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## Food for Thought book launched

Students from throughout the region have contributed to a book which highlights the impact of drought and less water on the community.

There are also some adult contributions in the book, 'Food for Thought' which was launched at Deniliquin Golf Club on Wednesday night.

The book is a fundraiser for the Speak Up Campaign.

Contributors have spoken at times in raw terms about how they see drought and less water impacting on their community.

Speaking at the launch, Member for Murray Austin Evans spoke about the value of encouraging children to write and congratulated Speak Up on the book initiative.

He also presented certificates to winners in each category.

The were:

Adult - Jacqui Johnson

Stage 5 - Eliza Baker, highly commended Rosie North

Stage 4 - Olivia Redden

Primary - Chloe MacKnight

Support Class - Alisha Baker, Cyrus Buckley, Drew Sutherland and Sara Gough. Deniliquin High School teacher Krista Ladson also spoke about the importance of giving students the opportunity to write, and rewarding them for doing so. The book was officially launched by Speak Up Campaign chair Shelley Scoullar. She thanked everyone who helped make the project possible, especially the sponsors and Edward River Council for its Community Grant.

Copies of 'Food for Thought' are available from Deniliquin Newsagency and Bookstore and the Deniliquin Pastoral Times, or can be ordered by emailing <a href="mailto:speakup4water@gmail.com">speakup4water@gmail.com</a>

The Speak Up Campaign will also be at the Cressy St kiosk on Saturday morning, December 29, at which books will be available. This will also be an opportunity to join or renew membership.

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