



Loddon River, Tullaroop Creek, Serpentine Creek, Pyramid Creek, Birchs Creek

- Maintain riverbank vegetation
- Boost native fish by providing flows to move upstream and downstream
- Improve water quality and maintain healthy levels of dissolved oxygen in deep pools

Gunbower Creek and Forest
Internationally protected site

- Increase the population of Murray cod in Gunbower Creek
- Improve the health of understorey plants, river red gum and black box trees
- Provide habitat for waterbirds, frogs, turtles and small-bodied fish in Gunbower Forest

Barmah Forest
Internationally protected site

- Improve the health of river red gums and plants in wetlands
- Provide feeding and breeding habitat for waterbirds, frogs, fish and turtles
- Connect floodplains to the river and maintain water quality

Hattah Lakes
Internationally protected site

- Stimulate the growth of aquatic vegetation in wetlands
- Provide feeding and nesting habitat for waterbirds
- Improve the condition of river red gums

Wimmera-Mallee wetlands

- Provide watering holes for land-based native wildlife
- Sustain plants in and around the wetlands
- Provide habitat and food for waterbirds, waterbugs, frogs and turtles

Goulburn River

- Increase growth of aquatic plants in the river channel and lower banks of the river
- Stabilise the riverbank, channel and river bed
- Boost populations of native fish and platypus

Ovens, King and Buffalo rivers

- Maintain water quality for native fish in the Ovens and King rivers
- Provide habitat for waterbugs
- Maintain habitat for freshwater catfish in Mullinmur Wetland

Barringgi Gadyin (Wimmera River)

- Protect and increase numbers of fish, including freshwater catfish, in the Wimmera River if conditions are wet
- Maintain the water quality and fill refuge pools for fish, waterbugs, aquatic plants and crayfish in the Wimmera River, Burnt Creek and MacKenzie River during dry conditions
- Provide flows for platypus in the MacKenzie River

Birrarung (Yarra River)

- Improve the health of native plants on the riverbank, in the river and billabongs
- Maintain connectivity along the river to improve fish and platypus habitat
- Improve water quality, increasing oxygen for animals and plants that live in the waterways

Snowy River

- Improve water quality and habitat for native fish in the river and estuary
- Clear sediment build-up in the river channel to improve habitat
- Increase productivity of the river to support aquatic life

Moorabool Yulluk (Moorabool River)

- Maintain aquatic plants in the river channel and vegetation on the banks
- Provide flows for native fish to move and breed
- Prevent de-oxygenation of river pools during summer

Glenelg River

- Provide flows for native fish to move upstream, downstream and between the river and ocean
- Provide places for platypus to rest, breed and feed
- Maintain water quality for fish, waterbugs, aquatic plants and other water-dependent animals

Lower Barwon wetlands
Internationally protected site

- Increase growth of threatened saltmarsh plants in Hospital Swamps and Reedy Lake
- Provide mud flats and shallow water for wading birds to forage and feed, and provide refuge for waterbirds
- Provide habitat for native fish and allow them to move between the wetlands and the Barwon River

Tarago River

- Increase the health and diversity of native plants
- Boost threatened fish by providing flows for fish to move and breed
- Increase numbers of platypus

Durt-Yowan (Latrobe River)

- Increase growth of native plants on the riverbank to stabilise the river channel
- Improve in-stream habitat for native fish and waterbugs
- Reduce salinity in the lower Latrobe River estuary to improve the quality of water diverted to Sale Common, Dowd Morass and Heart Morass

Carran Carran (Thomson River)

- Boost threatened native fish by providing flows to get them moving between the river and ocean to breed
- Help aquatic plants in the river to grow, and disperse their seeds
- Provide freshwater habitat for waterbirds and frogs and help wetland vegetation to grow in the Heyfield wetlands

Many of Victoria's rivers and wetlands have been modified to provide water vital for farms, homes and industry. Water for the environment is used to improve the health of rivers and wetlands and support the plants, fish and other animals that live, feed and breed in them.

Water for the environment also benefits communities by improving conditions for fishing, camping and canoeing. Improved water quality can have economic benefits for irrigation and urban water supply.

This map shows some of the objectives we aim to achieve with environmental flows in rivers and wetlands across the state in 2021-22.

For more details see the seasonal watering plan at vewh.vic.gov.au.

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder recognises Aboriginal people as the first land and water managers in Australia. We acknowledge the important contribution made by Traditional Owners across Victoria to this year's seasonal watering plan.

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