**2017-18 Regional Roundtables -** **Response to NRM areas of community interest**

| **Interest Topic** | **Sub-region** | **Area of interest** | **Related strategy/policy** | **Alignment with existing project/program** | **Catchment Partner role (Lead, Partner or community led action)** |
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| **Theme: Community** | | | | | | |
| Extension support | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Ensure every Landcare group has access to a high-level **extension officer** so groups and individuals work efficiently and effectively. | [North Central Landcare Support Plan 2018-2023](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/landcare_2018_support_plan_final.pdf) | Landcare Facilitators for 11 Landcare networks within the north central region are already funded by DELWP  Contact Tess Grieves, North Central CMA Landcare Coordinator on 5448 7124 or [tess.greives@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:tess.greives@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA support Landcare Networks and Landcare Facilitators |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | **Environmental officers** at every shire in the north central region to assist environmental education of ratepayers and environmental works (e.g. tree planting, responsible cat ownership, habitat protection). | Local Government Environment Strategies (where available) | Each Local Government to determine own approach, contact your Local Government | Local Government |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | To fund all councils to employ an **environmental/ biodiversity/ compliance officer** right across Victoria because a lot of native vegetation is being removed without permits and without a lot of consequence. | [Compliance and Enforcement Strategy: Native vegetation removal regulations 2017](https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0015/91221/Compliance-and-enforcement-strategy-Native-vegetation-removal-regulations.pdf)  Victorian Planning Provision - Native Vegetation ([Schedule 52.17](http://planning-schemes.delwp.vic.gov.au/schemes/vpps/52_17.pdf)) and relevant Local Planning Provisions. | Each Local Government to determine own approach, contact your Local Government | Local Government have primary role supported by DELWP and other responsible authorities |
| Awareness raising and capacity building, particularly in pest plant and animal management | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Develop a rabbit **learning network** in the north central region to mentor land owners to undertake rabbit control to improve soil health and habitat restoration. | Victorian Rabbit Action Network Rabbit Strategy (to be to be launched in 2019)  [Greater Bendigo Environment Strategy 2016-2021](https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2016-09/City-of-Greater-Bendigo-Environment-Strategy-2016-2021.pdf) | The Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN) was established in 2014 to promote community-led action for more sustainable and effective rabbit management in Victoria. VRAN acts as a facilitating institution and brings community together with government to talk about rabbit control, investment, training and partnerships.  VRAN focuses its activities on capacity building, network development, and community-based innovation across the people, communities, and organisations that manage rabbits in Victoria.  VRAN has established two learning and mentoring networks and will be establishing a third in 2019. At the moment these are not location specific, i.e. members are from across the state and are selected based on eligibility. VRAN also delivers workshops on best-practice rabbit control and supports people and organisations to collaborate on rabbit action. VRAN provides occasional funding grants to support community learning, innovation, and rabbit management. See <https://rabbitaction.com/about-vran/> | Further discussion required with the VRAN committee and Agriculture Victoria.  Supported by North Central CMA. Landcare, CoGB, DELWP, Parks Victoria, Vic Roads, V/Line, Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Traditional Owners |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | For North Central CMA to hire a pest plant and animal **facilitator** to be shared by all Local Governments because it will help progress effective control of priority weeds and pest animals. | Local Government Roadside Weed and Pest Plans (where available) | From 2017-19, the Victorian Government through the Roadside Weeds and Pest Management Program (RWPP) has allocated $5.4 million to assist regional and rural councils in Victoria with the management of roadside weeds and pests.  See <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/funding-programs/roadside-weeds-and-pest-management> | Agriculture Victoria and Local Government |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | Use a social media campaign to **inform** large corporate farms of their sustainability obligations including ceasing vegetation clearing. |  | Local groups can take action |  |
| Engagement of people in NRM, particularly younger farmers and youth | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Increase young farmer **participation and interest** in Landcare in the mid Loddon area so they can learn from experienced landholders and add new and innovative ideas. | [North Central Landcare Support Plan 2018-2023](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/landcare_2018_support_plan_final.pdf) | An invasive species management youth engagement initiative aims to attract and support young people to engage in invasive species management. See <https://weedsandrabbits.com/projects/youth-engagement/>  Established groups such as BestWool, BestLamb and Victorian Young Farmers are active across the catchment.  Contact Tess Grieves, North Central CMA Landcare Coordinator on 5448 7124 or [tess.greives@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:tess.greives@nccma.vic.gov.au) | Agriculture Victoria and North Central CMA |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | Corporate farms to run **field trials** to help the farming community take up innovative ideas to improve soil health and productivity. | Strategic Soil Health Action Plan for North Central Victoria 2018, [North Central Victoria Regional Sustainable Agriculture Strategy 2016](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/nccma_sustainable_agriculture_strategy_2016_final_web.pdf) | North Central CMA-led Regenerative Agriculture project is funded to work with landholders and share information including field trials to improve adoption of good soil health practices. [Soil Health Guide](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/landcare_soils_guide_june_2016_web.pdf) is also available to farmers.  Contact: Felicity Harrop, North Central CMA for further details on 5448 7124 or [Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA and Agriculture Victoria |
| Cooperation and collaboration between NRM agencies, organisations and groups | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Enhance support for biodiversity by securing **cooperation** between human services departments and environmental agencies in Victoria to make this work more universal across community and make things happen in the necessary timeframe. |  | A Catchment Partners forum led by the North Central CMA brings all relevant agencies together to discuss regional issues and ways we can work more closely together. | North Central CMA and partners (DELWP, DEDJTR, EPA, TfN, Parks Victoria, Local Government, Water Authorities and Dja Dja Wurrung) |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | Establish a shire-based **knowledge sharing** hub which agencies feed information into (e.g. current projects, funding opportunities) which the local community can easily access and follow. It will create **collaboration** between our myriad of agencies involved in NRM. |  | A Catchment Partners forum led by the North Central CMA currently brings all relevant agencies (inc. Local Government) together to discuss regional issues, current projects and funding opportunities.  This concept of a knowledge sharing hub will be considered during the design and development of an online Regional Catchment Strategy in 2019-20. | North Central CMA and partners |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | Set up a knowledge hub for all working groups to **share monitoring** results in the North Central CMA area because we all do projects, but monitoring disappears, and results are lost. |  | This concept will be considered during the design and development of an online Regional Catchment Strategy in 2019-20 which could include on-line reporting and sharing of information. | North Central CMA and partners |
| **Theme: Wetlands, Waterways and Floodplains** | | | | | | |
| Planning | Lower Loddon and Campaspe | Develop a land and water management **plan for Kangaroo Lake and Lake Charm** because it will result in better collaboration between agencies. |  | GMW plan to develop land and on-water management Plans for [Lake Charm](https://www.g-mwater.com.au/water-resources/catchments/storages/murray/lakecharm) and [Kangaroo Lake](https://www.g-mwater.com.au/water-resources/catchments/storages/murray/kangarooracecourse). | Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | Develop a water management **plan at Hancock’s Lake** to protect and improve its significant cultural heritage. | [Avon Plains Lakes Water Management Plan 2006](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/nccma-7196-.pdf) | While acknowledging local interest in Hancock’s Lake, it has not been a CMA or partner priority in recent years. Locals are encouraged to participate in regional planning processes such as the Regional Catchment Strategy renewal in 2019-20. | Parks Victoria, North Central CMA, Northern Grampians Shire, Grampians Wimmera Mallee (GWM) |
| Restoration | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Restore our rivers through **fencing, revegetation, weed control and in-stream habitat restoration** in the north central region to complement release of the carp virus. | [North Central Waterway Strategy 2014-2022](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/north_central_waterway_strategy_2014-2022.pdf) | North Central CMA currently delivers waterway protection projects within the region.  Contact the North Central CMA on 5448 7124 | North Central CMA |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | Install a **fish ladder** on Fernihurst Weir to allow fish to migrate upstream into the mid Loddon River which will benefit anglers and the biodiversity of the river environment upstream. | [North Central Waterway Strategy 2014-2022](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/north_central_waterway_strategy_2014-2022.pdf) | The North Central CMA would be happy to discuss the Native Fish Recovery Plan and priorities for fishways in the lower Loddon with the community and in particular angling groups. Contact Nicole Bullen on 5448 7124 or [nicole.bullen@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:nicole.bullen@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA |
| Community engagement | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Individual fishing **clubs adopt a water body** or section of river and contribute to its management and the monitoring of water quality to increase waterway health and availability of fish for families and recreational groups. | [Native Fish Recovery Plan – Gunbower and lower Loddon 2014](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/native_fish_recovery_plan_gunbower_and_lower_loddon_2014.pdf) | In lower Loddon sub-region, members of fishing clubs have become active citizen scientists in the RiverScan project, undertaking annual macroinvertebrate monitoring across 22 sites in Box-Pyramid Creek, Gunbower Creek, lower Loddon River and Little Murray River. Fishing club volunteers have also adopted seven sites in the project area for monthly water-quality monitoring to contribute to the annual RiverScan report.  Lake Boga Fishing Club, through an Angler-Riparian Partnerships Project, have adopted a section of the lake foreshore and contributed to management through revegetation and follow-up watering. | North Central CMA |
| Flows | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Water flow in **Campbells Creek** |  | An Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria license allows Coliban Water to discharge Class C reclaimed water to Campbells Creek. | Coliban Water and EPA |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | To stop using the **Gunbower Creek** to water the lower Gunbower Forest but to let the forest flood naturally from **overbank flows**. | [Gunbower Forest Environmental Water Management Plan 2012](https://www.mdba.gov.au/sites/default/files/pubs/GFSL_FA_screen.pdf) | Gunbower Forest is an internationally important Ramsar site and one of six icon sites in the Murray-Darling Basin, listed for its importance as a biodiversity hotspot and critical habitat that it provides for a wide range of plants and animals. Monitoring of the forest’s condition since 2005 indicated that Gunbower Forest and other icon sites in the Basin were deteriorating as a result of the reduced frequency and duration of natural overbank flooding. The reduction in natural flooding is related to regulation of the Murray River and its tributaries, and over-extraction of water to meet industrial needs.  To combat the deterioration of Gunbower Forest’s condition, The Living Murray program enabled the construction of environmental works to facilitate the delivery of water for the environment to the forest and restore a closer-to-natural watering regime that meets the needs of the wetland-dependent plants and animals that rely on a healthy forest habitat.  For more information please contact the North Central CMA on 03 5440 7124 or email [info@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA, Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW), DELWP, Parks Victoria, MDBA , VEWH and CEWO |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | Deliver water for the environment in the **Avoca River** because it will bring the environment and community to life. |  | The Avoca Catchment is unregulated and flows when sufficient rainfall falls in catchment. No ability to deliver water for the environment. |  |
| Managing recreation impacts | Lower Loddon and Campaspe | Ensure **only passive recreation** activities (such as angling, canoeing, bushwalking) are carried out at Skinners Flat Reservoir. This will enable the recovery of declining bushland birds and waterbirds i.e. no shooting or powerboats). | No strategy or plan for Skinners Flat Reservoir currently exists | Loddon Council is intending to develop a strategy for Skinners Flat Reservoir, a process that will include community consultation. | Loddon Council |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | Provide **recreational water to Batyo Catyo** because the area is desperately short of useable lakes which are grossly over used. | [Northern Grampians Shire Council Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Strategy 2013-2022](https://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Documents-available-for-public-inspection/Council-publications/Open-Space-Sport-Recreation-Strategy?BestBetMatch=batyo%20catyo|d13b95b2-5146-4b00-9e3e-a80c73739a64|4f05f368-ecaa-4a93-b749-7ad6c4867c1f|en-AU)  [Avon Plains Lakes Water Management Plan 2006](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/nccma-7196-.pdf) | Grampians Wimmera Mallee has run a community consultation process and Batyo Catyo has been replaced by Walker’s Lake with a more secure recreational entitlement. There is no longer a water entitlement for Batyo Catyo. | Grampians Wimmera Mallee (GWM) and Northern Grampians Shire |
| **Theme: Biodiversity** | | | | | | |
| Restoration | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Increasing **litter and logs** for fungi habitat. | [Greater Bendigo Environment Strategy 2016-2021](https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2016-09/City-of-Greater-Bendigo-Environment-Strategy-2016-2021.pdf) | DEWLP has provided biodiversity on-ground funding to various government agencies and groups within the region to deliver biodiversity outcomes.  City of Greater Bendigo’s management of natural reserves is consistent with this objective. | DELWP  City of Greater Bendigo |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | Turn **Kerang Regional Park** into an environmental wonderland by revamping the old pool, tracks, river access for kayaks and an arboretum. This will create a township whose people value their environment and love living where they live. | [River Red Gum Parks Management Plan 2018](https://parkweb.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/725600/River_Red_Gum_Parks_Management_Plan.pdf)  [Kerang Wetlands Ramsar Site Action Plan 2017-2025](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/kerang_wetlands_action_plan_2017_-_final_low_res.pdf)  [Gannawarra Shire Council Plan 2017-2021](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/document-resources/strategies-and-plans/gannawarra-shire-2017-2021-council-plan_final.pdf) | The Kerang Regional Park is identified as an asset within both the River Red Gum Parks Management Plan 2018 and  Kerang Wetlands Ramsar Site Action Plan 2017-2025.  Locals are encouraged to contact Gannawarra Shire about this concept and participate in regional planning processes such as the Regional Catchment Strategy renewal in 2019-20. | Parks Victoria, Gannawarra Shire and North Central CMA |
| Pest plant and animal management | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | **Rabbit eradication** using all available resources moving from one end of the state to the other, to maximise use of resources for maximum eradication benefits. | *Catchment and Land Protection Act (1994)*  [Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037 Plan](https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0022/51259/Protecting-Victorias-Environment-Biodiversity-2037.pdf)  [Supporting Victoria's Agriculture - Agriculture Victoria Strategy 2017](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/385949/Agriculture-Victoria-Strategy_FINAL.pdf)  Local Government Environment Strategies or Roadside Weed and Pest Plans (where available) | Under the Catchment and Land Protection Act (1994) (CaLP Act), rabbits are established invasive animals which by definition, are widespread, established and beyond eradication from the whole of Victoria.  All landowners have a legal duty to prevent the spread of, and as far as possible eradicate, established pest animals.  Recommended management of established invasive animals is based on the approach that the most cost-effect control strategy is to manage and minimise their impact on selected high-value agricultural and environmental assets.  The [Invasive Plants and Animals Policy Framework](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/pests-diseases-and-weeds/protecting-victoria-from-pest-animals-and-weeds/invasive-plants-and-animals/invasive-plants-and-animals-policy-framework) is the Victorian Government's approach to the management of existing and potential invasive species.  Contact Ben Perry, Biosecurity Area Manager, DEDJTR on (03) 5430 4329 or [ben.perry@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:ben.perry@ecodev.vic.gov.au) | Catchment Partners are responsible for rabbit control on the land they manage (e.g. Local Government, Water Authorities, DELWP, Parks Victoria, Vic Roads, V/Line)  Supported by Agriculture Victoria and North Central CMA. |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | To **control/eradicate cats** from bushland, farms and towns through education, curfew, bounty and possibly future baiting/biological control programs. This will assist the survival of many threatened birds and mammals. | *Catchment and Land Protection Act (1994)*  [Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037 Plan](https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0022/51259/Protecting-Victorias-Environment-Biodiversity-2037.pdf)  Local Government Environment Strategies or Roadside Weed and Pest Plans (where available) | In July 2018, the feral or wild population of the cat (*Felis catus*) (feral cat) was declared an established pest animal on specified Crown Land in Victoria under the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994.* Feral cats have not been declared an established pest on private land, meaning farmers and other private landholders are not required to control feral cats.  Feral cat control will be implemented by DELWP and Parks Victoria on Crown Land ensuring efforts are targeted to protect the threatened wildlife most at risk of predation by feral cats. For more information see <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/invasive-plants-and-animals/feral-cats> | DELWP and Parks Victoria control programs on public land. |
| Connectivity | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | A joint project developed with funding from DHS (public health) to target and **revegetate habitat corridors** to demonstrate the connection to community health. |  | Further discussion with DHS required to determine the feasibility of this idea. |  |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | Reintroduce biodiversity along **road sides** as it will increase connectivity. | [VicRoads Roadside Management - a balanced approach](https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/-/media/files/documents/planning-and-projects/environment/roadsidemanagementstrategyfinalweb.ashx?la=en&hash=CB3B14E5EE3ECC3E535A1DE10BB82B55)  [Shire of Campaspe Roadside Conservation Strategy 2010](https://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/assets/Strategies/Roadside-Conservation-Strategy.pdf)  [Loddon Shire Council Roadside Management Plan 2018](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/files/716ab749-be31-4217-8886-a90d00ff8a19/STR-Roadside-Management-Plan.pdf)  [Gannawarra Roadside Weed and Pest Animal Control Plan 2017](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/document-resources/forms/gannawarra-shire-council-roadside-weed-and-pest-animal-control-plan.pdf) | Aligns with objectives in the Shire of Campaspe Roadside Conservation Strategy, Loddon Shire Council Roadside Management Plan and Gannawarra Roadside Weed and Pest Animal Control Plan. | Responsibilities for roadside management vary according to road classification; Local Government for local roads and roadsides, VicRoads for main roads and highways and DELWP manage forest roads within shires. |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | Create **biolink corridors to link Wimmera Mallee Wetlands** so we can increase biodiversity in the dry Avon-Richardson landscape. |  | Further consideration of this idea through the renewal of the North Central RCS. | North Central CMA and partners |
| Regulation | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Strengthen vegetation **clearance laws** in Victoria to protect high quality remnants. |  | Native Vegetation Clearance Regulations have been updated. | DELWP to lead  CoGB to partner |
| Monitoring | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Use **fungi as an indicator** species to identify high quality habitat and/or monitor habitat improvement in the Mount Alexander region because it is a cheap and easy method. | [Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037 Plan](https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0022/51259/Protecting-Victorias-Environment-Biodiversity-2037.pdf) | Get involved in [Fungimap](https://web.archive.org/web/20180310232039/https:/fungimap.org.au/index.php/submit-a-record/record-fungi), one of the largest citizen science groups in Australia which collects important baseline information and assists biodiversity monitoring. Fungimap is hosted by Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and is the biggest single contributor of fungi records to the Atlas of Living Australia. | DELWP, Parks Victoria and North Central CMA |
| **Theme: Land and Soils** | | | | | | |
| Support for farmers | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | A **young farmer engagement** program to support sustainable agriculture across the north central region to increase innovation and new ideas. |  | The Australian Government funded (North Central CMA delivered) Regenerative Farming in north central Victoria project and Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator work with groups and individuals to support additional uptake of innovative farming practices.  Contact: Felicity Harrop, Project Manager (Regenerative Agriculture project), North Central CMA on (03) 5440 1871 or [Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au)  Contact: Darren Bain, Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, North Central CMA on (03) 54401 893 or [darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA to lead and DEDJTR to support |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | To put **more faith in farmers** as land managers across the whole catchment because it will result in better land management outcomes. |  | The CMA and partners hold landholder’s abilities and approach in high regard. Numerous partners have active projects to assist farmers further knowledge and skills. Some are listed throughout this document with key contacts. For more information on others, please contact the CMA, in the first instance, on (03) 6448 7124 or email [info@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA and Agriculture Victoria |
| Sustainable agriculture | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Facilitate an **increase in perennial pasture** planting to improve soil structure. | [Greater Bendigo Environment Strategy 2016-2021](https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2016-09/City-of-Greater-Bendigo-Environment-Strategy-2016-2021.pdf) | The Australian Government funded (North Central CMA delivered) Regenerative Farming in North Central Victoria project and Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator work with groups and individuals to support additional uptake of innovative farming practices  Contact: Felicity Harrop, Project Manager (Regenerative Agriculture project), North Central CMA on (03) 5440 1871 or [Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au)  Contact: Darren Bain, Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, North Central CMA on (03) 54401 893 or [darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA to lead and CoGB supportive |
| Innovation | Lower Loddon and Campaspe | To get **government to assist innovative farmers** in all country areas because it will give them the incentive to continue to trial new methods and then educate other farmers for better farming practices that will ensure future farming in this area. |  | The Australian Government funded (North Central CMA delivered) Regenerative Farming in North Central Victoria project and Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator work with groups and individuals to support additional uptake of innovative farming practices  Contact: Felicity Harrop, Project Manager (Regenerative Agriculture project), North Central CMA on (03) 5440 1871 or [Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au)  Contact: Darren Bain, Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, North Central CMA on (03) 54401 893 or [darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA and Agriculture Victoria |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | **Progressive farming practices** in western Victoria to increase profitability, improve soils and regional sustainability (environment, economics, social). |  | The Australian Government funded (North Central CMA delivered) Regenerative Farming in North Central Victoria project and Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator work with groups and individuals to support additional uptake of innovative farming practices  Contact: Felicity Harrop, Project Manager (Regenerative Agriculture project), North Central CMA on (03) 5440 1871 or [Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au)  Contact: Darren Bain, Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, North Central CMA on (03) 54401 893 or [darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA and Agriculture Victoria |
| Collaboration | Lower Loddon and Campaspe | Establish a **farmer advisory group** **for councils** across the region as it will help them make better decisions. |  | The CMA and key partners have several key forums with farmers and industry partners. These include a Regional Sustainable Agriculture Committee and a Catchment Partners Forum. If you would more information on these, please contact the CMA, in the first instance, on (03) 6448 7124 or email [info@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA to lead |
| Learning | Upper Loddon and Campaspe | Encourage the young generation of farmers through **field days and guest speakers** in the mid Loddon area. |  | The Australian Government funded (North Central CMA delivered) Regenerative Farming in North Central Victoria project and Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator work with groups and individuals to support additional uptake of innovative farming practices  Contact: Felicity Harrop, Project Manager (Regenerative Agriculture project), North Central CMA on (03) 5440 1871 or [Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au)  Contact: Darren Bain, Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, North Central CMA on (03) 54401 893 or [darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA and Agriculture Victoria |
| Lower Loddon and Campaspe | Better collaboration with landholders to **develop best practice** models around Landcare and management across north central Victoria, as this would source ideas and best practice through each community. |  | The Australian Government funded (North Central CMA delivered) Regenerative Farming in north central Victoria project and Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator work with groups and individuals to support additional uptake of innovative farming practices  Contact: Felicity Harrop, Project Manager (Regenerative Agriculture project), North Central CMA on (03) 5440 1871 or [Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:Felicity.harrop@nccma.vic.gov.au)  Contact: Darren Bain, Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, North Central CMA on (03) 54401 893 or [darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:darren.bain@nccma.vic.gov.au) | North Central CMA and Agriculture Victoria |
| Avoca/ Avon Richardson | Leverage off the Wimmera Mallee Regional Partnerships AgTech Project and **learn more about soils and profitability**. |  | Thank you. This information has been passed to CMA staff and key partners. The AgTIDE demonstration farm project is a great resource and interested parties should be able to connect with key partners once information is published (Wimmera Development Association, Longerenong College, Skillinvest Ltd, Birchip Cropping Group and Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water). | North Central CMA and partners |