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A fun and 'hands-on' way to learn about river health



## Health of the River Youth Forum 2009



### The Forum

The 11th annual Health of the River Forum will be held at Lake Cullulleraine in 2009.

The forum brings together year 9 and 10 students who are interested in river health issues, environmental science and the management of natural resources.

Selected students take part in an educational program developed and run by trained aquatic scientists and managers.

This forum follows on from the successful programme that has been running over eleven years as a cooperative venture between Rotary (District 9520) and the Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre (MDFRC).

The four day forum is for outstanding year 9 and 10 students with an interest in the problems of our environment, as nominated by Rotary and their secondary schools.



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### Field Study Programme

Students can expect to participate in a range of activities examining the social, economic and environmental aspects of river management.

This is achieved by working with environmental professionals to explore the ecology of the river and the impacts of our usage.

Various scientific sampling methods are used to examine fish, invertebrates, aquatic plants and water quality.



In addition, students will explore social and economic impacts on water usage through role-playing activities, visiting a nearby lock and examining alternative irrigation methods.

The forum will provide an academic and social challenge to the participants together with a heightened understanding about the role of scientists, their methods and the position of their research in our society.

There is a strong team-work focus at the forum and this is developed through various social and physical activities including canoeing, swimming and other team building sessions.

