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CARP CULL AT SANDILONG CREEK

MORE than 140kgs of carp have been successfully removed from Sandilong Creek, helping to restore the health of the waterway and provide a more suitable environment for native species to thrive in.

The carp removal is the result of recent efforts by Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and the Riverside Golf Club to improve the health of the local waterway.

Mallee CMA CEO Jenny Collins said the water level of the creek, which runs through Riverside Golf Course, was gradually reduced to allow the carp removal works to be undertaken.

“Carp can be extremely damaging to waterways, and the health of the creek was suffering due to an influx during the 2022 floods,” she said.

“These carp removal works, funded by the Victorian Fisheries Authority, involved gradually reducing the water level of the creek, followed by two days of electrofishing and four nights of fyke netting late last year.

“Using these methods, we were able to eradicate more than 140kgs of carp from the creek, which we’re absolutely thrilled about.

“We were also able to identify other species in the creek, including Freshwater Catfish, Golden Perch, Broad-shelled, Eastern long neck and Murray River turtles – these species will no longer have to compete with carp for resources and now have a fighting chance to thrive.”

Ms Collins said carp screens have also been installed on the inlets of the creek to help prevent large-bodied carp from entering the waterway as it refills.

“Keeping Sandilong Creek free from carp not only supports our native fish but gives the soils in the creek bed a chance to consolidate, creating a better place for different plants to root and release important nutrients to provide a resource rich, diverse environment,” she said.

Sandilong Creek is now in the process of refilling.



CAPTION: Mallee CMA Project Officer Environmental Water Emma Johnston checks the water quality at Sandilong Creek.

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Background information:

The Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is a statutory authority established to ensure that natural resources in the region are managed in an integrated and ecologically sustainable way. Its work is based on science and delivered through meaningful partnerships with local organisations such as Landcare, community groups, and government agencies in the Victorian Mallee.

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