

Flood Fencing Innovation at *Glentuckie*

In late March Darren Jennings, our Regional Landcare Facilitator, visited John Parsons, South West NRM's Board Industry Director, on *Glentuckie*. The purpose of the visit was to look at John's flood fencing ideas - John has an engineering background, and has thought through the age old problems associated with fencing through watercourses and across floodplains.

John's idea is to make it quick and easy to stand a fence back up after a major flow with minimal fuss and expenditure, also considering total grazing pressure fences. Darren has a great deal of experience in designing and building instream structures from previous roles, and together with John's engineering background they are working to further improve their ideas - however, they would like further input from land managers in the region.

To achieve this, Darren would love to know if you would be interested in joining a small working group to get together and discuss ideas and assist in building prototypes for trial. The group is only intended to be about six people in size. Our region has a wide range of land types and watercourses where different fencing materials have been used. Ideally the group would consist of representatives from landscapes where landholders have used various fencing materials and are able to share their knowledge and experience of successes and failures.

If you would like to be involved please contact Darren on **0428 220 136** or email rjf@swnrm.org.au



Above: Poly pipe fence floats designed by John Parsons at *Glentuckie*.



Above right: The centre point which splits John's flood fence into two sections.



Left: The flood fence anchor point.

Above: The pressure release and swing mechanism.