



Australian Government



MURRAY—
DARLING
BASIN AUTHORITY

Caring for River Country

Name: _____

Group: _____

our River Country

1. a) How might River Country be important to Aboriginal peoples?

b) What effects might poor river and wetlands health have on these places' Traditional Owners?

A 'traditional management strategy'

2. What was the 'traditional management plan' described by Tom Trevorrow?

Case study presentations

3. Prepare a one-minute presentation on one of the six topics.
4. As other groups present to the class, complete the table below:

	Significance of this site/ practice for Traditional Owners	How Aboriginal people traditionally cared for the site	How these traditions influence the way the site is managed now
Brewarrina fish traps			
Firestick farming			
Gilgais & water care			

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How Aboriginal people
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How these traditions
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site is managed now

Lake Victoria

**Sustaining
animal
populations**

Bloodline

Merging spirit and science

5. Think: how might it be challenging to create a water management plan that accounts for traditional cultural/ceremonial water uses?

6. How could we paraphrase the quote by Sue Jackson?

Do you think it is accurate?

Focus: the Murray-Darling Basin Plan

6. **A Yarn on the River**

How were 'Traditional Owners' included in the planning process?

What do Aboriginal people want water managers to consider when thinking about how water should be shared and used?

7. National Cultural Flows website

What do you understand 'cultural flows' to mean and why are they important?

8. The Aboriginal Waterways Assessment program

What is the purpose of the AWA program?

What are the three components to help people decide the values/health of the waterway from an Aboriginal perspective?