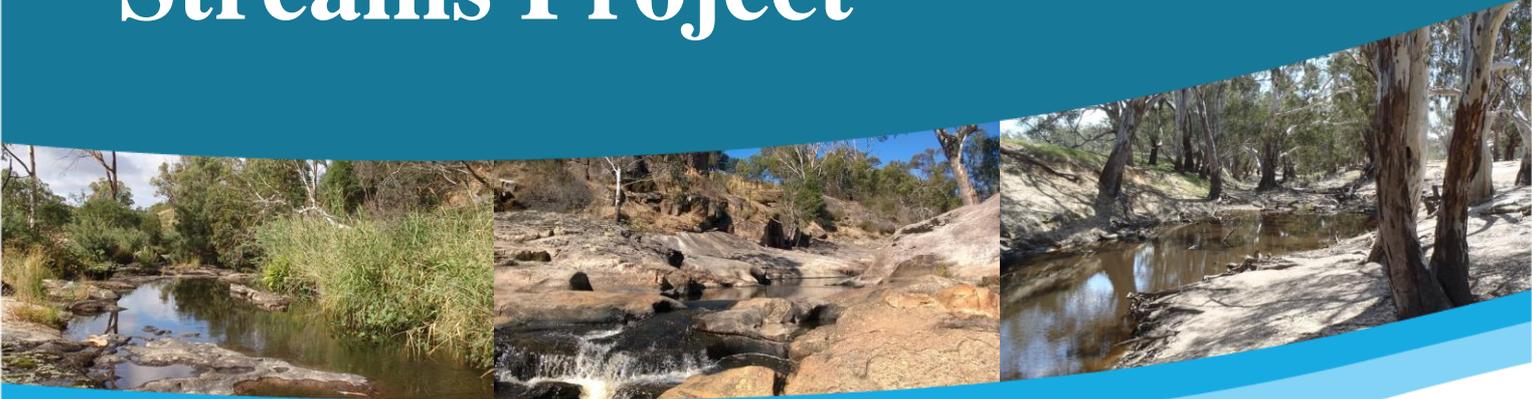




The Strathbogrie Streams Project



The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) has funding to work with the community to protect streams flowing from the Strathbogrie Ranges.

The Strathbogrie Streams Project will target the Honeysuckle Creek, Seven Creeks, Brankeet Creek, Merton Creek, Hughes Creek, Lima East Creek and Five Mile Creek, which are listed as priority waterways in the Goulburn Broken Waterway Strategy (GBWS) (2014-2022). Table 1 details some of the natural values associated with each of these streams, as listed in the GBWS.

Work on these priority streams will be complemented by work to improve the condition of other Goulburn River tributary streams in the area, such as Creighton's Creek, Pranjip Creek, Spring Creek and Castle Creek.

Table 1. Natural values associated with each of the priority streams targeted as part of the Strathbogrie Streams Project.

Values	Creek
Significant native fish communities (eg. Trout cod and Macquarie perch)	Sevens, Hughes, Honeysuckle
Riparian vegetation condition	Honeysuckle, Lima East, Five Mile
Native vegetation communities	Honeysuckle
Significant native flora species	Honeysuckle
Water bug & insect community condition	Honeysuckle, Brankeet, Merton, Five Mile
Urban or rural township water source	Brankeet, Merton

Rivers 2040

Rivers 2040, a state-wide strategic river management framework, will be used to set targets and plan on-ground works for the priority streams targeted as part of the Strathbogie Streams Project.

The Rivers 2040 Framework sets out a template for planning, communicating and implementing four clear stages of on-ground works and recovery.

The four stages are:

Stage 1 - Target setting

Working with the community, the Goulburn Broken CMA will develop a vision for each stream or stream reach, with clear goals for improving stream health. A long-term action plan will be developed, targeting risks to river health.

Stage 2 - On-ground river works

The Goulburn Broken CMA will work with the community to restore each reach, from 'bed to bank' until it is healthier. On-ground works may include fencing, revegetation, weed control, and bed and bank stabilisation. In-stream works may also be undertaken to improve and extend available aquatic habitat to increase and protect native fish species.

Stage 3 - Recovery

Once on-ground works are finished, the stream (and the animals and plants that rely on it) will take some time to recover. In some cases on-ground works will cause a minor decline in condition before the stream can stabilise and prosper.

Stage 4 - Targets achieved

Once the project is finished, the streams will continue to meet community values, and they will be largely naturally sustained. The streams will be more resilient to flooding, drought, fire and climate change, and they will need minimal maintenance.

For more information about the Goulburn Broken CMA River Health Incentive Program please visit our website www.gbcma.vic.gov.au/funding_opportunities or contact the relevant Goulburn Broken CMA Strathbogie Streams Project Manager listed below.

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