



Maggie the magpie by Hannah

## The Murray in great colour

**W**ow! The first Trees For Life Colouring Competition was a fantastic success with well over 60 entries received - thank you to everyone who participated. Not only was it great to see so many of you send in your artwork, it was amazing to see how different our beautiful River Murray can look through your eyes (and colour pencils!).

The winner and runner-up of each age category will now be the proud owner of some great prizes including family passes to activities, eco colour pencil packs, DVDs and activity books.

We'd really love to see some more drawings of our Kids Branch mascot, Maggie the magpie. Send in your drawing of Maggie and we'll publish it here in Kids Branch or on the website.

Send in to 5 May Terrace, Brooklyn Park 5032.

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This winning Colouring Competition entry is by Katie age 4



This winning Colouring Competition entry is by Vinc age 11

## Greenhills tickets to give away

**T**rees For Life has several family passes to give away to Greenhills Adventure Park at Victor Harbor. If you'd like to win one of these passes for you and your family all you need to do is send a story, poem or drawing to Kids Branch by Friday, October 16 2009.

Send your entry to 5 May Terrace, Brooklyn Park 5032, or email [kids@treesforlife.org.au](mailto:kids@treesforlife.org.au). Get in quickly so you don't miss out!



This winning Colouring Competition entry is by Evie age 3

## Did you know?

**S**ince the beginning of life on earth, it is estimated that of the 30 billion species that have existed, only a tiny 0.01% of them are still living on earth today. This is due to extinctions, where every member of a species is lost.

The earth has witnessed several mass extinctions over time, the most recent resulting in the loss of dinosaurs around 65 million years ago. However, many biologists believe that we are currently in the middle of another mass extinction period and, that due to human impact, we could expect to lose up to half of all species within the next 100 years.

Australia's landscapes and species have been severely impacted over the past 200 years with the loss of their natural bushland habitat.

Australia has the worst record of mammal extinction in the world. Incredibly, half the mammals that have become extinct globally in the last 200 years have been Australian species.

We cannot afford to let more of our unique plants and animals disappear forever, so it's essential that we protect our 'threatened species' - because these are the ones that are likely to become extinct within the near future.

Quiz: True or False? Write X for your answer.

1.  True  False  
National Threatened Species Day is held on September 7 every year?

2.  True  False  
The first National Threatened Species day was held in 1996.