



## EGCMA Catchment Works Update – May 2016

### Far East Catchment

- Completed in mid-April was the **Combienbar River Bank Stabilisation** project. Bank stabilisation work was successfully carried out on the Bemm and Combienbar Rivers. This work was undertaken to repair some erosion damaged sites as well as strengthen identified weak points along these rivers.
- 460 metres of new stock exclusion fencing was completed on the **Bemm River** under the landholder incentives procedure.
- Willow control along the Cann River floodplain reach and from Buldah to Double Bridges has now been completed. These works found several mature Cinerea (invasive willow species) within the Parks below Buldah.
- Planting is to commence along three sites on the Cann River in the coming weeks which will compliment recent willow control and weed control works.

### Snowy Catchment

- Recently completed was a 50 hectares willow control program in the upper **Snowy River** catchment. This program focused on the **Bonang River, Delegate River, Deddick River, Boundary Creek, Butchers Creek** and some small isolated areas of the **Deddick River**. This program built upon previous work undertaken in the area since the 2013 bushfires.
- **Delegate River** Broom control works have been carried out by DELWP. 2 hectares of the Delegate River near the NSW Border was targeted, supporting previous year's works.
- Willow control work has recently been completed on the **Snowy River**. This project targeted Victoria's upper reaches, from the New South Wales border at Willis through to the confluence of the Buchan River. This project delivered 102 hectares of willow and weed control.
- A willow control program on the **Snowy River** from the confluence with the Buchan River, Balley Hooley, downstream to the Brodribb River confluence has been completed. This instream willow pass supports previous investment and maintains the ongoing removal of willows along the entire Snowy River.
- **The Brodribb River / Lake Curlip** willow control program has also recently been completed. This program targeted regrowth and juvenile willows along the Brodribb River downstream of the Princes Highway Bridge, as well as all willows in the Lake Curlip reserve.
- A transfer of an existing landholder agreement to new owners has been carried out on **Spring Creek** near Orbost. As part of this new agreement 4.24 hectares of weed control has been completed.

### Mitchell Catchment

- 1173 metres of fencing has been installed and one weed control grant has been provided on the lower **Mitchell River** as part of a new landholder agreement.
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- Mechanical willow removal is to commence on the lower **Mitchell River** as part of the rehabilitation project
- 447 metres of stock exclusion fencing is to be constructed on the lower **Mitchell River** as part of a new landholder agreement.
- 78 meters of new fencing was constructed on the **Dargo River** to compliment the current 870 meters of fencing that was already established. The installation of one off-stream watering system and weed control was also undertaken under a new landholder agreement.
- 1.4 kilometres of new fencing on the lower **Mitchell River** has been constructed under a new landholder agreement with off-stream watering and weed control to be conducted in coming weeks.

- Willow control on the upper **Mitchell River** will be completed this week. This program saw willow control across several high plains tributaries including The Twenty Five Mile, Basalt and Horatio Creeks. A willow pass was also conducted on the **Mitchell River** from the Wentworth confluence to Glenaladale. To finish off this project, willow poisoning were completed for approximately 8 kilometres on the upper Mitchell River.
- Revegetation will commence along the **Dargo River** in the coming weeks at the sites where we have recently completed willow removal; including willow removal for three landholders, as well as sections of the Lower Dargo Road.

### Tambo Catchment

- 1.175 kilometres of fencing has been constructed on the lower **Tambo River** under a new landholder agreement. As per the agreement one off-stream watering system has been installed and weed control undertaken along 4.66 hectares of frontage.

During the early part of May an **Aerial Survey** was undertaken to map the extent of willows in the upper reaches of our catchments and remote areas. The survey encompassed the upper reaches of the Mitchell, Tambo and Snowy Catchments. This survey was very successful and provided great information with respect to our previous works.



A remote tributary within the upper Mitchell River catchment.  
The photo was taken during the recent willow surveillance flight.



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