

WIMMERA

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Dry weather had a big influence in the health of our catchment in the six months from November with well below average rainfall and well above average temperatures. Not only has this resulted in low to no sub soil moisture, it also increased the amount of evaporation of our lakes, rivers and streams and parts of the upper catchment were restricted to a series of small pools during this period.
- Year two of the Wimmera Southern Mallee Socio-Economic Value of Recreational and Environmental water survey commenced and we eagerly await the results. Year one conservatively estimated that \$27.5 million was contributed to the local economy and a total physical and mental health benefit of \$8.6 million.
- Development of a Regional Partnership Agreement with key stakeholders formalised our close working relationships and we continue to embrace new technologies that result in increased efficiencies and new target audience.
- One example of this is the creation of the Virtual River Yarns education tool that shares the Wimmera's cultural heritage by allowing users to experience what the Wimmera looked like before European settlement. Another example was the trial of a drone to collect flood data as part of the Horsham - Wartook flood investigation.
- Wimmera CMA also met certification requirements for the new ISO 9001:2015 standard.

OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER	TOTAL
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	12	11	4		15
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	16	16	3		19
1.9 Fence (km)	108	113	30		143
1.10 Visitor Facility (no.)	1		1		1
1.11 Road (km)	1		1		1
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	7		7		7
2.2 Weed control (ha)	3,858	2,092	636		2,728
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	3,588	3,033	1,521		4,554
2.5 Threatened species response (no.)	1		1		1
2.9 Rubbish removal (ha)		50			50
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	1,254	1,489	266		1,755
3.3 Water (no.)	13	16			16
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	318	329			329
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	54	47	11		58
4.3 Assessment (no.)	100	219	33		252
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	2,340	4,234	1,138		5,372
4.5 Partnership (no.)	22	18	6		24
4.6 Plan (no.)	52	65	11		76
4.7 Publication (no.)	15	20	4		24
4.8 Information management system (no.)	2	2			2



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