

Updates from the Journey of Muzz

Day 7



Muzz where are you?

Muzz, it is time to write to the students.... Muzz?

Well we have travelled to Swan Hill, where the boats & crews will have some time to do repairs, attend weddings, meetings & relax before heading off. I think Muzz has gone with one of his crews to Swan Hill - shopping!

Along the way we passed several regulators. They vary in size dramatically and the one below is fairway large, allowing water to go into the backwaters / creeks, only when there is sufficient water in the Murray. When flows are low or when there is a need to dry out a wetland, they simply shut the gates. In drying out, we very often see rejuvenation of the trees / shrubs and it does help to cull some of the carp!

Some of the regulators have remote controls so that they can be operated from a central location in another state & operated to fit a wetting & drying schedule to maximise the growth of plants, while saving as much water as possible in a dry year - like Now!! Well, Muzz is not back - did you get a chance to listen to Rainbow Connection or perhaps 'It's Not Easy Being Green' - both Muzz's favourites!

I am starting to worry about Muzz - never has he been away for so long - perhaps he ended up in the hairdresser's chair, for a trim?

The river current is quite strong at the moment and is quite a force on the river bank, meaning that the greater the flow, the greater the erosion - particularly on the outside of corner sections.

Here is an example of the undermining of the bank - meaning the tree roots are exposed. Over time, the tree will fall & the bank will go further back to the next tree line. On the other side of the river - the inside of the curve, often the opposite will occur, with sand (mud) being deposited.

