

GOULBURN BROKEN

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Thanks to a collaborative effort between the community, agencies and Yorta Yorta, water for the environment was delivered to Loch Garry north of Shepparton for the first time in April. While only half of the proposed 1,000 megalitres could be delivered due to the closure of the irrigation network, the water provided cultural and environmental benefits at this popular recreational site.
- Goulburn Broken CMA's projects funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program once again met or exceeded their annual targets. Highlights included working with Taungurung Land and Waters Council to carry out 1,000 hectares of cat and fox control at Mt Buller to protect threatened mountain pygmy possums; From the Ground Up project staff and partners delivering virtual farm walks and online workshops covering climate change, soil health, pollinators and sustainable agricultural practices; and The Linking Landscapes and Communities project delivered 56 hectares of revegetation and 1,225 hectares pest plant and animal control.
- As part of the Victorian Government's Drought Employment Program 24 crew members in six teams contributed over 7,800 labour hours towards natural resource management projects across the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District, inspecting and treating more than 2,100 hectares of public land for noxious weeds and planting or maintaining just under 200 hectares of indigenous flora species.
- Goulburn Broken CMA's Floodplain Management Team processed a record 1,100 applications for development, land-use and other works; 117 whole farm plans covering 15,000 hectares were completed; and the Cornella Creek Catchment drainage course declaration was approved and obstructions removed as part of works to return more natural and improved drainage flows in irrigation areas.
- Whroo Goldfields Conservation Management Network celebrated building and installing more than 1,100 nest boxes for Gliders and Phascogales, work its members have been doing since 2009.
- Working with the Arthur Rylah Institute and anglers, a population of threatened Macquarie perch stranded in Hollands Creek was relocated to the Broken River after dry conditions during much of 2019 meant there were very low or no flows in sections of the creek.



| OUTPUT | TARGET | ACTUAL | | | TOTAL |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| | | STATE | FED | OTHER | |
| 1. STRUCTURAL WORKS | | | | | |
| 1.1 Channel (km) | 22 | 17 | | | 17 |
| 1.2 Water storage (no.) | 13 | 22 | | | 22 |
| 1.4 Irrigation structure (ha) | 1,000 | 210 | | | 210 |
| 1.5 Waterway structure (no.) | 235 | 259 | | | 259 |
| 1.7 Terrestrial feature (no.) | 0 | 75 | | | 75 |
| 1.8 Monitoring structure (no.) | 20 | 23 | | | 23 |
| 1.9 Fence (km) | 48 | 52 | 5 | | 56 |
| 1.10 Visitor facility (no.) | 5 | 2 | | | 2 |
| 2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS | | | | | |
| 2.1 Vegetation (ha) | 330 | 567 | 68 | | 634 |
| 2.2 Weed control (ha) | 3,865 | 4,937 | 1,324 | | 6,261 |
| 2.3 Pest animal control (ha) | 95,740 | 31,293 | 81,329 | | 112,621 |
| 2.8 Earth works (no.) | 1 | 0 | | | 0 |
| 3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES | | | | | |
| 3.1 Grazing (ha) | 292 | 559 | 100 | | 660 |
| 3.3 Water (no.) | 30 | 33 | | | 33 |
| 4. PLANNING AND REGULATION | | | | | |
| 4.1 Approval and advice (no.) | 857 | 1,214 | | | 1,214 |
| 4.2 Management agreement (no.) | 60 | 46 | 44 | | 90 |
| 4.3 Assessment (no.) | 1,368 | 1,501 | 163 | | 1,664 |
| 4.4 Engagement event (no. participants) | 10,277 | 14,099 | 1,199 | | 15,298 |
| 4.5 Partnership (no.) | 125 | 151 | | | 151 |
| 4.6 Plan (no.) | 90 | 128 | 45 | | 173 |
| 4.7 Publication (no.) | 337 | 275 | 104 | 0 | 379 |
| 4.8 Information management system (no.) | 1 | 0 | | | 0 |