



Caring for the Campaspe River

Application Kit for the Caring for the Campaspe River Project Reference Group

Description of Project

The *Caring for the Campaspe River* project is the first large scale on-ground works project to be implemented; delivering river health improvements for the Campaspe River from its headwaters near Ashbourne to the Murray River at Echuca. As a key reservoir of biodiversity within the Riverina and Goldfields bioregions, the Campaspe River contains many vulnerable, threatened or depleted vegetation communities, aquatic fauna (including Murray Cod and Platypus) and threatened terrestrial species, such as the Swift Parrot and Squirrel Gilder.

The Campaspe River is listed as a flow-stressed river under the Victorian River Health Strategy (DNRE 2005). This project will complement the ongoing Environmental Water Reserve Management and current Echuca fishway project.

The overall goal of this four year project (2012/13 – 2015/16) funded by the Victorian Government through the Securing Priority Waterways program is to improve the condition of riparian vegetation leading to improvements in the aquatic and riparian ecosystem health of the Campaspe River.

The focus for 2012/13 will be a foundation year to fully develop and establish the project, engage the community and build the required relationships with riparian landholders. The project will be led by the North Central CMA in partnership with the community, Registered Aboriginal Parties, community groups/members and a range of agency stakeholders. Strategic engagement activities will help establish the foundation for project success in following years.

The specific long term target of the project is to improve the condition of 400 ha of riparian vegetation along the Campaspe River by 2016. This equates to 20% of the total riparian area (based upon a 50m buffer each side of the waterway).

At the reach (larger) scale, an incremental increase of two points will be achieved in the streamside zone sub-index of the Index of Stream Condition for each reach by 2021. To achieve this, on-ground works to be delivered include riparian protection and enhancement, i.e. fencing, revegetation, weed control and off stream watering.

Project Manager: Angela Gladman
Project Officer: Tracey Harbridge
Catchment Restoration Officer: TBA



Role of the Project Reference Group

The *Caring for the Campaspe River* Project Reference Group will provide strategic advice, information and support to the North Central CMA project team. This will help North Central CMA staff manage the project in a way that better meets community and stakeholder needs.

Membership is a voluntary (unpaid) contribution to the improvement of the local environment.

Membership should represent important stakeholder organisations as well as the broader (rural landholder) community.

See the Terms of Reference for further information.

Selection Criteria

Applicants should briefly address each of the following:

1. Demonstrated experience in natural resource management; particularly relating to riparian management
2. Comprehensive knowledge of and history of involvement with the local community within the project area
3. Demonstrated ability to make positive contributions within a committee-like process
4. Commitment to improving the health of the Campaspe River

Applications

Applications close on 25 January 2013. Your application should include full contact details, concisely addressed selection criteria and a brief explanation about why you wish to contribute through participation in this group.

Send applications:

By Email: info@nccma.vic.gov.au with subject 'Caring for the Campaspe River Project Reference Group membership application'

By Post: to North Central CMA, PO Box 18 Huntly Vic 3551 marked 'Caring for the Campaspe River Project Reference Group membership application'

Further Information

For further information please contact Trent Gibson, North Central CMA Manager on (03) 54401831 or Mobile 0428 595 898 or email trent.gibson@nccma.vic.gov.au by 25 January 2013.



Application Form

Name:

Organisation represented (if applicable):

Postal Address:

Email Address:

Contact phone numbers:

Please provide a brief response to the following selection criteria.

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