondary schools located in the Wimmera. The education kit includes: the ‘Fresh & Salty’ DVD; background information about salinity in the Wimmera; a series of lesson plans, ideas and questions. This resource will be most effectively used if viewed in conjunction with the DVD attached.

**Rusty Loses His Loop Kit** (kit)
2006, River Murray Urban Users
Early Years +

This well written and beautifully illustrated story book introduces students to Rusty the Red Necked Stint who returns to the Coorong each year to find the situation is getting worse. Too much water is being taken out of the River Murray! The story book raises issues under the themes; water conservation, ecosystems, habitat and natural resources, which teachers can explore with their students through the accompanying unit of work. Available as a **class kit** (15 copies plus the teaching resource) or a **single kit** (1 copy of the book plus the teaching resource).

**Water and salt in the Murray-Darling Basin. A national environmental problem** (book)
2002, Urrbrae Wetland Education Centre

“This document attempts to provide a self-contained, concise introduction to the problems of the Murray-Darling that would serve as a starting point for, particularly, teachers who wished to introduce work on this topic into their classes.”
2. Student resources

**Where I belong**
2001, Murray Darling Basin Commission/Primary English Teaching Association
Primary Years+

"Where I Belong is the ninth collection of children’s writing and art published as part of Special Forever: An environmental communications project, a joint project of the Murray-Darling Basin Commission and the Primary English Teaching Association. Within this anthology the voices of children from schools all over the million square kilometres of the Murray-Darling Basin come together to celebrate the physical, social and spiritual landscapes which they inhabit and know so well....The vitality and freshness of their words and pictures communicate a deep and abiding sense of belonging to the land and a shared responsibility for its future."

Also see Educator resources - Rusty Loses his Loop for class set of books

3. DVDs and CDROMs

**Living River: respect, respond and reap the rewards** (DVD)
2008, Burrumbuttock Public School, 27 mins
Primary Years +

“This DVD is primarily about the Murray River, but has relevance to all rivers, all students and all communities across the Murray Darling Basin. Schools will find this DVD a very valuable and stimulating resource that will encourage students to think about, learn about and respond to one of the great river systems of the world. The DVD has been developed by students and teachers and reflects their enthusiasm for clean, healthy rivers.”

**A way with Willows: current management and control options for willows (Salix spp.) in Australia** (DVD)
2009, Department of Primary Industries, State of Victoria, 93 mins
Middle Years +

“The film follows those who have been finding their way with willows across Australia and will help viewers develop an effective management program and achieve success in willow control and site rehabilitation. The film also touches on planning, willow impacts and some important lessons that have been learnt along the way.

4. Books

**A fresh history of the Lakes: Wellington to the Murray Mouth, 1800s to 1935**
2004, River Murray Catchment Water Management Board
Middle Years +

“This document, through information sourced from articles in newspapers, Parliamentary debates, diaries, journals, reports, letters, family and local histories and surveyor's notes, records the events that shaped the history of the Lakes from the 1820s, when the first Europeans visited, until construction of the barrages returned it to a freshwater environment in the 1930s.”
Ngarrindjeri Nation Yarluwar-ruwe Plan: caring for Ngarrindjeri Sea Country and Culture
2006, Ngarrindjeri Tendi, Ngarrindjeri Heritage Committee, Ngarrindjeri Native Title Management Committee

This plan has been prepared by the Ngarrindjeri people to help government agencies, natural resource managers, researchers, industry and the wider Australian community to better understand and recognise rights and responsibilities to our Yarluwar-Ruwe (Sea Country), including the lower Murray River, Lakes, Coorong and adjacent marine and land areas. Our vision for our Sea Country is based on the relationship between our people and our Sea Country which goes back to Creation. The river, lakes, wetlands/nurseries, Coorong estuary and sea have sustained us culturally and economically for tens of thousands of years.”