

NORTH EAST

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- NORTH EAST REGIONAL WATERWAY STRATEGY**
 The North East CMA commenced engaging collaboratively with the community, Traditional Owners, land managers and other stakeholders to improve the condition of the Upper Mitta River by addressing priority threats. This flagship program will see works commence in 2021-22 to improve riparian health and access, control invasive woody weeds in the headwaters, and improve habitat for aquatic species. The Securing Waterway Health & Upper Ovens Flagship project will build on previous waterway investments and deliver on the priority actions in the North East Regional Waterway Strategy and Water for Victoria.
- VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S LANDCARE GRANTS**
 Thirty-five Landcare and community groups received funding through the 2019-20 Victorian Government's Landcare Grants. The funds supported 29 engagement activities; 55 training events; 9.5 km of fencing across 17 sites; 17,700 trees planted across 152 revegetation sites; and 16 ha of weed control.
- ABORIGINAL WATER OFFICER**
 An Aboriginal Water Officer (AWO), employed collaboratively through DELWP and the North East CMA, is now supporting the region's non-registered



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Traditional Owners/First Nations Groups to engage, participate and lead priority water activities. Groups participating include Jaithmathang Traditional Ancestral Bloodline Owners First Nations Aboriginal Corporation, Dhudhuroa Waywurru Aboriginal Corporation, Duduroa-Dhargal Aboriginal Corporation, Dalka Warra Mittung Aboriginal Corporation and Bangerang Aboriginal Corporations.

- NORTH EAST REGIONAL FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**
 The Rural City of Wangaratta has amended the planning overlays developed through the Wangaratta Urban Flood Study, including the impacts of climate change. The North East Regional Floodplain Management Strategy 2018-28 now includes updated hydrology with climate change and assessment of mitigation works for the Chiltern flood study; commencement of the Porepunkah Drainage Strategy and Stackey Gully Creek Strategy; Jack in the Box Creek and Felltimber Creek flood studies; ongoing work on the Kiewa River and Tributaries Flood Study and the Upper Murray Regional Flood Study. Works were undertaken to stabilise a portion of the CMA's Markwood levee on the Ovens River.
- REGIONAL AGRICULTURE LANDCARE FACILITATOR**
 (RALF) services are funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. The program has supported the agricultural community in recovery from bushfire. More than 50 community meetings involved over 860 people in planning for recovery activities. The new Natural Disaster and Climate Change Leadership Program launched a strong partnership between

OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			TOTAL
		STATE	FED	OTHER	
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.2 Water storage (no.)	13	9			9
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	5	118			118
1.9 Fence (km)	46	58	4		62
1.10 Visitor facility (no.)	10	10			10
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	18	174	32		206
2.2 Weed control (ha)	1,629	1,024	22,262		23,286
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	23,640	3,130	140,052		143,182
2.5 Threatened species response (no.)	1		1		1
2.6 Emergency species response (no.)	1		1		1
2.8 Earth works (no.)	40	47			47
2.9 Rubbish removal (ha)		17			17
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	40	56			56
3.3 Water (no.)	3	3			3
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	442	524			524
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	40	14	32		46
4.3 Assessment (no.)	31	220	23		243
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	2,200	1,933	2,266		4,199
4.5 Partnership (no.)	37	19	24		43
4.6 Plan (no.)	14	3	14		17
4.7 Publication (no.)	75	77	53		130
4.8 Information management system (no.)	4	3	1		4

the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership program, Gardner Foundation, Central Hume Primary Care Partnership and the Victorian Government.

- MOUNTAIN PYGMY-POSSUM RECOVERY PROJECT**
 The Mountain Pygmy-possum Recovery Project funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program achieved:
 - Predator control of cats and foxes on 27,000 ha in and around mountain

pygmy-possum habitat.

Weed removal (*Salix* spp.) across 537 ha of the Mt Hotham and Bogong High Plains areas.

Production and release of three videos highlighting the collaborative effort to save the species.

20 days of monitoring, with a total of 270 trap nights undertaken at 12 sites distributed across nine local populations in the Alpine National Park.