

WIMMERA

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Wimmera CMA ran a social research project to determine baseline community floodplain knowledge. The information gathered supports the Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Plan for the Wimmera Floodplain Management Strategy. The process is repeatable to enable future assessment of the effectiveness of the strategy's delivery - "to build a flood resilient community".
- Research into the economic benefits generated by waterways in the Wimmera Southern Mallee entered its fourth and final year. Year three estimated \$33.683 million was contributed to the local economy and a total physical and mental health benefit of \$5.3 million.
- The last four years of Environmental Contribution - Tranche 4 funded projects are almost complete with 98% of funding spent and only two project outputs to be completed.
- Our fragile platypus population on the MacKenzie River has continued to expand. Years of environmental watering is starting to pay significant dividends.
- Wimmera CMA continued to support Traditional Owner staff to undertake professional development, for example, we supported our Catchment Officer's successful application under the Aboriginal Leadership category of the 2020 Our Catchments Our Communities Leadership Development Grants.
- It was pleasing to be able to support John Pye's win in the Individual Land carer Award at the 2019 Victorian Landcare Awards at Government House in Melbourne on 30 August 2019. Jallukar Landcare Group also received recognition as winners of the Environment Volunteer Award.
- Wimmera CMA continues to advocate and supply evidence for funding to supply water via the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline for drought refuges in the lower Wimmera River.
- We continue to provide leadership and champion Integrated Water Management via our Strategic Water Group who have developed a Strategic Directions Statement for Integrated Water Management (IWM) including reaching agreement on priority IWM projects for the region.
- 11 rock chutes were constructed across two sites in the Upper Wimmera Catchment to mitigate erosion, reduce sediment movement and deliver on the outcomes of the Wimmera Flagship Waterways program.



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OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			TOTAL
		STATE	FED	OTHER	
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	6	13			13
1.9 Fence (km)	26	138	12		150
1.10 Visitor facility (no.)	0	5			5
1.11 Road (km)	0	0.67			1
1.12 Crossing (no.)	0	1			1
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	0	68			68
2.2 Weed control (ha)	1,527	4,117	123		4,241
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	43,866	4,447	67,895		72,342
2.8 Earth works (no.)	0	2			2
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	564	1,157	172		1,329
3.3 Water (no.)	13	14			14
3.4 Fire regime (no.)	6	6			6
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	321	261			261
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	5	64	3		67
4.3 Assessment (no.)	4	95	3		98
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	655	4,972	1,625		6,597
4.5 Partnership (no.)	38	24			24
4.6 Plan (no.)	5	71	3		74
4.7 Publication (no.)	9	7			7