

WIMMERA

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Year 3 of the Wimmera Southern Mallee Socio-Economic Value of Recreational and Environmental water survey continued and we eagerly await the results. Year 2 conservatively estimated that \$30.2 million (9.47% increase from year 1) was contributed to the local economy and a total physical and mental health benefit of \$5.4 million.
- As a result of the survey analysis and data it is exciting that the Northern Grampians Shire Council and the Stawell Angling club have created the Grampians Lake Fishing Competition, an event which will generate significant financial and social returns for the community.
- Dry weather had a big influence on the health of our catchment. Well below average rainfall and well above average temperatures from July 2018 until May 2019 resulted in limited river and stream flows and average to poor farming across the mid- to northern parts of the catchment.
- On a positive note the fragile platypus population on the Mackenzie River appears to be expanding their range. Fish surveys, undertaken as part of the feasibility investigation into providing environmental water to Mt Cole Creek, revealed some very positive results with good populations of Obscure Galaxias and Southern Pygmy Perch.
- Wimmera CMA contributed to Victoria achieving its target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions in 2050 by installing our own 54kW photovoltaic system.
- For the first time we used water for the environment to deliver cultural watering at "The Ranch" in Dimboola. This collaborative project between Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC) and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder delivered many environmental and social outcomes.
- We also partnered with the Centre for Participation to deliver the "HeartLand Horsham" tree planting event with support from Horsham Urban Landcare Group and Wimmera Development Association. The event introduced city-based migrants to our community and showed them regional Victoria is a great place to live, work and raise a family.



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OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER	TOTAL
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.1 Channel (km)	9	10			10
1.2 Water storage (no.)	27	29			29
1.3 Pump (no.)	1	1			1
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	15	17			17
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	22	22			22
1.9 Fence (km)	130	124	17		141
1.10 Visitor Facility (no.)	14	16			16
1.11 Road (km)	10	12			12
1.12 Crossing (no.)	1	1			1
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	249	162	99		261
2.2 Weed control (ha)	2,883	2,584	426		3,010
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	35,415	41,606	431		42,038
2.8 Earth works (no.)	30	3			3
2.9 Rubbish removal (ha)		1			1
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	1,064	897	374		1,270
3.3 Water (no.)	30	33			33
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	230	262			262
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	60	68			68
4.3 Assessment (no.)	1,643	147	1,543		1,690
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	4,900	4,916	1,357		6,273
4.5 Partnership (no.)	46	52	2		54
4.6 Plan (no.)	115	119	5		124
4.7 Publication (no.)	20	19	4		23
4.8 Information management system (no.)	1	1			1