

# Who we are and what we do



## What we do

- A regionally based state authority that works with the catchment community to protect and improve the Catchment's land, water and biodiversity.
- We work collectively across Victoria as one of 10 Catchment Management Authorities including Melbourne Water. We operate at a national scale as one of 54 Natural Resource Management Regions.
- This work is guided by the Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy (RCS), which is developed and renewed every six years in consultation utilising a resilience approach.
- Goulburn Broken CMA staff help plan, manage and deliver the natural resource management actions and priorities identified in the Goulburn Broken RCS.
- We do this by working with landholders, community groups, agencies and Traditional Owners within the following broad program areas:



**Sustainable Irrigation** – Promote best-practice irrigation activities through extension programs, whole farm planning, farm irrigation modernization, surface and sub-surface management and water-quality improvement activities.



**Waterways** – Carry out activities (eg. fencing, revegetation, re-snagging, managing water for the environment deliveries) to improve river and wetland health (including after natural disasters).



**Floodplain management** – Build flood resilient communities by capturing and sharing flood knowledge to ensure future developments are not unduly exposed to flood hazard. Protect waterways through works on waterways permits.



**Biodiversity and Land Health** – Carry out activities (eg. fencing, revegetation, cultural surveys) to improve and protect habitat, threatened species and soil health (including after natural disasters).

## The Goulburn Broken Catchment

- Stretches from close to the outskirts of Melbourne in the south to the Murray River in the north, Mt Buller to the east and the Mt Camel Range to the west.
- The two major river basins—the Goulburn and Broken—provide 11% of the Murray darling Basin's water despite covering only 2% of its area.
- About 205,000 people live in the Catchment.
- The two Registered Aboriginal Parties are Taungurung Land and Waters Council and Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation.
- The Goulburn River is the state's most popular inland fishing destination and supports Victoria's largest irrigation system - the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District - home to Victoria's Foodbowl.
- The Catchment's natural resources support major agricultural, forestry and tourism industries - 63% of the landscape is managed for agricultural production and the remaining 37% for a mixture of nature conservation, forestry, rural residential and urban use.



## What we offer

- 50+ staff across three regionally based offices (Shepparton, Benalla, Yea).
- Technical skills in floodplain management, irrigation, ecology, river health, biodiversity, land health, work crew management and OHS.
- Strategy development, monitoring and review.
- 20-plus years' experience in developing and managing a range of natural resource management projects valued from \$50,000 to \$50 million.
- Community engagement expertise - extensive local, regional, state and national stakeholder networks.
- A track record in advocating on behalf of the Catchment to influence government and other investors to help shape policies and attract funding for projects that support liveable, vibrant regional communities.