## 2023-24

### STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- CMAs worked with 925 partners including community, local, State and Federal governments and Traditional Owners
- Over 100 new visitor facilities installed across Victoria
- Close to 3,000 ha of vegetation protection, enhancement and establishment work undertaken
- Close to 40,000 ha of weed control and over 720,000 ha of pest animal control, helping to support biosecurity efforts
- 4,700 ha of land has undergone positive agricultural practice change
- Over 12,000 approvals and advice helping to protect our precious floodplains and community assets
- Over 50,000 people have been engaged in CMA led events from field days, farm walks, information sessions, all raising awareness and knowledge across the State
- Over 1,200 publications allow CMAs to share their knowledge, highlight great work with partners, and increase awareness

Across Victoria, CMAs are working to elevate self determination for



The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP

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Projects featured were supported by Victoria's 10 CMAs, the community and a range of partners through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the Victorian Government.



Traditional Owners.



great in understanding the need to reintroduce culture to Country. This has been a great opportunity for two mobs to come together and build - Uncle Dozer Atkinson Moiraduban clan, Bangerang Nation

"I definitely want to give a shout out to our allies that walk beside us and believe ... they have been

STATEWIDE INVESTMENT

The Victorian Government

contributed 72% of CMA's total

funding in 2023–24 totalling over \$83 million dollars

The Australian Government

contributed 17% of CMA's total funding in 2023–24 totalling

over \$20 million dollars

\$20,518,522

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\$11,519,789

\$115.136.194 **Overall total investment** 

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#### Acknowledgement of Victoria's Aboriginal communities

The Victorian Catchment Management Authorities acknowledges Victoria's Aboriginal community and their rich culture and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as Australia's first peoples and as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land, water and biodiversity on which we rely.

We recognise and value the ongoing contribution of Aboriginal people and communities to Victorian life and how this enriches us. We embrace the spirit of reconciliation, working towards the equality of outcomes and ensuring an equal voice.

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VICTORIAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

## **ACTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS 2024 SUMMARY**



# **CMA REGIONS**

Victoria's integrated Catchment Management Framework is working to protect and enhance our rivers and landscapes while supporting productivity from our land and water resources.

#### MALLEE

Delivered over 420,000 hectares of targeted environmental works to enhance the region's priority natural, cultural, and productive landscapes. This included Traditional Owner-led practices which have been applied to over 40,000 hectares to manage and heal Country.

Partnerships underpin our work, with advice and input from stakeholders received through established forums including the Salinity Accountability Advisory Committee, Aboriginal Reference Group, and Land and Water Advisory Committee.

### **GOULBURN BROKEN**

Completion of the Kynmer Creek regulator in Barmah Forest which will restore a more natural hydrological regime to the waterway and allow greater volumes of water to enter during winter and spring and exclude unseasonal high summer flows.

Renewal of the Shepparton Irrigation Region Land and Water Management Plan that guides efforts to protect and enhance the land, water and communities of the region.

#### NORTH CENTRAL

Two Gen Zs, no phones, 100+ kilometres of waterway, two kayaks, and a film crew. Unplug and Play was a challenge that showcased the work we do, our amazing communities, and was a hit on social media.

Building the \$6.5 million Taylor's Creek fishway connected 1,000 kilometres of waterways for our large-bodied fish. It also brought together local and state water agencies and the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation.

#### **WIMMERA**

Partnered with Barengi Gadjin Land Council to construct 'The Ranch Billabong Pipeline' reconnecting the Ranch Billabong to the Barringgi Gadyin (Wimmera River).

Wimmera CMA and Victorian Fisheries Authority held the largest Victorian VFA fishing forum in Horsham with around 50 anglers sharing information and improving their knowledge.

#### **GLENELG HOPKINS**

After bushfires around Raglan and Beaufort the Regional Works Crew assisted land managers to retain livestock (5 kilometres fencing) and protect waterways and stock water dams (9 temporary sediment control structures).

Continuation of programs to improve recreational infrastructure and accessibility through replacing ageing 'fixed' jetties with floating structures at the Sandy Waterholes boat launch, Glenelg River and the Fitzroy River estuary.



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MALLEE

As a regional leader in action on climate change, we explored how natural capital approaches could be applied to our business operations through the development of a Natural Capital Roadmap.

Completed the Small Blocks Big Dreams project, empowering over 150 landholders to create environmentally sustainable properties and launched the Small Blocks Big Dreams Healthy Hectares Landholder Guide.

#### **PORT PHILLIP & WESTERNPORT**

Grow West, hosted by Melbourne Water, celebrated 20 years of landscape restoration, planting over 1.4 million seedlings, revegetating 2,500+ hectares, hosting 18 community planting days, and engaging 3,000+ volunteers.

Building off the success of the inaugural pilot, Melbourne Water, Corangamite, and North East CMA's delivered the second Caring for Landcarers mentoring program, adding webinars and an overnight event, and launched a third round.

#### **NORTH EAST**

A \$1.164M investment by the Victorian Government enabled remedial works at 24 priority sites in catchments including the Mitta Mitta, Ovens & King and Kiewa to address 2022-23 flood damage.

Completed the delivery of \$11.2M of investment (over four years) from the Victorian Government through the Environmental Contribution (EC) Tranche 5.

### EAST GIPPSLAND

Maintained strong partnerships with Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation and Moogji Aboriginal Council. They are key partners in the development and delivery of the Gippsland Lakes and waterways programs.

Delivered the three-year waterway health program (EC5), including Gippsland Lakes projects, Mitchell and Cann Flagship Waterways, Integrated Catchment Management, Environmental Water, Buchan River Fishway, Statutory Functions and Supporting Communities.

#### **WEST GIPPSLAND**

Delivered Spartina control in Corner Inlet Ramsar site to protect saltmarsh with 1,165 hectares of Spartina weed treated and 110,221 hectares of surveillance work completed.

Our partnership with Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation resulted in the formation of a Traditional Owner-led Strong Country working group and a new team located in Gippsland.

Pictured: Tarwin River, West Gippsland