

## **Merton and Brankeet Creeks Update**

Hello everyone,

The fish survey results are now available.

The summary report prepared by Jason Lieschke can be viewed or downloaded from the Merton Brankeet Creeks project page, under 'Reports and Surveys'. Alternatively, click the link below to access the document.

<https://www.gbcma.vic.gov.au/projects/strathbogie-streams/merton-and-brankeet-creeks/reports-and-surveys>

It is interesting to note some of the existing fish barriers where carp congregate could be targeted as hotspots for carp reduction, above which native fish populations may be afforded some protection from exotic fish competition and impact. The report's recommendations to identify and enhance suitable refuges will be considered further in context of funding and other information being compiled. Once such source of information is the review of willow species and extent undertaken a couple of months ago, for which I will complete the mapping after Xmas. Pooling the information available will help build a clearer picture on where targeted works would achieve the most benefit for native fish and river health.

I will be back in touch in the new year to share these findings, though you can anticipate a new look as I start to use an e-newsletter format for future project updates.

In the meantime, best wishes for a great Xmas and holiday period.

I look forward to working with you in 2017.

Kind regards,  
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