



# Goulburn Broken Catchment Community Natural Resource Management 2017/18 Report Card

Welcome to the 2017/18 Community Natural Resource Management Report Card. The report is compiled by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority on behalf of the community, to describe all of the great work undertaken by the region's volunteer based environment and sustainable farming groups. The information is gathered using a voluntary annual survey. This year 55 of the 109 (50%) known groups provided the data that informs the achievements and highlights detailed in this report.

## The Catchment at a Glance

**97 groups**

1 new group

**12 networks**

5 Conservation Management  
7 Landcare

**3,590 members**

**4,446 volunteers**

**39,740 hours of  
donated time**

Equating to over \$1.2m of  
in-kind labour

**\$780,919  
project funding**



## Key Outputs

Our community NRM groups pride themselves on their ability to get the job done. In 2017/18 despite a 35% decrease in funding from 2016/17 they once again delivered an amazing amount of on-ground works.



**Revegetation**

128 Ha



**Weed Control**

1,057 Ha



**Remnant Vegetation  
Protection**

133 Ha



**Fox Control**

420 Ha



**Rabbit Control**

526 Ha



**Fencing**

57 Km



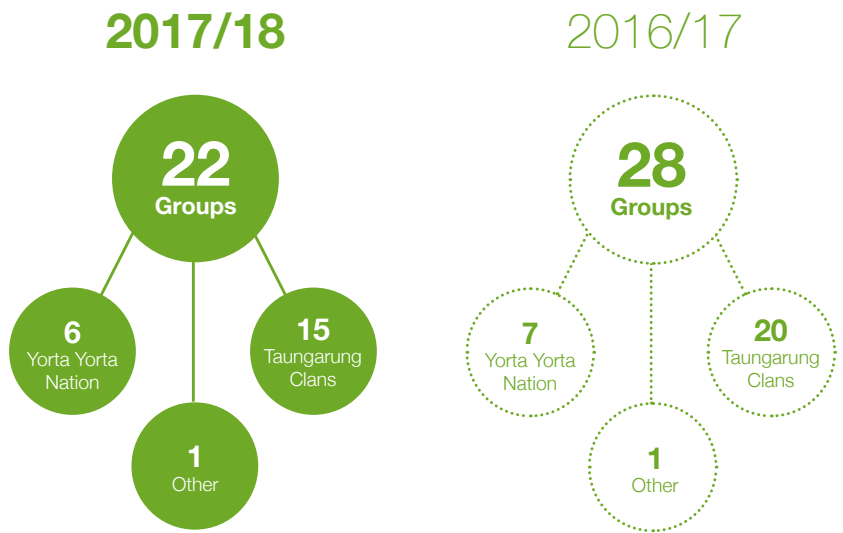
**Nest Boxes**

1,194



## Traditional Owner Engagement

Taungarung Clans and Yorta Yorta Nation are the two Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) that operate in the Goulburn Broken Catchment. Our Community NRM groups are committed to working with RAPs in the delivery of projects and in 2017/18 22 groups engaged with Traditional Owners on a range of activities.



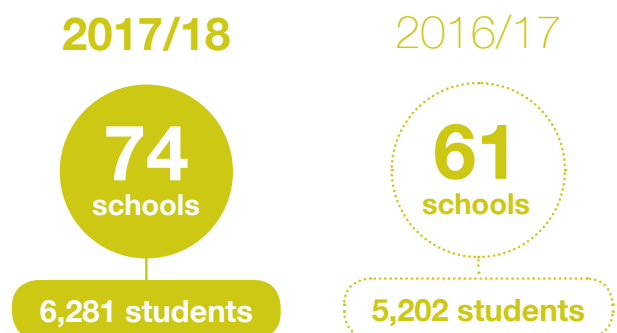
## Capacity Building Events

Despite a significant decrease in funding our Community NRM groups continue to drive the delivery of tailored information to our land managers through a variety of events and activities. Local priorities inform both the content and delivery methods.



## Schools Engaged

Investing in the knowledge of our next generation of land managers is a vital role of the region's community NRM groups. We have some very strong networks operating in this space and in 2017/18 they have engaged over 6,281 students. The decrease in total number of students engaged this past year, despite the increase in the number of schools, suggests that our groups and networks are working with the smaller rural community schools.





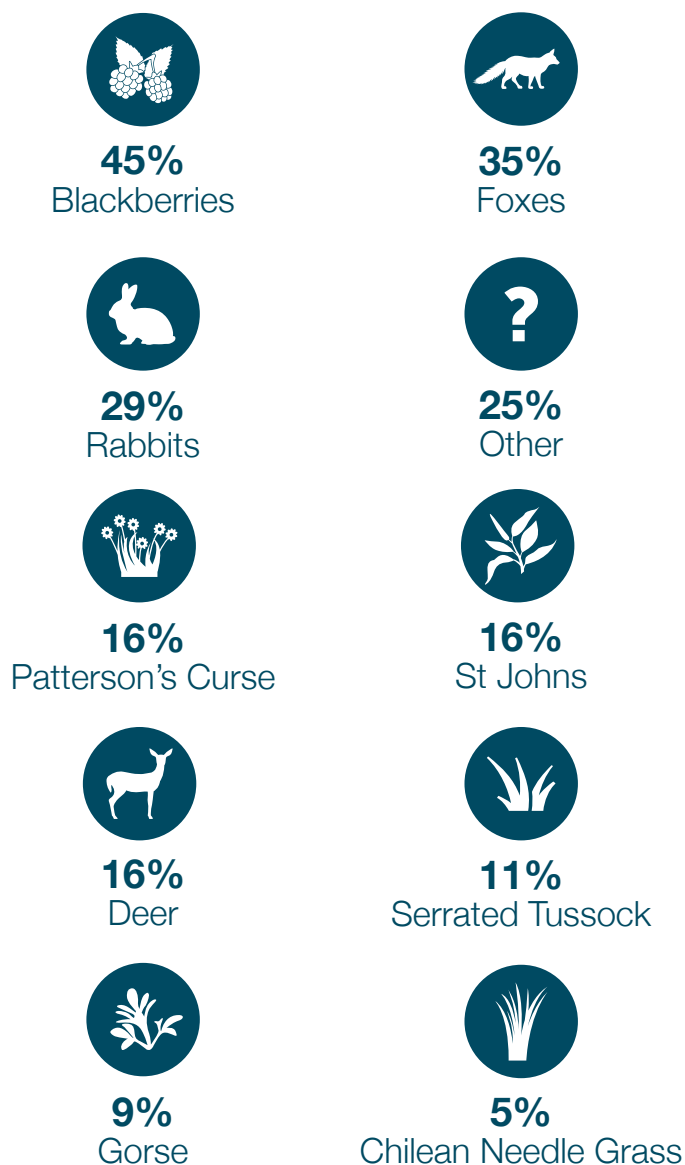
## Future Issues Facing Community NRM

The Community NRM groups of the Goulburn Broken CMA region rate the following as the greatest challenges over the coming 5 years. (Ranked on a scale from 0-5)



## Pest Plant and Animal Priorities

Targeting pest plants and animals is a priority for our Community NRM groups now and into the future. Groups were asked to list the pest plant and animal species that they needed to work on over the coming year. The increase in the importance community place on controlling Patterson's curse and deer is noticeable as is the "other" category suggesting that it is local pest species that need to be worked on as well as state-wide priorities of blackberries, rabbits and foxes.





**This survey is voluntary.**

**Many thanks to the groups who took the time to respond this year.**

The Goulburn Broken CMA actively supports Landcare and other NRM groups through the employment of the Regional Landcare Coordinator and Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program).

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