

GOULBURN BROKEN

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- WORKING FOR VICTORIA**
 The Goulburn Broken CMA had the privilege of being able to deliver two employment programs during the year. The GMID Drought Employment Program, which started back in December 2019 and continued until January 2021, supported farmers, farm workers and local agribusiness workers impacted by drought; and the Working for Victoria program, which ran from November 2020 to June 2021, provided employment and training opportunities to local people impacted by COVID-19. The programs were extremely successful in achieving employment opportunities for 71 local people.
- ENVIRONMENTAL WATER PROGRAM**
 As part of the Goulburn Broken CMA environmental water program, a total of 1000 ML was delivered to Gaynor Swamp to promote growth of wetland vegetation and provide habitat for waterbirds. This was the largest environmental water delivery to this wetland to date. A pulse of environmental water was also delivered down the lower Goulburn River in November 2020 to promote golden perch movement and breeding. Monitoring captured a large number of golden perch eggs during the fresh, indicating it was successful. Hundreds of waterbirds successfully bred in Boals Deadwoods wetland in Barmah Forest.

Environmental water was delivered to the wetland during the breeding event to maintain water levels.

- FLOOD PREPAREDNESS**
 The new Goulburn Broken Community Flood Intelligence Portal was launched in September 2020. The portal covers 14 communities at risk from flooding with detailed flood data to assist with land-use planning, building, flood insurance and flood preparedness. The portal is a joint project with four local councils with a fifth council to join later.
- REGION RESILIENCE STRATEGY**
 The Goulburn Murray Region Resilience Strategy was launched in December 2020 with a community driven taskforce established in 2021 to implement the actions from the strategy. The taskforce committee was established in June 2021 and will now focus on the priorities moving into the future from a resilience perspective with emphasis on the following key interventions: Futures for Agriculture, Learning for Change, Circular Economy, Natural and Built Assets and Leadership and Coordination.
- TRADITIONAL OWNER LAND MANAGEMENT CREWS**
 Yorta Yorta and Taungurung land management crews delivered environmental management across Traditional Country to control pest plants and animals, and to increase extent and diversity of habitat through revegetation activities. The crews carried out cultural burns on public and private land in partnership with the Goulburn Broken CMA, the CFA, Parks Victoria and DELWP. The Traditional Owner land management crews are critical to the successful implementation of the Linking



| OUTPUT | TARGET | ACTUAL | | | TOTAL |
|---|---------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| | | STATE | FED | OTHER | |
| 1. STRUCTURAL WORKS | | | | | |
| 1.1 Channel (km) | | 55 | | | 55 |
| 1.2 Water storage (no.) | | 32 | | | 32 |
| 1.4 Irrigation infrastructure (ha) | | 1,271 | | | 1,271 |
| 1.5 Waterway structure (no.) | | 20 | | | 20 |
| 1.8 Monitoring structure (no.) | | 21 | | | 21 |
| 1.9 Fence (km) | 14 | 81 | 10 | | 91 |
| 1.10 Visitor facility (no.) | | 2 | | | 2 |
| 2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS | | | | | |
| 2.1 Vegetation (ha) | 325 | 471 | 130 | 6 | 607 |
| 2.2 Weed control (ha) | 11,889 | 10,440 | 1,057 | 36 | 11,533 |
| 2.3 Pest animal control (ha) | 102,643 | 42,900 | 81,819 | | 124,719 |
| 2.9 Rubbish removal (ha) | | 3,915 | | | 3,915 |
| 3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES | | | | | |
| 3.1 Grazing (ha) | 289 | 274 | 182 | | 456 |
| 3.4 Fire regime (no.) | 2 | | 8 | | 8 |
| 4. PLANNING AND REGULATION | | | | | |
| 4.1 Approval and advice (no.) | 17 | 1,608 | | | 1,608 |
| 4.2 Management agreement (no.) | 16 | 19 | 26 | | 45 |
| 4.3 Assessment (no.) | 1,170 | 2,066 | 155 | | 2,221 |
| 4.4 Engagement event (no. participants) | 246 | 2,570 | 1,024 | | 3,594 |
| 4.5 Partnership (no.) | 45 | 112 | | | 112 |
| 4.6 Plan (no.) | 32 | 71 | 36 | 1 | 108 |
| 4.7 Publication (no.) | 169 | 62 | 130 | 2 | 194 |
| 4.8 Information management system (no.) | 1 | 3 | | | 3 |

Landscapes and Communities project, which delivered 125 ha of revegetation, 819 ha of pest animal control, and 643 ha of weed control in 2020-21. The project is supported by the CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

- REGIONAL CATCHMENT STRATEGY RENEWAL**
 During 2020-21, extensive engagement activities were undertaken as part of

the Regional Catchment Strategy (RCS) renewal. This included webinars, fact sheets, over 40 online engagement workshops through existing forums and specific Goulburn Broken RCS on-line workshops. This resulted in over 1,000 comments being incorporated into a high-quality on-line draft RCS that was released at the end of June 2021. The Goulburn Broken CMA looks forward to releasing the final strategy in 2021-22.