

After (2012)

Before (2003)

## What We Can Assist You With

Funding support is given to projects with high environmental outcomes and on priority waterways identified in the Goulburn Broken CMA Regional River Health Strategy, please refer to our website for information on current priority waterways and funding opportunities.

Funds are allocated to successful projects on a cost-share basis, whereby the Goulburn Broken CMA and Landholder negotiate arrangements on how the works will proceed.

**The Goulburn Broken CMA offers assistance with the following activities:**

- ✓ Streamside Fencing
- ✓ Off stream watering points
- ✓ Revegetation
- ✓ Weed control — predominately willows
- ✓ Bed and bank stabilisation
- ✓ Some ongoing maintenance

**Subsidy rates offered will vary depending on:**

- ✓ The priority given to the particular waterway
- ✓ The width of frontage being protected
- ✓ The current condition of the frontage
- ✓ The scale of project works

Projects will be given priority when complimentary works are undertaken to achieve multiple benefits.

## How to Apply

Call and speak with a River Health Officer today.

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### OUR VISION

Healthy, resilient and increasingly productive landscapes supporting vibrant communities



# River Health Incentive Program





## About Us - Custodians of River Health

Situated in northern Victoria, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) oversees efforts to protect and enhance rivers within 2,431,655ha or 11% of the State of Victoria.

As custodians of river health, the Goulburn Broken CMA is working to achieve healthy, resilient and increasingly productive landscapes to support vibrant communities and functioning ecosystems.

## About the River Health Incentives Program

Goulburn Broken CMA's River Health Incentive Program provides financial and technical assistance to land holders, land managers and community groups to undertake works that improve the condition of our creeks and rivers.

If you own or manage land adjacent to a river or creek within the Goulburn Broken catchment, you may be eligible for financial assistance through this program.



## Who We Assist

Landholders/managers who have creek or river frontage on the land you manage. This includes both:

- ✓ Private landholders/ or land managers (including licensees of Crown Water Frontage)
- ✓ Community groups/Committee of Management who do works on public land

*"The planting along the river hasn't missed a beat. Thanks for a great job, the river is going to be more magnificent."*

*"I am very keen to leave my property in better condition and these works along the creek will improve the water quality and make management of my stock easier as I want to keep them out of the stream. I love all the birdlife and other animals using this area."*



## Your Role

To receive assistance through this program, with support from your River Health Officer, you will need to:

- ✓ Sign a Riparian Management Agreement detailing negotiated works;
- ✓ Attain (if not already) the Crown Water Frontage License when Crown Land exists or be the landholder of freehold frontage;
- ✓ Complete the project works within the agreed period of time (usually 12-18 months);
- ✓ Fence the waterway along the agreed alignment and maintain fences and gates in good order (a minimum average 20m setback on high priority streams);
- ✓ Maintain new plantings;
- ✓ Actively control weeds;
- ✓ Keep stock out of revegetated/regenerating areas (as discussed with the Goulburn Broken CMA); and
- ✓ Manage the frontage in the long term for improved river health outcomes.

