



Revegetation works on the Campaspe River

Improving catchment health

\$2.1M PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH CENTRAL CMA

The initial stage of works are coming to an end on our catchment health partnership project with the North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA). We've been carrying out weed removal, fencing and revegetation works at four sites along the Campaspe River and Post Office Creek.

The \$2.1 million project supports the North Central CMA's Caring for the Campaspe project and will have a positive impact on water quality and catchment health.

We've worked with 12 landowners to establish offstream watering for livestock and have installed 13.1 kilometres of fencing to prevent livestock entering the waterways.

Willow trees, blackberry, hawthorn and other weeds have been removed from 13.5 kilometres of river frontage and 20,000 native trees and shrubs have been planted.

To ensure the success of the revegetation we have committed to achieving an 80 per cent survival rate which involves supplementary planting in spring, watering in summer and weeding for four years.

The weed removal and revegetation works have been carried out by local contractors, Platypus Environmental Service and Djandak, a business enterprise owned by the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.

Planting day with Woodend Primary School

Last month we held a planting day on the banks of the Campaspe River with Grade 4 students from Woodend Primary School.

Students helped to plant some of the 20,000 native trees and shrubs, and learned about the positive impact the plants and fencing will have on water quality and catchment health.



Planting day with Grade 4 students and Coliban Water staff



Professor Vincent Pettigrove

Independent water quality monitoring

We have engaged an independent consultant, Professor Vincent Pettigrove, to monitor the impact the project has on water quality and catchment health. Professor Pettigrove is Director of the Aquatic Environmental Stress (AQUEST) Research Group at RMIT and has been gathering data on the condition of the waterways over the last 12 months.

Professor Pettigrove has more than 30 years' experience in assessing freshwater aquatic ecosystems and understanding the impact of pollution. The results of the monitoring program will be published on our website in the New Year.

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