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## Save the Date - CLLMM Research Centre's Inaugural Science Forum: A Day of Discovery and Engagement

[Goolwa, Australia] - The Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre is thrilled to announce its inaugural science forum, scheduled for Saturday, June 15th, 2024.

Designed to foster community involvement, the forum will feature a diverse range of sessions catering to all age groups, from interactive morning sessions for children to in-depth discussions with researchers during afternoon and evening sessions.

#### **Event Sessions:**

**Puddle Play:** 9:00-9:45am Geared towards children aged 2-4, this session offers an exploration of the CLLMM area's wildlife and environment through the lens of Ngarrindjeri culture, featuring storytelling and engaging activities.

**Splashy Scientists:** 11:00am-12:00pm Tailored for kids aged 6-10, this program delves into climate change science with a focus on Ngarrindjeri culture, incorporating hands-on activities and interactive experiences.

**Meet the Researchers:** 1:00-3:00pm Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with researchers and learn about upcoming research projects through engaging presentations.

**Speed dating...with science:** 6:00-8:30pm Join us for an evening of exploration into the complexities of the Murray-Darling Basin, featuring a guest speaker. Additionally, participants can connect with researchers through a scientist 'speed dating' session to discover upcoming research projects.

Launched in February 2024, the CLLMM Research Centre has several exciting research projects in the pipeline and pilot projects are currently underway. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about these projects directly from the researchers and understand their significance to the CLLMM region.

Dr. Nick Whiterod, Research Program Manager at the CLLMM Research Centre, is thrilled about the forum and community involvement. He said, "We're excited to share our upcoming research projects with the community and show how their input has shaped our focus. We look forward to some engaging discussions."

The forum will be held at Level 1, 92-94 Barrage Road, Goolwa, on June 15th, 2024. Registration is a must as places for each session are limited. To register visit - <a href="https://www.cllmmresearchcentre.org/event-list">https://www.cllmmresearchcentre.org/event-list</a>. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

The Research Centre serves as a regionally based research collaboration, facilitating increased involvement of First Nations and community members in the design, delivery, and dissemination of knowledge to inform decision-making in the region.

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#### Additional information:

The Goyder Institute for Water Research is a collaborative partnership of the South Australian Government through the Department for Environment and Water, CSIRO, Flinders University, the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia. The Institute facilitates governments, industries, communities and leading researchers to collaboratively identify, develop and adopt innovative solutions for complex water management challenges to ensure a sustainable future.

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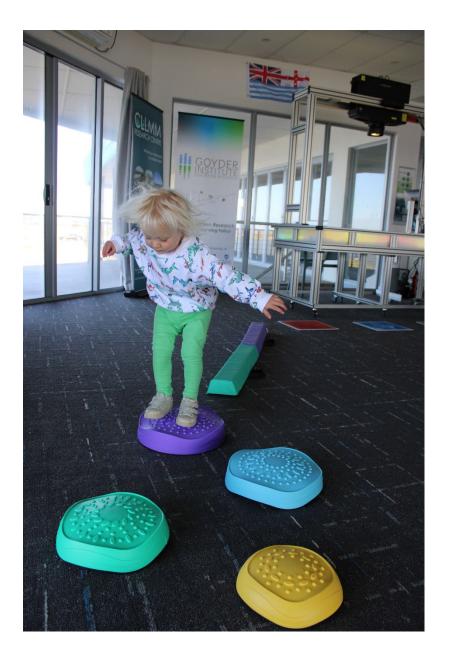












Kora Gervais and her dad Connor Gervais trying out some of the activities for little ones that will be on offer at the Science Forum.





# 2024 CLLMM Science Forum

Saturday, 15 June 2024

Join us for a day of science at the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre. Hurry! Limited spots are up for grabs.

## Puddle Play 9 am - 9:45 am

For children aged 2 - 4 years old. Explore the wildlife and environment of the CLLMM region through Ngarrindjeri culture, storytelling, and interactive activities. Registration required.

## Splashy Scientists 11 am - 12 pm

For children aged 6 - 10 years old. Dive into climate change science using the Ngarrindjeri culture, hands-on activities, and interactive experiences. Registration required.

## Meet the Researchers 2 pm - 4 pm

Get to know the researchers and join the presentations showcasing upcoming research projects.

## Spotlight Speaker and Speed dating...with Science 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us in welcoming our spotlight speaker to discuss the complexities of the Murray-Darling Basin while enjoying some local produce. Afterwards, get acquainted with our researchers through a scientist 'speed dating' session to discover our upcoming research projects. Registration required.

For more information and to book your spot, head to www.cllmmresearchcentre.org





