

# Position Description

Position title:	Citizen Science Coordinator
Reports to:	Manager Community and Relationships
Location:	Huntly
Classification:	Band 7
Employment status:	Full Time or Part-time, 12-month
Hours:	

## About the North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA)

The North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is the lead natural resource management (NRM) agency in north central Victoria. Our vision is for sustainably managed land, water and biodiversity resources that support productive and prosperous communities now and in the future. Our Mission is that we create natural resource management partnerships and programs that deliver lasting change.

We achieve this through:

- Connecting natural resource management activities;
- Enabling active communities and;
- Supporting sound decisions with knowledge.

We pride ourselves on integrating community values in the planning and coordination of land, water and biodiversity management. To achieve this, we strive to provide a workplace and work practices that embrace and reflect the diversity of our community and support inclusion and participation by everyone. This is supported by a workplace culture built on respect that is inclusive, adaptive and agile.

### Our culture

The North Central CMA's trademark is "*We are knowledgeable, engaging and reliable*". We achieve this through our commitment to the following behaviours across all areas of our organisation:

- Seek to understand
- Be honest and take responsibility
- See something, do something
- Show respect
- Actively engage

The foundation of North Central CMA's success is in the behaviours, knowledge and skills of our people. To maintain and exceed current levels of success and to chart our future direction with confidence, it is essential that we continue to employ people who are aligned to our trademark and can commit to these behaviours. Together with the appropriate skills and experience, this commitment is required to become a dedicated and valued member of our team.

## Our operating environment

The principal statutory obligations of the North Central CMA are prescribed in the Victorian Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 and Water Act 1989. The core function of the North Central CMA is the delivery of our accountabilities under the *Catchment and Land Protection Act and Water Act 1994*, which primarily include; Regional planning and coordination; Regional delivery; Statutory functions under Part 10 of the Water Act 1989; and Statutory functions under Part 77 of the Water Act 1989.

The North Central CMA is principally responsible for protecting and improving the health of the region's natural resources in-line with the North Central Regional Catchment Strategy (RCS) and its approved plans and sub-strategies, and delivering on its statutory responsibilities for waterway, rural drainage and floodplain management.

The North Central CMA's strategic direction is guided by Victorian and Australian Government policies including: Our Catchments, Our Communities; Water for Victoria; Protecting Victoria's Environment-biodiversity 2036; Victorian Waterway Management Strategy; Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy; Victorian Climate Change Framework; Living Murray Program and National Landcare Program.

The North Central CMA comprises a Board, which is directly responsible for strategic direction and which has final responsibility for the functions of the Authority.

## Position objective

This position plays an important role within the North Central CMA and is accountable for delivering projects to protect and enhance NRM assets within the region, with a strong focus on strategic partnership development and leading the CMAs citizen science and education programs including managing the Citizen Science team.

## Core responsibilities and duties

- Lead the development, delivery, and evaluation of citizen science-based community engagement and education programs to engage the regions community and improve the organisations knowledge base.
- Establish and maintain relationships with key partners and stakeholders in the delivery of projects (internally and externally), including collaboration with external delivery partners. This includes; the ability to leverage project/program funding; and co-delivery of activities with partners.
- Engage with the community (including the indigenous community) to improve understanding and input into the development and delivery of NRM projects.
- Plan the delivery of, and deliver, community engagement activities to enable citizen science activities by the community. Including supporting the North Central CMAs volunteer networks (such as Water Watch).
- Establish and undertake monitoring of key project deliverables (including budgetary monitoring) and key resource condition changes throughout the life of projects.

- Develop and monitor completion of support and monitoring plans for the region, with a focus on citizen science, aligned with key organisation strategies and plans (such as Water for Victoria and the Regional Catchment Strategy). This will include the development, implementation, review and monitoring of the North Central Water Watch and Citizen Science Action Plan.
- Develop opportunities for collaborative projects and leveraging funding outside traditional NRM initiatives.
- Leveraging citizen science programs to support opportunities for Aboriginal self-determination.
- Contribute to and lead where required key planning and research projects to improve understanding of the condition of the catchment and threatening processes.
- As required, provide leadership, direction, and management to positions such as Project Officers and Catchment Restoration Officers. They may also have responsibility for supervision of school-based trainees and students on placement.

### **Qualifications**

An appropriate tertiary qualification from one of the following: Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management, Agriculture or a related discipline, along with extensive relevant experience in the management of projects and/or programs related to natural resource management.

### **Key selection criteria**

- Demonstrated experience and skills in the successful delivery of large and/or complex NRM projects, evidencing strong project management skills including planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Experience with citizen science projects is highly advantageous.
- An ability to cooperatively and collaboratively solve problems, negotiate innovative solutions to difficult tasks and develop and improve effective partnerships with a range of colleagues, community members, Traditional Owners and other partners or stakeholders to achieve NRM outcomes.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills including ability to prepare clear and concise assessments and reports suitable for communication to a range of stakeholders, including government and community. It is highly desirable that the applicant possesses good public presentation skills.
- Demonstrated experience in strategic planning and coordination related to natural resource management and community partnerships.
- Proven organisational skills with the ability to set priorities and achieve objectives within timeline and budget constraints.

### **Other position requirements**

- An appreciation of Federal, State and regional water and environmental policies and strategies is desirable.

- A thorough understanding and awareness of North Central CMA objectives within broader Government policy as it relates to natural resource management.
- Knowledge of EEO and OH&S principles and practices as they apply in the Victorian Public Service.
- The incumbent requires the ability to regularly travel to areas within, but not limited to, the North Central region.

## Relationships

Reports to:	Manager Community and Relationships
Responsible for:	Project Officer, Student on work placement, Trainees
Internal liaisons:	Other staff, Regional Engagement Committee, Board
External liaisons:	Government departments; Local government; Non-government organisations; media; Traditional Owners, community groups and volunteers; contractors and consultants; other CMA communication staff; members of the public.

## Other relevant information

### *Diversity and Inclusion*

The North Central CMA acknowledges Aboriginal Traditional Owners within the region, their rich culture and spiritual connection to Country. the contribution and interest of Aboriginal people and organisations in land and natural resource management. We value the unique skills and experience Aboriginal employees bring to our culture and our community and are committed to providing supportive career development opportunities.

The North Central CMA is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds. It is our policy to provide reasonable adjustments for persons with a disability. If you need assistance or adjustments to fully participate in the application or interview process, please contact the Human Resources Manager.

### *Flexible workplace*

We understand that life balance is an important part of our employees' lives. We offer a wide range of flexible arrangements to enable you to balance your work with other commitments and activities including family, health, study, carer responsibilities, and life/career aspirations. We provide various options such as flexible start and finishing times, working part time, job sharing, working from home and paid leave provisions that can be negotiated with your manager to help balance your personal commitments with the demands of the role.

### *Health and Safety*

Employees are required to carry out their work in accordance with health and safety legislation, and North Central CMA policies and procedures. Employees have a responsibility to exercise reasonable care to protect

their health and safety and that of others by following all reasonable health and safety instructions; reporting any incident or hazards; assist in hazard identification, risk assessment and implementation of risk controls; and use PPE provided.

People managers have responsibility to ensure those under their supervision carry out work in accordance with health and safety legislation, and North Ventral CMA policies and procedures. They must ensure health and safety policies and procedures, and risk control measures are implemented and monitored. People managers are also responsible for ensuring their staff are provided with the necessary information, instruction and training to safely and effectively carry out their jobs.

#### *Financial delegation*

The position has a financial delegation of \$25,000 in line with policy FIN002 Financial Delegations.

#### *Multi-skilling*

The purpose of a position description is to provide a job summary that can be used to assist in a number of management activities including recruitment, induction, training, performance management, job evaluation, and job design. Position descriptions are supported by, and should be read in conjunction with, other North Central CMA documents such as collective agreements, letters of appointment, lists of duties, policies and procedures, codes of practice and any other materials that provide details about what is to be achieved and how the job is to be performed. An employee may be directed to carry out such duties as are within the limit of the employee's skills, competence and training, provided that such duties do not promote a narrowing of the employee's skill base.

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#### *Privacy and Probity*

The collection and handling of applications and personal information will be consistent with the requirements of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*.

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