



## **Construction and Community Advisory Group Update 21/10/2011**

Construction has continued to progress with the recent dry conditions providing suitable conditions for all active work sites.

### **Works Recently Undertaken**

- Levee earthworks have continued with good progress made. Works have consisted of topsoil stripping, excavation, foundation preparation with a concentration on the filling operations.
- Concrete works have continued at the Return Channel and Calf Creek sites. The Bridge slab on the Calf Creek regulator has been completed and the concrete deck on the Return Channel regulator has been poured.
- The tilt gates on the Return Channel regulator have been installed.
- Clean up of the Thule Creek regulator site has continued.
- Clean up of the Barber Overflow regulator site is complete and foundation preparation is underway.
- The Inlet Channel excavation extends beyond 1.2kms from its offtake with the Murray River extending past the River Road crossing. Total excavations are approximately 58% complete.
- Concrete works at the Inlet Channel structure including the fishway has continued.

### **Upcoming Construction Works and Activities**

- Murray River flows below Torrumbarry Weir are expected to remain below the level at which water enters the forest. This may vary depending on rain forecasted in the catchment.
- Water levels in the downstream creeks will continue to recede with minimal flow. De-watering and clean up work at the Barber and Cow Creek regulator sites may start when conditions are suitable.
- Accelerated levee earthworks will continue to take advantage of the recent dry conditions.
- Concrete works on the deck at the Return Channel regulator structure will continue.
- Concrete works at the Calf Creek regulator structure have been completed with finishing works continuing. Metal works which include hand rails, guard rails and traffic barriers will be installed. Site clean up has commenced.
- The excavation of the inlet channel will continue through October. Foundation preparation for the turtle ramp and concreting of the fishway at the inlet channel will continue. Foundation preparations for the bridge at the river road intersection will commence.
- Construction of forest Access Roads 1 and 2 off the Barham-Moulamein Road is in progress and will continue.

Please be reminded that due to safety regulations all levee, regulator and channel construction areas are closed to the public. This includes access via boats to any creeks with-in the forest that are part of the construction area during times of inundation.

### **Community Operation and Planning Advisory Group (COPAC) meetings.**

COPAC meets monthly to discuss operating issues and risks and to provide local knowledge and expertise.

The next meeting will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October.

The COPAC members are:

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Tilt gate installed at the Return Channel regulator. Photo courtesy of Professional Engineering Services.