

# MALLEE

## KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Over 650,000 ha of targeted environmental works were undertaken in 2017-18 to protect the region's priority natural, cultural and productive landscapes. This represents a significant increase on recent years (i.e. a 500,000 ha/433% increase from 2016-17); with 438,705ha of pest animal and weed control delivered under funding provided by the Victorian Government's Threatened Species Initiative representing most of this additional works area.
- Effective partnerships with our community are integral to the success of these on-ground activities. In 2017-18 this included the provision of 181 individual funding grants to community groups (40) and private land managers (141).
- Delivery of some structural works (i.e. track rationalisation and visitor facilities) planned for 2017-18 was deferred pending the finalisation and approval of associated Cultural Heritage Management Plans.
- Community engagement and capacity building approaches continue to be well supported. In 2017-18 this resulted in some 8,900 stakeholders participating in 660 individual events. Evaluation of these activities identified that 62% of surveyed participants rated the overall delivery of events as 'excellent', and a further 30%

as 'good'. Participants also reported a 66% (average) increase in their awareness of specific NRM issues, and a 12% (average) increase in skills to address specific threat processes.

- Planning for delivery partnerships and engagement activities continues to be informed and enhanced by advice received from regional stakeholders through forums such as the Mallee CMA's Aboriginal Reference Group, Land and Water Community Advisory Committee, and Catchment Partnership Committees. In 2017-18 this framework was enhanced by the establishment of a Mallee Catchment Partnership Agreement, with the aim of further strengthening coordination and accountability between key regional delivery partners.
- Strong partnerships between the Mallee CMA, Lower Murray Water and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning are also continuing to improve salinity management in the Mallee, as part of delivering against Action 4.8 of the Victorian Government's Water for Victoria policy.
- Finalisation and release of key regional strategic documents in 2017-18 (i.e. Mallee Floodplain Management Strategy, Mallee Dryland Sustainable Agriculture Strategy, Mallee CMA Reconciliation Action Plan, and Mallee CMA Diversity and Inclusion Plan) represents ongoing advances in the planning, delivery and evaluation of both NRM and governance (i.e. organisational) focused activities.

OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>1. STRUCTURAL WORKS</b>					
1.4 Irrigation structure (ha)	391	230		367	597
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	9	9			9
1.6 Terrestrial structure (no.)	1	1			1
1.7 Terrestrial feature (no.)	6	6			6
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	89	17	2	53	72
1.9 Fence (km)	67	37	26		63
1.10 Visitor Facility (no.)	16	7			7
1.11 Road (km)	16	4			4
<b>2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS</b>					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	444	196	200		396
2.2 Weed control (ha)	106,188	151,607	15,424		167,031
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	404,693	407,616	85,501		493,118
2.8 Earth works (no.)	44	18	26		44
<b>3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES</b>					
3.2 Agricultural practices (ha)	1,046		1,046		1,046
3.3 Water (no.)	45	48			48
<b>4. PLANNING AND REGULATION</b>					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	323	224		71	295
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	238	93	59	44	196
4.3 Assessment (no.)	614	449	272	20	741
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	6,332	6,047	2,137	721	8,905
4.5 Partnership (no.)	143	115	24	6	145
4.6 Plan (no.)	160	110	54	5	169
4.7 Publication (no.)	474	391	83	35	509
4.8 Information management system (no.)	21	19	1	2	22