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- The Tri-State Murray NRM Alliance Executive recently considered the latest report on the Alliance performance measures. It is always valuable to stop and reflect on progress-to-date and then what the focus should be across the next 12 months. The following provides some of the highlights and the future direction.
- The Alliance has demonstrated the value of working together and that the partners can successfully work together in practice. By working together, the Alliance brought together over 60 native fish research and delivery staff to share their expertise and then develop whole of Murray native fish priorities. These priorities have guided native fish activities and informed the latest National Landcare Program proposals.
- The Virtual Fencing Pilot between NSW and Victoria had a sister project in South Australia. This shared experience led to the Alliance working together to develop a \$3.8m Smart Farms bid that encourages the use of the latest technology to manage stock, protect biodiversity and remote monitoring.
- The core strength of the Alliance is its connections, understanding and engagement with the Murray River communities. This means that the Alliance is able to successfully develop and implement programs across the Murray River corridor. This expertise has been recognised by the Murray Darling Basin Authority as they continue to meet with the Alliance in their efforts to better engage with the communities of the Murray River corridor. In addition, the Alliance has continued to attract opportunities to meet with stakeholders where there is an interest in taking a whole of the Murray approach. This includes Murray Tourism, Minister Josh Frydenberg, the Commonwealth and State Environmental Water Holders and Murray Loddon Darling.
- The ongoing engagement with over 15 Indigenous groups along the Murray River corridor has led to continual re-design of the Indigenous program to match the community's shared priority to tie economic independence with caring for country. Initially, with the financial support of Indigenous Business Australia, the Alliance will facilitate two indigenous business forums to be held in Moama and Mildura in June.
- The Alliance has provided staff with the opportunity to build their expertise by working at a higher level and broader scope as substitutes on the Alliance Executive; Alliance project officers; leading the development of whole Murray River corridor prospectuses (Indigenous & native fish) and projects (20M Trees & Smart Farms) and meeting with potential investors.
- Finally, with the inevitable fluctuations in funding, the Alliance assists staff to stay in the region and ensures their expertise continues to contribute to creating a positive future for the Murray River through broader staff opportunities.
- As to the future – the Alliance will use its resources to build the capability and capacity of the Murray corridor in three key areas. The first is to work with the Indigenous groups to build their economic independence through caring for country. The second is to progress the achievement of the Murray River native fish priorities and finally to integrate and coordinate engagement with the community of the Murray River corridor.



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