

20 July 2007

FEAST ON YOUR RIVER – 5th AUGUST AT BOYNTON'S, POREPUNKAH

Environment Victoria will launch *Your River* – a story-telling feature on the Ovens River – at an afternoon celebration on Sunday, August 5 at Boynton's Winery in Porepunkah.

The celebration will take place amongst the wine tanks at the heart of Boynton's winery and include:

- Samplings of gourmet food and wine from across the region
- A digital art exhibition '*Flow – Reflections on our river*' with contributions from local artists
- An address by Terry Hillman, past director of Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre
- The presentation of an artist-illustrated map highlighting the cultural and environmental significance of the Ovens River catchment

Local identity, Patrizia Simone, will officially launch the project on the day and is one of six people who've shared their connection to the Ovens River for the feature.

Other stories include:

- > Waterwatch participants **Boorhaman Primary School** for whom the river is favourite place to play
- > Wangaratta artist **Trish Gallagher** who coordinated a multi-media exhibition celebrating the river
- > Fish ecologist **Bill O'Connor** whose research has helped uncover the secret life of Murray Cod
- > Former tobacco farmer **Carmello Leggio**, who has a life-long passion for fishing; and **son Joe**
- > Everton local **Leigh Ferguson** who has worked in river management for over 40 years

Following the launch these stories will be published on Environment Victoria's website at www.environmentvictoria.com.au.

Event Details:

Feast on Your River - a celebration of the Ovens River through stories, art and food

Sunday 5th August, 2pm

Boynton's Winery, 6619 Great Alpine Road, Porepunkah

All welcome. FREE event, but RSVP essential

Please call North-East CMA on 02 6043 7600 or email leonie.duncan@envict.org.au

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