

## **Julie Jones - Chairperson**

I am **Julie Jones** – I live at Clayton Bay and enjoy place-based knowledge of the Lower Southern Lakes, Murray River & Coorong system. I understand what it means to be part of a living system. It shapes our 'everyday' life. With the barrages balancing fresh and salt water, the health of this CLLMM ecosystem is a responsibility we all share, and I carry that responsibility deeply. For me, the river has its own life, and I am committed to returning the favour: to care for it, and advocate for it for generations to come.

I bring a lifelong commitment to sustainable water and natural resource management, with respect for the cultural, environmental, and spiritual significance of this Country and the enduring connection of the Ngarrindjeri people as Traditional Custodians. My life has been spent living and working in communities that depend directly on healthy waterways. This experience drives my commitment to roles that join the dots between government and community, particularly during periods of change brought about by Basin water reform.

Since 2020, I have served as Chair of the River Lakes and Coorong Action Group (RLCAG). Prior to being Chair, I was a committee member for many years. I work closely with community members, government groups, scientists, researchers, and likeminded advocacy groups, facilitating discussions on complex and sensitive water issues in a respectful, inclusive, and constructive way.