

NORTH CENTRAL

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- In an Australian first, four irrigation channel screens have been constructed and will be installed at the Cohuna Weir Pool to stop more than 5,000 native fish, per day during the irrigation season, from entering and becoming trapped in the Cohuna channel system and therefore lost from the breeding population in Gunbower Creek.
- The statewide River Detectives Program engaged 101 schools and approximately 3,500 students across five regions of Victoria. Teachers were provided resources, training and support to deliver curriculum aligned water testing on local waterways.
- 133 gegalitres of water for the environment was delivered to 23 wetlands and waterways across the region. These flows contributed to the environmental, social and recreational values of the wetlands and waterways.
- Following months of comprehensive engagement with communities and working in partnership with VicSES and four local councils, the Regional Floodplain Management Strategy is complete. The strategy will interpret and apply the policies, actions and accountabilities of the Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy at the regional and local level.
- The North Central CMA is in the final stages of endorsing its first Reconciliation Action Plan. The Plan provides a clear and practical pathway towards the CMA's vision of walking alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as partners, caring for our region's catchments together.
- The Wanyarram Dhelk project partners the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation to restore the creek and provide important opportunities for Jarra people to work on Country.
- The Farming for Sustainable Soils project delivered nearly 2,000ha of practice change and involved 643 participants from more than 150 enterprises in improving skills and knowledge in soil management and sustainable agricultural practices.
- The Living Murray 'Flooding for Life' provided water for the environment to Gunbower Creek and restored regular flooding to Gunbower Forest through a combination of environmental watering, engineering works, monitoring, Indigenous partnership programs and community engagement.

OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER	TOTAL
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.2 Water storage (no.)	37	41			41
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	10	10	9		19
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	6	2	9		11
1.9 Fence (km)	77	57	35		92
1.10 Visitor Facility (no.)			4		4
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	275	432	2,315		2,747
2.2 Weed control (ha)	3,117	544	1,415		1,959
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	14,717	29	33,882		33,911
2.5 Threatened species response (no.)	8		0		
2.7 Soil treatment (ha)	0	0	722		722
2.8 Earth works (no.)	3	0			0
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	57	142			142
3.2 Agricultural practices (ha)		86	3,369		3,455
3.3 Water (no.)	24	40			40
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	604	3,564			3,564
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	20	22	1		23
4.3 Assessment (no.)	648	836	236		1,072
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	3,792	4,262	2,826		7,088
4.5 Partnership (no.)	39	39	10	0	49
4.6 Plan (no.)	46	65	9		74
4.7 Publication (no.)	31	60	9	1	70
4.8 Information management system (no.)	1	1			1