Regional Floodplain Management Strategy Mid-term Implementation Snapshot

Acknowledgment of Country

The North Central Catchment Management Authority acknowledges Aboriginal Traditional Owners within the region, their rich culture and spiritual connection to Country. We also recognise and acknowledge the contribution and interest of Aboriginal people and organisations in land and natural resource management.



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Regional Floodplain Management Strategy implementation the first five years

44% of priority actions complete or in progress.

Close to \$7 million investment directly linked to workplan actions has been secured in the region.

Planning Scheme amendments completed for **10** townships.

Significant investment secured for flood mitigation infrastructure design and construction including:

- Levee construction underway at Carisbrook, Castlemaine and Campbells Creek.
- · Levee construction complete at Donald.

Rapid Flood Risk Assessments covering
21 locations complete.

Funding secured to deliver Rapid Flood Risk Assessments covering **11** locations and flood studies at **4** locations. North Central Regional Floodplain Management Strategy ^{2018–2028}



The next five years of implementation will be guided by the Regional Workplans

- 141 actions:
- 73 High Priority
- 45 Medium Priority
- 23 Low Priority



Background and introduction

The North Central Regional Floodplain Management Strategy 2018-2028 (RFMS) was developed in 2018 to apply policies, actions, and accountabilities of the Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy at a regional and local scale over the ten-year life of the strategy.

Regional Floodplain Management Strategies were a priority action of the <u>Victorian Floodplain</u> <u>Management Strategy</u> which was developed in 2016.

The RFMS (strategy) was developed by the North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) in partnership with the region's fourteen Local Government Authorities (LGAs), water corporations, Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES), Traditional Owners, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Parks Victoria, Department of Transport and Planning, Bureau of Meteorology, and local communities. The strategy provides a single, regional planning document for floodplain management for the North Central CMA region including to guide investment priorities.

Strategy implementation is at the mid-way point. This snapshot report offers a summary of progress including achievements and challenges during implementation.

An updated regional workplan is included as part of this report to guide future investment and delivery of regional priorities over the next five years of the strategy.

Our collective vision for floodplain management in the region is one where north central Victorian communities are aware of flooding and are actively taking measures to manage their flood risks to minimise the consequences to life, property, community wellbeing, the economy and the environment.

The RFMS has four objectives:

- **1** Build resilient communities through collating and sharing flood risk information.
- **2** Reduce existing flood risk by implementing and maintaining flood mitigation infrastructure.
- **3** Avoid future risk through effective strategic and statutory land use planning and building controls.
- 4 Manage residual risk by improving and coordinating flood warning and response arrangements.

Regional overview

Summary points

- The North Central CMA region covers 13% of Victoria's land area.
- More than 780,000 hectares or over 25% of the region is subject to inundation from a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) flood event.
- Climate change presents a significant risk for the region. Flooding is likely to be exacerbated by increased frequency and intensity of rainfall events.

The North Central CMA region covers 13% (about three million hectares) of Victoria. It comprises four inland river catchments, the Campaspe, Loddon, Avoca and Avon-Richardson. Each rise on the northern slopes of the Great Dividing Range and flow northward onto the wide, flat riverine plains of northern Victoria. The catchments form part of the Murray-Darling Basin and extend across fourteen LGAs and seven Traditional Owner groups.

The region's waterways encompass more than 100,000 km of streams and 1,600 wetlands within the region that are known for their significant economic, environmental, cultural, and social values. Flooding is a natural hazard in the region, flash flooding and riverine flooding can and has impacted many populated communities.

More than 780,000 hectares, or 25%, of rural and urban land across the region, under both public and private ownership, is subject to inundation by a 1% AEP (i.e., a 1-in-100-year average recurrence interval) flood.

A Changing Climate

Impacts from climate change to weather patterns are a reality for the region.

This presents a significant bearing to flood risk and the consideration of climate change in planning and flood response is no longer negotiable. Since the development of the strategy, climate change research and scientific evidence about its current and future impacts is more definitive. Recent updates to <u>Australian Rainfall and Runoff, 2019</u> reflect this.

Flood risks in the region are likely to be exacerbated by increased frequency and intensity of rainfall events. The latest scientific information should now be consistently and transparently applied to all new and updated flood studies and flood modelling and subsequently through planning scheme amendments. The updated workplan reflects this, with several actions to update existing flood studies with climate change scenario modelling to inform future flood planning and response across the region.

Strategy implementation

The strategy and its regional workplan were developed and are implemented in collaboration with local communities and agencies with flood emergency management functions. The regional workplan identifies actions for implementation. It provides guidance and direction for all agencies with floodplain management functions, including local councils, VICSES and CMAs, to align priorities and maximise community benefits with available funding.

Funding

Significant funding, in the order of \$6.8 million, directly linked to workplan actions was secured in the region in the first five years of the strategy implementation.

This includes:

- More than \$3 million to support projects linked to priority actions in the workplan over the past five years through the Risk and Resilience Grants Program.
- More than \$3 million of National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program funding to support large flood mitigation projects at Carisbrook and Castlemaine and Campbells Creek.

The delivery of actions is not guaranteed and is dependent on available funding, resources, and the lead agency's ability to deliver. Funding to implement actions outlined in the workplan is typically secured through local or state and federal government investment through grants or other funding opportunities when they arise.

To date, the main source of investment has been the Risk and Resilience Grant Scheme which is administered by Emergency Management Victoria and is funded by one third contribution between federal and state governments and the lead agency. Significant funding has also been obtained through the federal government's National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program for large mitigation projects including the Carisbrook township western levee and the Castlemaine and Campbells Creek levees.

Opportunistic funding has provided additional resources to deliver projects that directly link to priority actions in the regional workplan including the federally funded Central Goldfields Flood Mapping Project through the Preparing Australian Communities Grant.

Lead agencies in the North Central CMA region have been proactive and successful in securing funding to deliver priority actions outlined in the regional workplan. This has supported implementation with 44% or 86 of the initial priority actions complete or with funding secured and in progress.

The spring 2022 flood event and the RFMS

Large, widespread, and sustained flooding occurred across the North Central CMA region from mid-October 2022. These floods were catchment wide, impacting the Loddon, Avoca, Avon Richardson, and Campaspe catchments as well as the Murray River. Flash flooding impacted towns in the upper catchments and riverine flooding impacted many townships in the region and large areas of rural land along these floodplains.

For some areas, the floods were the largest on record with devastating impacts for communities such as Rochester. Only ten years prior Rochester was impacted by then record-breaking floods. The impacts of climate change are now very real for the region and must be considered in all flood planning and response.

The spring 2022 floods highlighted the importance of strategy implementation including recognition that work undertaken by various stakeholders between floods makes a difference to flood preparedness and response. Overall communities within the North Central CMA region were better positioned to respond to the floods of spring 2022 when compared with flooding of 2010-2011. This can be attributed to investment in flood studies, mitigation planning and infrastructure across the region.

Recent flooding has highlighted the importance of continuing the critical work that helps our region and its communities respond to and plan for the next flood event.

The mid-term review includes key learnings from the recent floods that have helped refresh priorities for the region.

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Indicative October 2022 flood extent across the North Central CMA region

- Main Towns
 - North Central CMA
 - Indicative Flood Extent

Kilometers 30



Implementation challenges

Implementation of the strategy has been challenging for lead agencies particularly local government. Local government bodies have a limited rate base and ability to raise revenue to invest in actions which will deliver new flood studies, new flood mitigation infrastructure and/or new community services.

The main source of funding to support the delivery of actions, the Risk and Resilience Grants, requires a one third co-contribution by the lead agency. For local government, and other lead agencies, providing this one third contribution to support the delivery of projects has been challenging therefore some high priority actions have not progressed.

In addition, there have been significant staff shortages in various skill sets such as planning, building, and engineering in recent years. This has further reduced the capacity of local government bodies to deliver extra projects while undertaking business-as-usual activities within existing resource constraints. Despite this, collaboration between lead and supporting agencies has helped overcome some constraints. For example, North Central CMA in its implementation role has supported a number of LGAs to overcome resourcing and funding challenges by assisting with the preparation of applications, project scopes and the project management of some projects including flood mapping projects.

It is important to note that LGAs resourcing and funding challenges could be compounded over the next five years of the strategy implementation. This is partly due to many of the region's municipalities being severely impacted by recent flooding and now being in a flood recovery stage. It could be difficult for lead agencies to deliver actions in the strategy and the need for further innovation and efficiency will be required.

A more efficient approach to flood mapping projects through Rapid Flood Risk Projects

In 2020 North Central CMA delivered the Rapid Flood Risk Assessment project which was co-funded by the federal and state governments through the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme (NDRGS). This project enabled the development of flood mapping and the assessment of the flood risk for 21 townships across eight municipalities in the region. These townships were identified through extensive consultation with local councils, VICSES, relevant agencies and local communities through the development of the Regional Floodplain Management Strategy. Although these townships were generally recognised as having some level of flood risk, considered independently they would have been unlikely to warrant a detailed flood study. Therefore, the Rapid Flood Risk Assessment project was proposed as an efficient and cost-effective approach for producing robust flood information for multiple geographical locations within the typical time and budget of a single detailed study.

This project addressed approximately 25% of the flood study actions identified in the regional workplan. Furthermore, the information is also essential to inform land use and development planning, improve emergency management planning and response through the incorporation of flood intelligence, and prioritise townships which warrant further detailed mitigation studies to address the identified flood risk.

Due to the success of this project, a second Rapid Flood Risk Assessment project was funded in 2022 through the Risk and Resilience Grants Program, covering eight townships and three larger rural areas.

Figure: **An example of the output mapping from a Rapid Flood Risk Assessment at Korong Vale.**



Achievements

Summary points

- The regional workplan identified and prioritised 194 actions.
- 53 actions complete.

- 33 actions currently in progress with funding secured.
- In summary, 44% or 86 priority actions are complete or in progress.

Regional priority	Key achievements	Actions complete
Priority One: Update planning controls to reflect the best available information.	 Flood related Planning Scheme Amendments complete: Carisbrook and Dunolly- Central Goldfields Shire Creswick and Clunes - Hepburn Shire Council Castlemaine, Campbells Creek, and Chewton - Mount Alexander Shire Charlton and Donald - Buloke Shire Heathcote - City of Greater Bendigo 	7
Priority Two: Construct new flood mitigation infrastructure, resolving ownership and maintenance accountabilities, and improving floodplain function.	Complete: - Quambatook flood mitigation levee In progress: - Carisbrook flood mitigation works - Castlemaine and Campbells Creek flood mitigation works - Koondrook levee design - Detailed assessment and investigation Epsom-Huntly levees - St Arnaud Flood Study detailed design of recommended mitigation actions	10
Priority Three: Address gaps in flood knowledge through flood mapping projects.	Complete: - Rapid Flood Risk Assessment project covering 21 locations. - Upper and lower Avoca flood mapping In progress: - Echuca, Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study - Harcourt Flood Study - Korong Vale Flood Study - St Arnaud Flood Study - Rapid Flood Risk Assessment project covering 11 locations	23
Priority Four: Improve preparedness for flood emergencies.	Complete: - Automated Gauge for Donald - Updated flood prediction service for Charlton - Installation of gauge board for Creswick - Resilient Rochester	12
Priority Five: Educate agencies and individuals on the roles and responsibilities in floodplain management.	Business as usual - Delivery of communication plan and educational and/or promotional collateral regarding floodplain and waterway management policies, accountabilities, and actions.	1
Priority Six: Incorporate Traditional Owner knowledge into floodplain management activities.	This priority remains a focus: - A grant application submitted for a project in Gannawarra Shire, however the submission was unsuccessful in securing funding.	0
Priority Seven: Create a flood-resilient transport network.	This priority remains a focus: - A grant application submitted for a project identifying key transport routes however the submission was unsuccessful in securing funding.	0
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Improvements to flood warning and mitigation

Levees and other mitigation work constructed since the 2010-11 flood events mitigated flooding in October 2022 for several townships including Charlton, Quambatook, and Donald.

The flood at Charlton was slightly greater in magnitude than the September 2010 flood event, which resulted in approximately 70-80 properties experiencing over floor inundation. However, the flood impacts were far less during the October 2022 flood event, with less than five properties inundated over floor. This was due to improvements undertaken by Buloke Shire Council including drainage upgrades, construction of a floodway and a low-level levee bank as well as alterations to impediments in the floodplain.

> Photo: Members of the project steering committee for the Donald Flood Management Plan walking along a completed section of the Donald Township Levee, 2017.

Updated regional workplan

Summary points

- A review of the regional workplan has resulted in 141 actions prioritised for completion over the next five years.
- The flood events of spring 2022 have identified new priorities.
- Several actions have been consolidated to improve efficiency.
- Several existing flood studies are a decade old and require updates to include climate change scenario modelling and modelling larger magnitude flood events.



Photo: VICSES and community volunteers working together during the Spring 2022 floods. Photo Credit: VICSES – Castlemaine Unit At the half-way mark of the 10-year strategy, a review of the workplan was undertaken with lead agencies. The review provided an opportunity for lead agencies to review their actions in the workplan, provide updates and reprioritise to ensure actions are appropriate for the next five years of the strategy. Recent flood events, such as spring 2022, have highlighted new priorities, that have also been included in the updated workplan through this review process.

Priorities have shifted in some instances and several actions are consolidated or removed as they are no longer a priority.

There are now 141 total actions in the regional workplan, each aligning with regional priorities and objectives of the RFMS. Each action is prioritised, has a lead agency, and estimated costs (high, medium, and low) included.

There are 52 new actions identified in the regional workplan including:

- The consolidation of previous actions into projects that are better defined, targeted and/ or larger in scale to improve efficiency in delivery and project management.
- New flood studies and updates to existing flood studies.
- Next step or follow on projects resulting from the completion of initial scoping and design or flood studies i.e., mitigation works/construction, planning scheme amendments or more detailed flood studies.

Delivery of all actions over the next five years is dependent on available funding, resources, and the lead agency's ability to deliver.



Summary of total Regional Workplan Actions for the next five years

Regional priority	Total actions	In progress	Not yet started
Update planning controls to reflect the best available information	30	4	26
Construct new flood mitigation infrastructure, resolving ownership and maintenance accountabilities, and improving floodplain function	37	9	28
Address gaps in flood knowledge through flood mapping projects	41	18	23
Improve preparedness for flood emergencies	21	2	19
Educate agencies and individuals on the roles and responsibilities in floodplain management	This is n	ow business as	s usual.
Incorporate Traditional Owner knowledge into floodplain management activities	2	0	2
Create a flood-resilient transport system	10	0	10
Total	141	33	108



Addressing gaps in flood knowledge through flood mapping projects

Flood studies completed since 2011 have provided valuable mapping and intelligence for dozens of towns in our region. This allowed for a much better prepared and effective response in supporting the lead agency for flooding, the Victorian State Emergency Service (VICSES) during the recent flood event. Further studies have been included in the workplan review to extend the available information, review, and update existing studies, include climate change scenario modelling, and consider recent flooding.

An update to the Rochester Flood Management Plan, 2013 is a new, high priority action in the workplan in response to recent record-breaking floods.

The Rochester community was devastated by the October 2022 flood event; despite improved flood warnings, education and information following the 2011 flood event and the communities' best efforts to be prepared in the days leading up to the floods. The flood was substantially larger than the previous record-breaking flood of January 2011. It exceeded all previously modelled floods including the 0.5% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) or 1 in 200year Average Recurrence Interval (ARI) flood by 300 mm at the Rochester Town Gauge. Initial predictions indicate this flood was far greater than the 1 in 500year ARI flood event.

Prior to this recent flood, Rochester experienced significant flooding from the Campaspe River just over a decade earlier in January 2011. The January 2011 flood was the largest recorded flood at the time, impacting 80% of the town and was in the order of a 1% AEP flood or 1 in 100-year ARI flood event.

There is now an urgent need to better understand the flood risk for Rochester for the full range of flood events, modelling must also include climate change scenarios and updated flood mapping to inform flood planning and response. It will also be vital to revisit potential mitigation options for the town. This is now included as a new, high priority action in the regional workplan.



Appendix 1: Regional workplan

Table 1: Regional workplan priorities and actions for theNorth Central Regional Floodplain Management Strategy

Status^ Key	X Existing priority, not yet started
Ca No longer a priority	Existing priority, in progress
Ca New priority, not yet started	✓ Completed



Region	al Priority 1:			Update planning controls to reflect the best available information								
Unique ID	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^		
101	Regional	Pl	R.101	North Central CMA	LGAs, DEECA	Identify and coordinate a region-wide collaborative approach to updating planning schemes.	Medium	1-2 years	High	Δ		
102	Ballarat	Pl	CoB.101	City of Ballarat	North Central CMA	Extend the Environmental Significance Overlay to all waterways within the North Central CMA boundaries of the City of Ballarat.	Low	4+ years	Low	×		
103	Bendigo	Pl	CGB.101	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Heathcote.		~				
104	Bendigo	Pl	CGB.102	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Marong.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳		
105	Bendigo	P1	CGB.103	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Update planning controls from rural flood studies (e.g., Axe Creek, Campaspe River, Bullock Creek).	Low	1-2 years	High	×		
106	Bendigo	Pl	CGB.104	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Update planning controls after flood mitigation works have been implemented.	Low	4+ years	Low	×		
107	Buloke	P1	B.101	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Charlton.	~					



Update planning controls to reflect the best available information

Unique ID	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^	
108	Buloke	Pl	B.102	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Donald.	~				
149	Buloke	Pl	B.106	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Update flood related planning controls for Buloke Shire upon completion of flood studies.	Low	Low 3-4 years Medium			
112	Campaspe	Pl	C.101	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Rochester.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳	
114	Campaspe	Pl	C.103	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Review and update existing planning controls and schedules for Campaspe Shire.	Low	1-2 years	Medium	×	
115	Campaspe	Pl	C.104	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Echuca.	Low	1-2 years	Medium	×	
116	Campaspe	Pl	C.105	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls from rural flood studies (e.g. Mount Hope Creek, Campaspe River, Mount Pleasant Creek).	Low	×			
117	Central Goldfields	Pl	CG.101	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Maryborough.	Low	1-2 years	High	×	
118	Central Goldfields	Pl	CG.102	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Carisbrook.		~			
119	Central Goldfields	P1	CG.103	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Dunolly.	~				
120	Central Goldfields	P1	CG.104	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls from rural flood studies (e.g. Bealiba, Timor-Bowenvale).	Low	3-4 years	Medium	×	
150	Gannawarra	P1	G.105	Gannawarra Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a Shire Wide Planning Scheme Amendment.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C	



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125	Hepburn	Pl	H.101	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Creswick and Clunes.	✓			
126	Hepburn	P1	H.102	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Trentham.	Low	Low 3-4 years Medium		
148	Hepburn	P1	H.103	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Glenlyon.	Low	1-2 years	High	C
151	Loddon	P1	L.106	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a Shire Wide Planning Scheme Amendment.	Low	1-2 years	High	C
132	Macedon Ranges	Pl	MR.101	Macedon Ranges Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Woodend.	Low	1-2 years	High	×
133	Mount Alexander	P1	MAS.101	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Newstead.	Low	1-2 years	High	×
134	Mount Alexander	P1	MAS.102	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Harcourt.	Low	1-2 years	High	×
135	Mount Alexander	P1	MAS.103	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls from rural flood studies (e.g., Campbells Creek (rural) and Muckleford Creek).	Low	3-4 years	Medium	×
136	Mount Alexander	P1	MAS.104	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Maldon.	Low	4+ years	Low	×
137	Mount Alexander	P1	MAS.105	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Castlemaine, Campbells Creek, and Chewton.	~			
138	Northern Grampians	P1	NG.101	Northern Grampians Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for St Arnaud.	Low	1-2 years	High	×
139	Northern Grampians	P1	NG.102	Northern Grampians Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Richardson River and Avon River catchments.	Low	4+ years	Low	×

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140	Northern Grampians	P1	NG.103	Northern Grampians Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for the Avoca River.	Low	3-4 years	Medium	×
146	Northern Grampians	P1	NG.104	Northern Grampians Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Marnoo.	Low	1-2 years	High	C≣
141	Pyrenees	P1	P.101	Pyrenees Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Avoca, Amphitheatre and Natte Yallock.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳
142	Pyrenees	P1	P.102	Pyrenees Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Lexton.	Low	1-2 years	High	×
143	Pyrenees	P1	P.103	Pyrenees Shire	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Waubra.	Low	4+ years	Low	×
144	Swan Hill	P1	SH.101	Swan Hill Rural City	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Tyntynder Flats, Swan Hill, Pental Island and Woorinen.	Low	1-2 years	High	×
145	Swan Hill	Pl	SH.102	Swan Hill Rural City	North Central CMA	Update planning controls for Lower Loddon and Avoca floodplains, based on regional flood mapping.	Low	1-2 years	High	×

Construct new flood mitigation infrastructure; resolving ownership and maintenance accountabilities; and improving floodplain function

Unique ID	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^
203	Regional	P2	R.203	North Central CMA	LGAs	 Investigate the current situation and potential future options for improved floodplain function in identified areas, including but not limited to: The lakes system from Kerang to the Little Murray River outfall (including investigation of 6/7 Channel, the Washpen Creek and levees and the Sheepwash Creek and levees). Investigate installation of regulating structure on Sheepwash Creek): Lake Meran and surrounds, including outlet structure an floodway. The Avoca River downstream of Quambatook, particularly Hogan's Weir and Farley's Weir, diverting flows to Sandhill Lake, Lake Lookout and the Back Creek, and issues with flooding over the Kerang-Quambatook Road. Additional sites identified in consultation with the community. 	Medium	1-2 years	High	×
244	Regional	P2	R.204	North Central CMA	LGAs	Investigate drainage course declarations in areas of high residual water risk.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C≣
245	Regional	P2	R.205	North Central CMA	LGAs	Identify and investigate ring levees for houses where appropriate.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C≣
250	Regional	P2	R.206	North Central CMA	LGAs & VICSES	Deliver Levees: Flood readiness and response strategies project.	High	1-2 years	High	C≣
204	Bendigo	P2	CGB.201	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA, DEECA, Parks Vic	Formalise management arrangements for Bendigo Creek Levee Stage One: Undertake flood modelling.		~		
251	Bendigo	P2	CGB.204	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA, DEECA, Parks Vic	Formalise management arrangements Bendigo Creek Levee Stage Two: Detailed design.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳



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252	Bendigo	P2	CGB.205	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA, DEECA, Parks Vic	Formalise management arrangements Bendigo Creek Levee Stage Three: Construction.	High	3-4 years	Medium	C	
241	Bendigo	P2	CGB.203	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA, DEECA, Parks Vic, Vic Track	Complete detailed design and construction of Racecourse Creek Levee and formalise ongoing management and maintenance arrangements.	High	1-2 years	High	C	
205	Bendigo	P2	CGB.202	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA, DEECA, Parks Vic	Formalise management arrangements for the constructed (lined) section of Bendigo Creek.	~				
206	Buloke	P2	B.201	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Determine community support and finan- cial viability for constructing Charlton flood mitigation levee treatments and associated works (this may include improvements to town drainage to ensure the integrity of the levees).		~			
239	Buloke	P2	B.203	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Investigate and design works to reduce the risk and frequency of flooding in Charlton including reinstating natural flow paths to the east of Charlton.	Medium	1-2 years	High	C	
240	Buloke	P2	B.204	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Construct community supported works to reduce the risk/frequency of flooding in Charlton.	High	3-4 years	Medium	C	
242	Buloke	P2	B.205	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Develop a waterway management plan for the Lower Avoca River.	Low	3-4 years	Medium	C	
247	Buloke	P2	B.206	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Upgrade Donald Levee to include demountable sections on Donald Levee to replace the existing earthen fill sections.	High	1-2 years	High	C	
208	Campaspe	P2	C.201	North Central CMA	Campaspe Shire, Gannawarra Shire	Investigate the future of the Torrumbarry levees and define permitted works and ongoing management arrangements.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×	
209	Campaspe	P2	C.202	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake feasibility assessment for identified flood mitigation works at Rochester as per Rochester Flood Management Plan 2013.		~			

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210	Campaspe	P2	C.203	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Invest in mobile pumps for flood water management.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×	
211	Campaspe	P2	C.204	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Upgrade flood valves around Echuca and Rochester to an automated system.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×	
213	Central Goldfields	P2	CG.202	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake ongoing management of drains through Carisbrook.	✓ and now business as usual				
214	Central Goldfields	P2	CG.203	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA, DEECA	Develop an agreed waterway management plan for the urban area of Carisbrook.		~			
215	Central Goldfields	P2	CG.204	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Complete implementation of flood mitigation works at Carisbrook. This includes: (1) western floodway and levee to divert overland flows to the west of the township, (2) a smaller levee near Williams Road to divert additional overland flow into McCallums Creek, and (3) a non-return valve on culverts under Landrigan Rd near Camp St.	High	1-2 years	High	۵	
216	Central Goldfields	P2	CG.205	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Design and construct priority flood mitigation works as per Dunolly Flood Investigation 2014.		~			
217	Gannawarra	P2	G.201	Gannawarra Shire	North Central CMA	Design and construct priority flood mitigation works as outlined in the Quambatook Flood Management Plan 2013.		~			
219	Gannawarra	P2	G.203	North Central CMA	Gannawarra Shire	Investigate community's desire and willingness for ongoing management of levees along the Murray River, Pyramid Creek, Gunbower Forest and Loddon River. Implement ongoing management arrangements.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×	
243	Gannawarra	P2	G.204	Gannawarra Shire	North Central CMA	Complete design and construction of Koondrook levee upgrade.	High	1-2 years	High	Ċ≣	
246	Gannawarra	P2	G.205	Gannawarra Shire	North Central CMA	Investigate mitigation options for Golf Links Estate Cohuna.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C	

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248	Gannawarra	P2	G.206	Gannawarra Shire	DTP	Undertake an investigation into the potential flood mitigation benefit of a low level weir on the Loddon River to divert water around Kerang via a third bridge over the Murray Valley Highway.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	Ċ≣
220	Hepburn	P2	H.201	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake further investigations into the local drainage issues and potential stormwater mitigation works for Clunes.	Low	3-4 years	Medium	×
221	Hepburn	P2	H.202	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a detailed investigation into drainage issues in Creswick.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×
222	Hepburn	P2	Н.203	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake ongoing management of drains through Creswick and Clunes.	Low	Ongoing - as required	High	×
223	Hepburn	P2	Н.204	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Review of Clunes Flood Mitigation and Urban Drainage Plan. Further investigate and provide opportunity for the community to comment on levee options.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×
224	Hepburn	P2	H.205	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Develop a levee management system (maintenance plan) for the Creswick levees and associated drainage infrastructure.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳
225	Loddon	P2	L.201	North Central CMA	Loddon Shire	Review Serpentine to Boort floodplain Management Plan, including an extension of the plan to include floodways and road crossings in the Yando area, and to include a review of the impacts of changes to the Flume Creek bridge on Boort-Pyramid Road (near Durham Ox).	Medium	4+ years	Low	×
226	Loddon	P2	L.202	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Investigate protection of old Inglewood Reservoir.		~		



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227	Loddon	P2	L.203	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Construct mitigation works at Pyramid Hill.	High	3-4 years	Medium	⊳
228	Loddon	P2	L.204	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Construct mitigation works at Serpentine.	High	4+ years	Low	×
229	Loddon	P2	L.205	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Construct mitigation works at Boort.	High	1-2 years	High	⊳
249	Loddon	P2	L.206	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Implement recommended mitigation options from Korong Vale Flood Study.	High	3-4 years	Medium	Ċ≣
230	Macedon Ranges	P2	MR.201	Macedon Ranges Shire	North Central CMA	Develop a levee management system (maintenance plan) for the Woodend levee.	Low	1-2 years	High	×
231	Macedon Ranges	P2	MR.202	Macedon Ranges Shire	North Central CMA	Complete construction of Woodend Detention dam.		~		
232	Mount Alexander	P2	MAS.201	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Implement recommended mitigation options of Castlemaine, Campbells Creek and Chewton flood Management Plan (levees and minor creek improvement works).	High	1-2 years	High	۵
233	Mount Alexander	P2	MAS.202	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Upgrade and resolve ownership and maintenance arrangements for Newstead levee.	High	1-2 years	High	×
241	Mount Alexander	P2	MAS.203	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Upgrade and resolve ownership, management and maintenance arrangements for gates and pumps associated with the Newstead levee.	Medium	1-2 years	High	C
234	Northern Grampians	P2	NG.201	Northern Grampians Shire	North Central CMA	Implement recommended mitigation options from St Arnaud Flood Study.	High	1-2 years	High	⊳

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236	Northern Grampians	P2	NG.203	North Central CMA	Northern Grampians Shire	Investigate reconnecting natural flood flows to Lake Batyo Catyo.	Medium	1-2 years	High	Δ
237	Swan Hill	P2	SH.201	North Central CMA	Swan Hill Rural City	Investigate community's desire and willingness for ongoing management of Pental Island levees and Pental Island floodway. Implement ongoing management arrangements.	Medium	1-2 years	High	Δ
238	Swan Hill	P2	SH.202	North Central CMA	Swan Hill Rural City, GMW	Investigate community's desire and willingness for ongoing management of Little Murray River levees, Tyntynder Flats levees, Avoca Floodway and Avoca Outfall. Implement ongoing management arrangements.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×

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Unique ID	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^
301	Regional	P3	R.301	DEECA	North Central CMA	Complete regional flood mapping for Lower Loddon and Lower Avoca.	Medium	1-2 years	High	⊳
303	Bendigo	P3	CGB.301	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood mitigation study for the Bendigo urban area.		~		
304	Bendigo	P3	CGB.302	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Undertake a high-level gap analysis of rural flood mapping in City of Greater Bendigo region.	Low	4+ years	Low	×
305	Bendigo	P3	CGB.303	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Redesdale.	~			

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306	Bendigo	P3	CGB.304	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood mitigation study for the Bendigo urban area.	Medium	4+ years	Low	
307	Bendigo	Ρ3	CGB.305	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood mitigation study for the Kangaroo Flat/Golden Square area, considering climate change scenarios (when available) and revised Australian Rainfall and Runoff guidance. The study will consider best practice advocated by Australian Rainfall and Runoff, and any updated information from CSIRO or other agencies to improve regional estimates of climate change impacts.		~		
308	Bendigo	Ρ3	CGB.306	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Future review of the Bendigo Urban Flood Study to consider climate change scenarios (when available) and revised Australian Rainfall and Runoff guidance. The review will consider best practice advocated by Australian Rainfall and Runoff, and (updated) information from CSIRO or other agencies to improved regional estimates of climate change impacts.		~		
309	Bendigo	P3	CGB.307	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Marong.		~		
366	Bendigo	P3	CGB.308	City of Greater Bendigo	North Central CMA	Heathcote Flood Study update.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C
370	Bendigo	P3	CGB.309	North Central CMA	North Central CMA	Undertake shire based regional mapping for areas not currently mapped.	Medium 3-4 years Medium			C
313	Buloke	P3	B.304	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study, including irrigation channel and informal levees, for Tyrrell Creek.	✓			
314	Buloke	P3	B.305	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study, including irrigation channel and informal levees, for Lalbert Creek.	~			

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316	Buloke	P3	B.307	Buloke Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study, including irrigation channel and informal levees, for Mosquito Creek/North-East floodplains Stream.		~				
362	Buloke	Ρ3	B.309	Buloke Shire	Buloke Shire	 Undertake Shire wide flood modelling project that includes: Regional mapping for priority areas not currently mapped. Update of detailed flood modelling for Charlton and Donald. Detailed flood mapping for Wycheproof. Investigation into the impact of channel decommissioning. 	High	1-2 years	High	Ċ≣		
318	Campaspe	P3	C.301	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Echuca and Torrumbarry, include calibration with October 2022 flood event.	Medium	1-2 years	High	⊳		
320	Campaspe	P3	C.303	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Conduct a rapid flood risk assessment for the area between the Campaspe River and Mt Hope Creek north of Rochester to the Murray River.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	⊳		
321	Campaspe	P3	C.304	North Central CMA	Campaspe Shire	Conduct a rapid flood risk assessment for Axe Creek and Campaspe River downstream of Lake Eppalock to Rochester, and including Mt Pleasant Creek and the townships of Axedale and Elmore.	Medium	1-2 years	High	۵		
364	Campaspe	P3	C.305	Campaspe Shire	North Central CMA	Rochester Flood Management Plan update.	High	1-2 years	High	Ċ≣		
375	Campaspe	P3	C.306	North Central CMA	North Central CMA	Undertake shire based regional mapping for areas not currently mapped.	Medium	4+ years	Low	Ċ≣		
323	Central Goldfields	P3	CG.301	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake flood study for Maryborough.	Medium	1-2 years	High	⊳		
324	Central Goldfields	P3	CG.302	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment across whole of Central Goldfields Shire to determine priorities for new mapping projects.	Medium	1-2 years	High	⊳		





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325	Central Goldfields	P3	CG.303	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Bealiba.		~		
326	Central Goldfields	P3	CG.304	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Timor-Bowenvale.		~		
365	Central Goldfields	P3	CG.305	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Carisbrook Flood Study update.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	Ċ≣
376	Central Goldfields	P3	CG.306	Central Goldfields Shire	North Central CMA	Dunolly Flood Study update.	Medium	4+ years	Low	Ċ≣
327	Gannawarra	P3	G.301	Gannawarra Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a study on protection provided by Koondrook Township levee.		~		
328	Gannawarra	P3	G.302	Gannawarra Shire	North Central CMA	Investigate opportunity to produce Murray Flood Plan in partnership with NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and Murray River Council.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×
369	Gannawarra	P3	G.303	Gannawarra Shire	North Central CMA	 Gannawarra Shire Flood Modelling Project Detailed flood modelling for Cohuna and updated modelling for Quambatook. Regional mapping for priority areas not currently mapped. Investigation into the impact of channel decommissioning and other infrastructure. 	High	3-4 years	Medium	C≣
330	Hepburn	P3	H.301	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake flood study of Coomoora.		~		
331	Hepburn	P3	H.302	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Daylesford/Hepburn Springs.	~			
332	Hepburn	P3	H.303	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Newlyn North and Smeaton.	~			
333	Hepburn	P3	H.304	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Trentham.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	⊳

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367	Hepburn	P3	H.305	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Clunes Flood Study update.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C
373	Hepburn	P3	H.306	North Central CMA	North Central CMA	Undertake shire based regional mapping for areas not currently mapped.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C
377	Hepburn	P3	H.307	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Trentham.	Medium	4+ years	Low	C∎
336	Loddon	P3	L.303	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Korong Vale.		~		
338	Loddon	P3	L.305	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Tarnagulla.	Low	4+ years	Low	⊳
362	Loddon	P3	L.306	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a detailed flood study for Korong Vale.	Medium	1-2 years	High	⊳
363	Loddon & Gannawarra	P3	L.307	Loddon Shire & Gannawarra Shire	North Central CMA	 Loddon and Gannawarra Shire Flood Modelling Project Detailed flood modelling for Pyramid Creek, Wedderburn, and Boort. Detailed flood modelling for the Barr Creek. Regional mapping for priority areas not currently mapped. Investigation into the impact of historical infrastructure on floodplain 	High	3-4 years	Medium	C
378	Loddon	P3	L.308	Loddon Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Inglewood.	Medium	4+ years	Low	C
339	Macedon Ranges	P3	MR.301	North Central CMA	Macedon Ranges Shire	Undertake a flood study for Kyneton.		~		
341	Macedon Ranges	P3	MR.303	Macedon Ranges Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake flood study for urban waterways in Woodend and investigate if a flood warning system is warranted.	Medium	1-2 years	High	⊳
374	Macedon Ranges	P3	MR.304	North Central CMA	North Central CMA	Undertake shire based regional mapping for areas not currently mapped.	Medium	4+ years	Low	C



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342	Mitchell Shire	P3	M.301	Mitchell Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake rapid flood risk assessment of the North Central CMA region to determine flood risk.		~		
343	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.301	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Newstead.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×
344	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.302	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Harcourt.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	⊳
345	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.303	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Muckleford Creek.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳
346	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.304	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Campbells Creek (rural).	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳
347	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.305	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Sutton Grange.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳
348	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.306	North Central CMA	Mount Alexander Shire	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Baringhup. Update to include October 2022 flood data.	Low	4+ years	Low	⊳
350	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.308	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Guildford.		~		
351	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.309	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Taradale.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳
352	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.310	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment for Metcalfe.		~		
371	Mount Alexander	P3	MAS.311	North Central CMA	North Central CMA	Undertake shire based regional mapping for areas not currently mapped.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×

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353	Northern Grampians	P3	NG.301	Northern Grampians Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Marnoo.	Medium	4+ years	Low	⊳
354	Northern Grampians	P3	NG.302	Northern Grampians Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for St Arnaud.		~		
355	Northern Grampians	P3	NG.303	Northern Grampians Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for the Richardson River and Avon River upstream of Donald.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×
372	Northern Grampians	P3	NG.305	North Central CMA	North Central CMA	Undertake shire based regional mapping for areas not currently mapped.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C≣
357	Pyrenees	P3	P.301	Pyrenees Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a rapid flood risk assessment of Lexton.		~		
358	Pyrenees	P3	P.302	Pyrenees Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood management plan for Lexton.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×
359	Pyrenees	РЗ	P.303	Pyrenees Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study of the Upper Avoca River to inform flood intelligence and planning scheme maps for Amphitheatre, Avoca and Natte Yallock and the rural areas in between, and potential flood mitigation for Avoca recreation Reserve.		~		
360	Pyrenees	P3	P.304	Pyrenees Shire	North Central CMA	Undertake a flood study for Waubra.		~		
368	Swan Hill	P3	SH.302	North Central CMA	Swan Hill Rural City	Swan Hill Flood Study (to include Murrabit and levee breach scenarios for Pental Island and Tyntynder).	High	3-4 years	Medium	Ċ≣
361	Swan Hill	P3	SH.301	Swan Hill Rural City	North Central CMA, Mallee CMA	Review flood mapping in Woorinen area.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×

Region	al Priority 4:			Improve preparedness for flood emergencies								
Unique ID	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^		
410	Regional	P4	R.410	LGAs	North Central CMA, VICSES, DTP	Install road signage at priority locations with known flood risk that enable more efficient closure (and reopening) of arterial roads and major local roads.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×		
411	Regional	P4	R.411	North Central CMA	LGAs	Undertake discussions with neighbouring councils for cost-sharing arrangements for flood warning infrastructure.		~		^ 		
440	Regional	P4	R.409	VICSES	North Central CMA, LGAs	Prepare a plan and deliver operational readiness training/exercising regularly (in accordance with VICSES KPIs) for all priority areas that incorporate MFEP in operational response (in Incident Control Centres or at other tiers as required).	Low	1-2 years	High	Ċ≣		
441	Regional	P4	R.410	VICSES	North Central CMA, LGAs	Develop standardised community messaging tailored for relevant towns/communities with known impacts for various AEPS and include in all MFEPs.	Low	1-2 years	High	Ċ≣		
442	Regional	P4	R.411	VICSES	North Central CMA, LGAs	Structured engagement with all high flood risk towns and/or flood affected communities, identify needs, and deliver relevant awareness products. This may include Installing commu- nity signs, gauge boards or community led response plans.	Medium	1-2 years	High	Ċ≣		
443	Regional	Ρ4	R.413	VICSES	North Central CMA, LGAs	Review all Municipal Flood Emergency Plans across the region to incorporate learnings from previous events and with consideration of all currently available flood intelligence. Proactively consult Traditional Owners when updating MFEPs to assist in identifying any risks to cultural heritage and further opportunities for engagement. Following initial Review of MFEPs continue to review as part of a three-year cycle or following a major flood.	Medium	1-2 years	High	C		

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Unique ID	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^	
444	Regional	P4	R.414	VICSES	North Central CMA, LGAs	Update all existing Local Flood Guides in the region.	Medium	1-2 years	High	C	
445	Regional	P4	R.415	VICSES	North Central CMA, LGAs	Identify locations requiring new LFGs and develop as required.	Medium	1-2 years	High	Ċ≣	
446	Regional	Ρ4	R.416	VICSES	North Central CMA, LGAs	Implement regular review of Local Flood Guides across the region as part of a three- year cycle or following a major flood and update to incorporate learnings from previous events and all currently available flood intelligence.	Medium	3-4 years	High	C	
447	Regional	P4	R.417	VICSES	North Central CMA, LGAs	Capture existing informal and formal community flood observer networks or individuals and identify new observers where necessary for relevant LGAs. Ensure details are captured in MFEP (appendix not for public distribution) and new personnel are inducted using the new multiagency/community-based Field Observer role. Provide regular opportunities for professional development, collaboration, and group discussion (place-based).	Low	1-2 years	High	Ċ≣	
412	Bendigo	P4	CGB.401	North Central CMA	VICSES, City of Greater Bendigo	Investigate a local flash flood warning system for Bendigo Creek.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳	
414	Bendigo	P4	CGB.403	North Central CMA	City of Greater Bendigo	Review flood class levels for Redesdale.	~				
415	Buloke	P4	B.401	Buloke Shire	VICSES	Install gauge board within Donald township (e.g., at Bullocks head or Sunraysia Highway).	~				
416	Buloke	P4	B.402	Buloke Shire	BoM, DEECA, North Central CMA, VICSES	Update flood warning prediction services Charlton and Donald, Coonooer Bridge and Culgoa.	~				

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417	Buloke	P4	B.403	North Central CMA	BOM, DEECA, VICSES, Buloke Shire	Investigate improvements to flood warning for Coonooer Bridge and Culgoa.	~					
419	Campaspe	P4	C.402	North Central CMA	VICSES, Campaspe Shire	Staged implementation of a flood warning system for Rochester.	~					
420	Campaspe	P4	C.403	North Central CMA	ВоМ	Review flood class levels for Campaspe River at Echuca.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×		
421	Campaspe	P4	C.404	North Central CMA	BOM, DEECA, VICSES, Campaspe Shire	Investigate the possibility of a flood warning prediction service for the Campaspe River at Echuca.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×		
422	Campaspe	P4	C.405	ВОМ	VICSES, DEECA, North Central CMA, Campaspe Shire	Update flood forecasting service for Echuca upon completion of the Echuca Flood Study.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×		
423	Central Goldfields	P4	CG.401	North Central CMA	Central Goldfields Shire, VICSES, BOM, DEECA	Investigate the possibility of a flood warning prediction service for Carisbrook.	Low	1-2 years	High	⊳		
425	Central Goldfields	P4	CG.403	Central Goldfields Shire	VICSES, North Central CMA	Installation of a gauge board within Dunolly township.	~					
426	Gannawarra	P4	G.401	North Central CMA	Gannawarra Shire, Loddon Shire	Investigate the benefits of a streamflow gauge at Durham Ox.	~					
427	Gannawarra	P4	G.402	VICSES	Gannawarra Shire	Flood intelligence from Quambatook flood study to be incorporated into MFEP.	~					
431	Gannawarra	P4	G.406	North Central CMA	Gannawarra Shire, VICSES, GMW	Investigate options for the management of flood flows through the Kerang Lakes and Ghow Swamp to inform management actions during flood events.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×		

Regional Priority 4:				Improve preparedness for flood emergencies								
Unique ID	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^		
432	Hepburn	P4	H.401	Hepburn Shire	North Central CMA	Installation of gauge board upstream of the Water Street bridge to assist in future flood warning for Creswick.	~					
433	Loddon	P4	L.401	VICSES	Loddon Shire, North Central CMA	Develop Municipal Flood Emergency Plan for Loddon Shire (including flood intelligence from Bridgewater Flood Management Plan and the operational rules for Lake Boort and Lake Lyndger).	~					
435	Macedon Ranges	P4	MR.401	Melbourne Water	Macedon Ranges Shire, North Central CMA	Review and update the Flood Management Plan for Macedon Ranges, Melbourne Water and North Central CMA (June 2013).	~					
448	Mount Alexander	P4	MAS.402	Mount Alexander Shire	North Central CMA	Installation of staff gauges near bridge and low roads for community information.	Low	3-4 years	Medium	Ċ≣		
449	Regional	P4	R.418	North Central CMA	LGA, VICSES	Loddon Catchment - review of total flood warning system to identify gaps and make recommendations for future opportunities.	Medium	1-2 years	High	C≣		
450	Regional	P4	R.419	North Central CMA	LGA, VICSES	Avoca Catchment - review of total flood warning system to identify gaps and make recommendations for future opportunities.	Medium	1-2 years	High	C≣		
451	Regional	P4	R.420	North Central CMA	LGA, VICSES	Campaspe Catchment - review of total flood warning system to identify gaps and make recommendations for future opportunities.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C≣		
452	Regional	P4	R.421	North Central CMA	LGA, VICSES	Avon Richardson Catchment - review of total flood warning system to identify gaps and make recommendations for future opportunities.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	C		
453	Regional	P4	R.422	North Central CMA	VICSES	Provide updates to Flood Eye to link flooding to floor levels at the following locations: • Bridgewater • Carisbrook* • Quambatook • Echuca • Creswick*	Medium	1-2 years	High	Ċ≣		
32 R	EGIONAL FLOODPL	AIN MANAGEM	IENT STRATEGY									

Regional Priority 5:				Educate agencies and individuals on the roles and responsibilities in floodplain management							
Unique ID	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^	
501	Regional	P5	R.501	North Central CMA	LGAs, VICSES, Water Corps	Develop communication plan and promotional material for the education of LGAs, authorities and individuals on floodplain and waterway management policies, accountabilities, and actions.	Now business as usual				
Regional Priority 6:				Incorporate Traditional Owner knowledge into floodplain management							
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ID .	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^	
ID 601	Region Regional	Regional Priority P6	RFMS ID R.601	Lead Agency VICSES	Supporting Agency LGAs, North Central CMA	Action Incorporate Traditional Owner knowledge into Municipal Flood Emergency Management Plans.	Cost* Medium	Expected completion 1-2 years	Priority High	Status^	
601 602	Regional Regional	Regional Priority P6 P6	RFMS ID R.601 R.602	Lead Agency VICSES North Central CMA	Supporting Agency LGAs, North Central CMA VICSES	ActionIncorporate Traditional Owner knowledge into Municipal Flood Emergency Management Plans.Develop regional guidelines for how to include Traditional Owner interests and knowledge into flood emergency and planning response.	Cost* Medium Medium	Expected completion 1-2 years 1-2 years	Priority High High	Status^ X	
ID 601 602	Regional Regional	Regional Priority P6 P6	RFMS ID R.601 R.602	Lead Agency VICSES North Central CMA	Supporting AgencyLGAs, North Central CMAVICSES	Action Incorporate Traditional Owner knowledge into Municipal Flood Emergency Management Plans. Develop regional guidelines for how to include Traditional Owner interests and knowledge into flood emergency and planning response.	Cost* Medium Medium	Expected completion 1-2 years 1-2 years	Priority High High	Status^	

Regional Priority 7:				Create a Flood-Resilient Transport Network							
Unique ID	Region	Regional Priority	RFMS ID	Lead Agency	Supporting Agency	Action	Cost*	Expected completion	Priority	Status^	
701	Regional	P7	R.701	DTP	LGAs	Identify key transport routes between townships to determine priorities for road upgrades.	Medium	1-2 years	High	×	
702	Buloke	P7	B.701	DTP	Buloke Shire	Construct major culvert at Calder Highway floodway over Yeungroon Creek.	High	3-4 years	Medium	×	
703	Central Goldfields	P7	CG.701	Central Goldfields Shire	DTP	Upgrade London Bridge in Talbot.	High	4+ years	Low	×	

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704	Central Goldfields	P7	CG.702	Central Goldfields Shire	DTP	Upgrade Vinecombes Ford.	High	4+ years	Low	×	
705	Central Goldfields	P7	CG.703	Central Goldfields Shire	DTP	Consider elevating bridges to provide access during a major flood event for any future bridge upgrades at Dunolly.	High	4+ years	Low	×	
706	Central Goldfields	P7	CG.704	Central Goldfields Shire	DTP	Replace highway bridge with a clear-span structure when bridge is due for replacement (or when funding becomes available) for Carisbrook.	High	4+ years	Low	×	
707	Mount Alexander	P7	MAS.701	DTP	DTP	Investigate options for Pyrenees and Midland Highway floodways (multiple sites).	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×	
708	Mount Alexander	P7	MAS.702	Mount Alexander Shire	DTP	Investigate broader project to assess economic impacts of road closures across the shire.	Medium	3-4 years	Medium	×	
709	Mount Alexander	P7	MAS.703	DTP	Mount Alexander Shire	Develop plan to ensure roads are closed in a timely manner and confirm responsibility for the closures of certain roads.	Low	4+ years	Low	Ċ≣	
710	Gannawarra	P7	G.701	DTP	Gannawarra Shire	Install a series of culverts under the Murray Valley Highway at Wandella Creek to ensure connectivity is maintained during a flood event.	High	1-2 years	High	C∎	

*Cost is estimated as follows: Low: <\$50,000, Medium: \$50,000 - \$300,000, High: >\$300,000

Regional Workplan ACRONYMS

BoM Bureau of Meteorology CMA Catchment Management Authority DEECA Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action. DTP Department of Transport and Planning LGA Local Government Authority MFEP Municipal Flood Emergency Plan TFWS Total Flood Warning System VICSES Victoria State Emergency Service

