

Healthy Rivers, Healthy Communities
Presenting current research in the Goulburn Broken Catchment

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Biography:

Dr Paul Humphries has studied and worked in the area of fish and aquatic ecology for 20 years. He completed an MSc at the University of Tasmania, studying life history variation in river and lake-dwelling fish, and then moved on to community ecology and habitat use of fish in a Western Australian estuary. He then migrated east again, to work for three and a half years in Tasmania, investigating the role of flow and habitat use of fish, plants and macroinvertebrates in several large, lowland rivers. In late 1994, Paul took a position with the CRC for Freshwater Ecology, at the Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre, designing and running what became known as the Campaspe Project; an ecosystem-scale environmental flow manipulation. After almost 10 years there, little rain, but enormous amounts of data, he has recently started with Charles Sturt University in Albury, continuing his research into river and fish ecology and lecturing in statistics. Paul's work, in collaboration with colleagues and students, has contributed significantly to the understanding of how fish and macroinvertebrates relate to flow and the riverine environment, and has translated into improved management.

