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Confluence

The Murray River has been an integral part of my life – from early years going fishing with my father to living, working and celebrating along parts of it in South Australia, it has formed the backbone of my life. After an absence of 25 years I returned to live and work in Mildura where I re-established my connections with the river and the layers of its history. What struck me as characteristic of both the river and the people living along its stretches were the markings left over from the floodings of the past century. What better way to express this connection than to show these markings using 40 years of collected sands with a papier mache process I've developed to encourage school children to enjoy making Art!

On another level, collage made from discarded and found materials has provided me with an abundant scope of inspiration. Collecting calling cards deposited by a local security firm in Mildura has generated another possibility of interpreting the layered history of the river.

~Bob Jankowski 2014