

NORTH CENTRAL

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- A Healthy Coliban Catchment project focuses on a 20-year plan to protect and enhance one of the region's most important waterways - the Coliban River and its tributaries upstream of Malmsbury Reservoir. Coliban Water, the North Central CMA and Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation have joined forces to create a plan, aimed at protecting water quality, the fauna and flora, and cultural history of the area.
- The construction of a fishway at Koondrook will provide passage to native fish such as the iconic vulnerable Murray cod and Golden perch from the river into the creek for the first time in more than a century. Key partners including the Victorian Environmental Water Holder (VEWH), the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Goulburn Murray Water have agreed to take the proposed Koondrook fishway into a detailed design and costing phase, and then through to construction.
- The Environmental Water Management program coordinated the delivery of 55,600 ML of water for the environment to 14 wetlands and waterways across the region. These environmental and consumptive flows contributed to the environmental, social and recreational values of the wetlands and waterways.
- The statewide River Detectives program engaged 94 schools and approximately 2,700 students across five regions of Victoria. Teachers were provided resources, training and support to deliver curriculum aligned water testing on local waterways.
- In its first year of implementation the Regenerative Agriculture project established three farming groups and undertook initial planning and skills workshops. The project aims to increase the capacity of the region's agricultural communities to achieve practice change that results in improvements for soil, biodiversity and vegetation.
- The North Central CMA's Board endorsed the organisation's Reconciliation Action Plan in October 2018. Since then achievements include paid cultural leave provisions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff in our 2017 Collective Agreement; the establishment of a Reconciliation Working Group; key partnership projects such as the Yung Balug Djarra, Dja Dja Wurrung, Healthy Country Planning - Djandak, Gatjin and Wi (Land, Water and Fire) at Boort; engagement of businesses such as Djandak, Woka Walla, Barapa Land and Water and Taungurung works crews in the delivery of on-ground works on Country. Staff and Board members also participated in cultural awareness training sessions with Dja Dja Wurrung.



OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER	TOTAL
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.1 Channel (km)	2.6				0
1.2 Water storage (no.)	34	39			39
1.3 Pump (no.)	1	1			1
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	47	37	20		57
1.6 Terrestrial structure (no.)	1	1			1
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	6		6		6
1.9 Fence (km)	78.9	64	18		82
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	379	347	57		404
2.2 Weed control (ha)	2,116	2,292	6	64	2,362
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	2,062	316	1,560		1,876
2.5 Threatened species response (no.)	2		2		2
2.8 Earth works (no.)	4		4		4
2.9 Rubbish removal (ha)		242			242
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	108	111			111
3.3 Water (no.)	99	99			99
3.4 Fire (no.)	5	5			5
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	906	4,276		5	4,276
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	41	55	19		79
4.3 Assessment (no.)	1,202	1,055	76	3	1,134
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	5,524	5,141	625	227	5,993
4.5 Partnership (no.)	44	38			38
4.6 Plan (no.)	155	124	20		144
4.7 Publication (no.)	64	68	32		100
4.8 Information management system (no.)	1	1			1