

Millewa Community Update

More fish and more fishing at Wallpolla!

Thousands of golden perch fingerlings are now at home in Wallpolla Island's Horseshoe Billabong as part of efforts to get more fish, and more fishing, back on Country.

The restocking is the result of a partnership between Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA), Victorian Fisheries

Authority (VFA) and the First People of the Millewa Mallee Aboriginal Corporation. The fish came from the VFA's Arcadia native fish hatchery and were relocated to the local wetland through funding from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust.

The fingerlings can now grow out in this thriving wetland before being ready to challenge local anglers!



Above Images: Horseshoe Fish Relocation

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Minor works are underway to improve the way environmental water is delivered to six sites across Lindsay Island, Ned's Corner and Wallpolla Island.

These sites are:

- Scotties Billabong
- Snake Lagoon
- Websters Lagoon
- Musk Duck
- Woolshed Creek
- Robertson Wetland

Works involve installing culverts and small earthen levees to ensure wetlands can be watered efficiently and effectively. Without these works, temporary levees have to be built and removed each time a wetland is watered.

These works will also mean less long-term impacts on the cultural and environmental values of these wetlands, reducing the cost associated with watering. These structures have been designed not to impede natural flood events (flows).

Construction will take place from June to December 2026.



Be involved in the future of Mallee waterways

Locals across the Mallee are being asked to have input into how the region's rivers, creeks, lakes, wetlands and adjoining floodplains will be managed over the next 10 years.

By completing a quick online survey, people can directly influence how the Mallee Waterway Strategy is updated.

The Mallee Waterway Strategy (MWS) is updated every 10 years. To date, the current renewal process has involved a review of the MWS 2015-2022 and the 2024 addendum. Subsequent steps will include the development of regional outcomes, clarifying waterway values and threats, confirming priority areas and developing management directions.

The renewed MWS will build on the region's achievements and have an increased emphasis on:

- respecting and acknowledging Aboriginal culture and recognising Aboriginal peoples' rights, obligations and role in caring for Country;
- incorporating Traditional Owner self-determined content, including outcomes, priorities and management directions;
- inclusion of social, recreational and economic values in planning;
- considering the impacts of climate change and climate adaptation.

Have Your Say

To provide your feedback on wetland and waterway values, complete the survey at:

[Have Your Say - Environmental watering and the Mallee Waterway Strategy Survey](#)



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners, Aboriginal communities and organisations of the Victorian Mallee. We recognize the diversity of their cultures and the deep connections they have with their lands and waters. We value partnerships with them for the health of People and Country. We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging; and recognize the primacy of Traditional Owners' obligations, rights and responsibilities to use and care for their traditional lands and water.

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