



NORTH CENTRAL
Catchment Management Authority
Connecting Rivers, Landscapes, People

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Unit:	Murray, Campaspe & Avon Richardson Catchments Team
Position Title:	Project Manager – Basin Plan Works and Measures
Reports to:	Manager-MCAR
Location:	Huntly
Classification:	Band 7/8 (\$74,148 - \$94,321)
Employment Status:	Fixed term 12 months
Hours of work:	38 hours per week
Date :	March 2014
Ref:	NCCMA-94-32

1. The organisation

The North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) purpose is to protect and enhance the integrity of our catchments.

Our vision is to be a benchmark organisation working in partnership with our communities to deliver enduring natural resource management outcomes.

2. Organisational Trademark and Behaviours

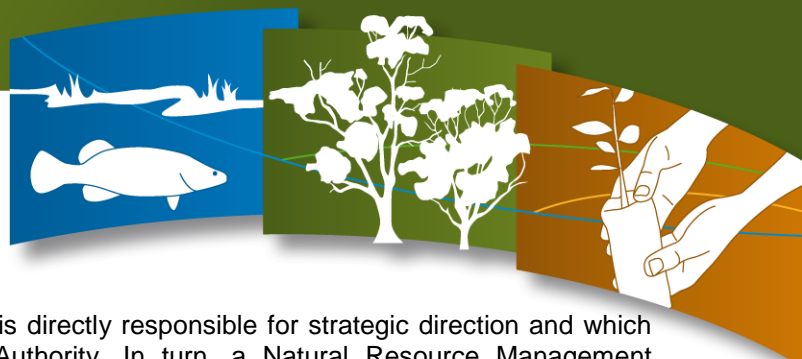
At North Central CMA, we strive to achieve our trademark, which is: *Innovative, Knowledgeable* and *Reliable*. To achieve this, we have committed to the following behaviours across all areas of our organisation:

- Seek to understand – embrace challenges and seek solutions
- Be honest and take responsibility – do what you say you will do
- See something, do something
- Show respect
- Actively engage

The North Central CMA's success is attributed to the 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.

3. Organisational objectives

The North Central CMA has been established to achieve integration in land and water management throughout North Central Victoria. This is achieved primarily through the Authority's role in developing and implementing the North Central Regional Catchment Strategy. The North Central CMA has other functions under the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*, which entail the provision of advice to the Victorian Government on regional priorities for catchment management. These make up the Authority's direct business.



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. In turn, a Natural Resource Management Committee provides the Board with a community perspective on North Central CMA projects.

4. Background

The North Central CMA is undertaking two projects, in the Ramsar listed Gunbower Forest and Guttrum-Benwell Forests, as part of Victoria's Murray Darling Basin Plan Sustainable Diversion Limit (SDL) Offset Works and Measures Program.

The primary objective of the projects is to assess the hydrological, ecological and structural feasibility of a range of water management options for these river red gum floodplain systems along the River Murray. These environmental works projects will be required to have the same environmental outcomes as those proposed under the benchmark conditions (with recovery of 2,750GL) outlined in the Murray Darling Basin Plan, with less water.

5. Position objectives

To support the North Central CMA's delivery of its commitment under the Victorian Basin Plan Works and Measures program.

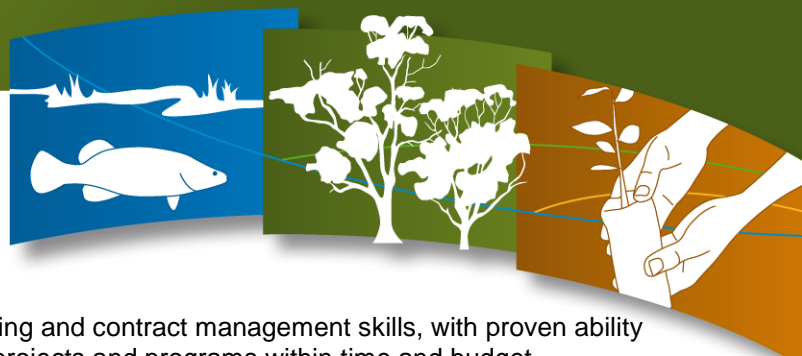
The Project Manager will be responsible for planning, implementing and reporting on aspects of the Gunbower Forest and Guttrum-Benwell Forests (SDL) projects, providing key water and ecology expertise to the team.

6. Key roles and responsibilities

- Develop and manage components of the Gunbower Forest and Guttrum- Benwell SDL projects within budget and time constraints.
- Provide technical expertise on matters relating to water, ecology and floodplain management.
- Manage agreements and contracts with sub-contractors and consultants to deliver on components of projects.
- Coordinate and provide authoritative advice to North Central CMA senior management and its partners, on the SDL projects and associated environmental issues and opportunities.
- Establish and undertake monitoring of key project deliverables (including budgetary monitoring) and key resource condition changes throughout the life of projects.
- Engage relevant stakeholders and the community in an effective and collaborative manner to maximise on project outcomes.
- Source opportunities to integrate state and national water initiatives with CMA programs to maximise opportunities for the environment.
- As required, provide leadership, direction and management to positions such as Project Officers

7. Key selection criteria

- An appropriate tertiary qualification in one of the following disciplines: science, environmental science, engineering or natural resource management, with at least 3 years experience.
- Demonstrated experience and skills in the successful delivery of environmental projects, preferably relating to the planning and management of water in waterway and floodplain systems.



- Well-developed project management, planning and contract management skills, with proven ability to manage a number of technically diverse projects and programs within time and budget constraints.
- An ability to cooperatively and collaboratively solve problems, negotiate innovative solutions to difficult tasks and develop and improve partnerships with a range of colleagues and 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, government bodies and community members. It is desirable that the applicant possesses good public presentation skills.
- Strong knowledge of ecological and hydrological processes relevant to the management of environmental water and floodplain systems.
- A sound knowledge of policies and programs relating to the Murray Darling Basin Plan, and environmental water management.

8. Other Selection Criteria & Special 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.
- Proficiency in the use of computer and telecommunications technology including word processing, spreadsheets and databases, voicemail and email, etc.
- 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.

9. Organisation Relationships

Reports to: Manager – MCAR

Responsible for: N/A

Internal Liaisons: All staff, Board Members, Natural Resource Management Committee Members

External Liaisons: DEPI, MDBA, Department of Environment, G-MW, community and other stakeholders

10. Occupational Health and Safety

- Ensure all appropriate actions are taken to observe the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004* and relevant legislation
- Adherence to all North Central CMA OH&S policies and procedures



11. Multi Skilling

Any 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.

Provided that where an employee is directed to carry out any work within his/her classification band or work of a lower band, such work shall be performed without reduction in salary.

Provided further that where an employee is directed to carry out work of a higher band, the provisions of the higher duties clause of the NCCMA Enterprise Agreement shall apply.

Further information on the North Central CMA may be obtained from www.nccma.vic.gov.au.

12. Job Characteristics

11.1 Accountability and extent of authority

The Project Manager is governed by broad goals and has the freedom to act within, North Central CMA policies, procedures and budgets with periodic reviews to ensure conformity with those goals and a reporting mechanism to ensure adherence to budgets. The Project Manager will be accountable for the timely deliver of projects to agreed standards and shall refer decisions that affect the overall scope of projects to their manager or the project owner.

11.2 Judgement and Decision Making

The Project Manager, working to North Central CMA policies and procedures, will be self-managed and work independently on a day-to-day basis. The Project Manager can make formal recommendations through Senior Managers and the Chief Executive Officer. High levels of problem solving and initiative are expected

11.3 Specialist Knowledge and Skills

The Project Manager will have a sound knowledge of Natural Resource Management (NRM) issues in the North Central CMA region together with an understanding of the political and legal context within which the organisation operates. Demonstrated experience and skills in budgeting, reporting, project and contract management is required. Proficiency in the application of scientific approaches in the search for solutions to problems is desirable.

11.4 Management Skills

The Project Manager must be able to plan and manage their own time and deliverables with minimal involvement from senior staff and have the ability to prioritise tasks in accordance with the position objectives.

11.5 Interpersonal Skills

The Project Manager will have excellent oral communication skills (including presentation skills) and excellent written communication skills. Demonstrated ability in influential management to ensure organisational deadlines and objectives are met. The Project Manager will have the ability to work closely with, motivate and gain cooperation of colleagues, internal and external to the organisation and the ability to solve complex problems.

11.6 Qualifications and Experience



An appropriate Undergraduate Degree from one of the following: science, environmental science, engineering or natural resource management with at least 3 years experience in the management of projects and/or programs related to water management.

13. Other Relevant Information

- The North Central CMA is an EEO employer and operates in a smoke free environment

For further information on this position, please contact Emer Campbell, Executive Manager on 03 5448 7124 or b.whittingstall@nccma.vic.gov.au

Applications marked 'Confidential' and addressing the key selection criteria should be e-mailed to hrmanager@nccma.vic.gov.au or posted to

HR Manager
North Central CMA
PO Box 18, Huntly VIC 3551.

By 5pm Monday 14 April 2014

Note:

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 NCCMA documents such as 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.

As many jobs evolve over time, position descriptions need to be reviewed regularly (for example at the annual performance discussion) and updated where there have been significant changes to any of its elements.