

We would like to acknowledge the lands were we stand today of the Turrbal and Yuggera people for the care of this country from the past to the present, and may their new generations lead the future.



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“The Wadawurrung and Corangamite CMA would like to acknowledge and pay its utmost respects to our Ancestors, and Elders past and present and future, and pledge to live by Bunjil’s Lore to care for ALL of Country, just as Wadawurrung Ancestors have.”



# Ngubitj Murrup Wadawurrung Water

Wadawurrung values informing Environmental Water Releases



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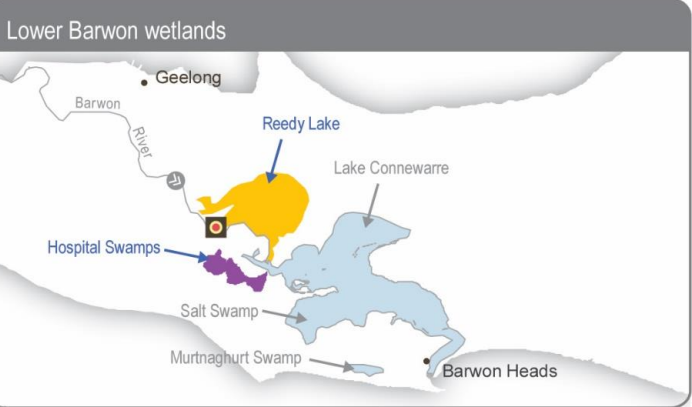
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VEWH

Barwon Water and Central Highlands Water



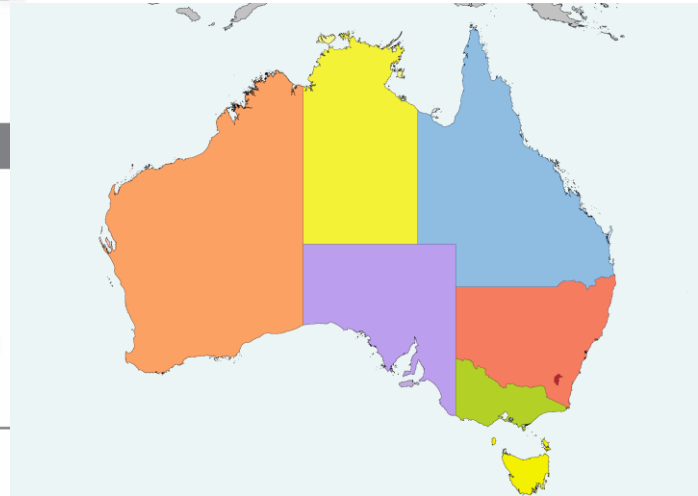
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- 3 Reach 3: Upper Barwon West
- 4 Reach 4: Upper Barwon East
- 7 Reach 7: Barwon River (d/s Boundary Creek)
- 9 Reach 9: Barwon River (Winchelsea)
- 10 Reach 10: Lower Barwon River
- Context Reaches

- Measurement point
- Town
- Indicates direction of flow

Grey river reaches have been included for context. The coloured extent of the upper Barwon River (including the East and West branches) is provided as a preliminary indication of where water may be able to be delivered if the entitlement is granted.



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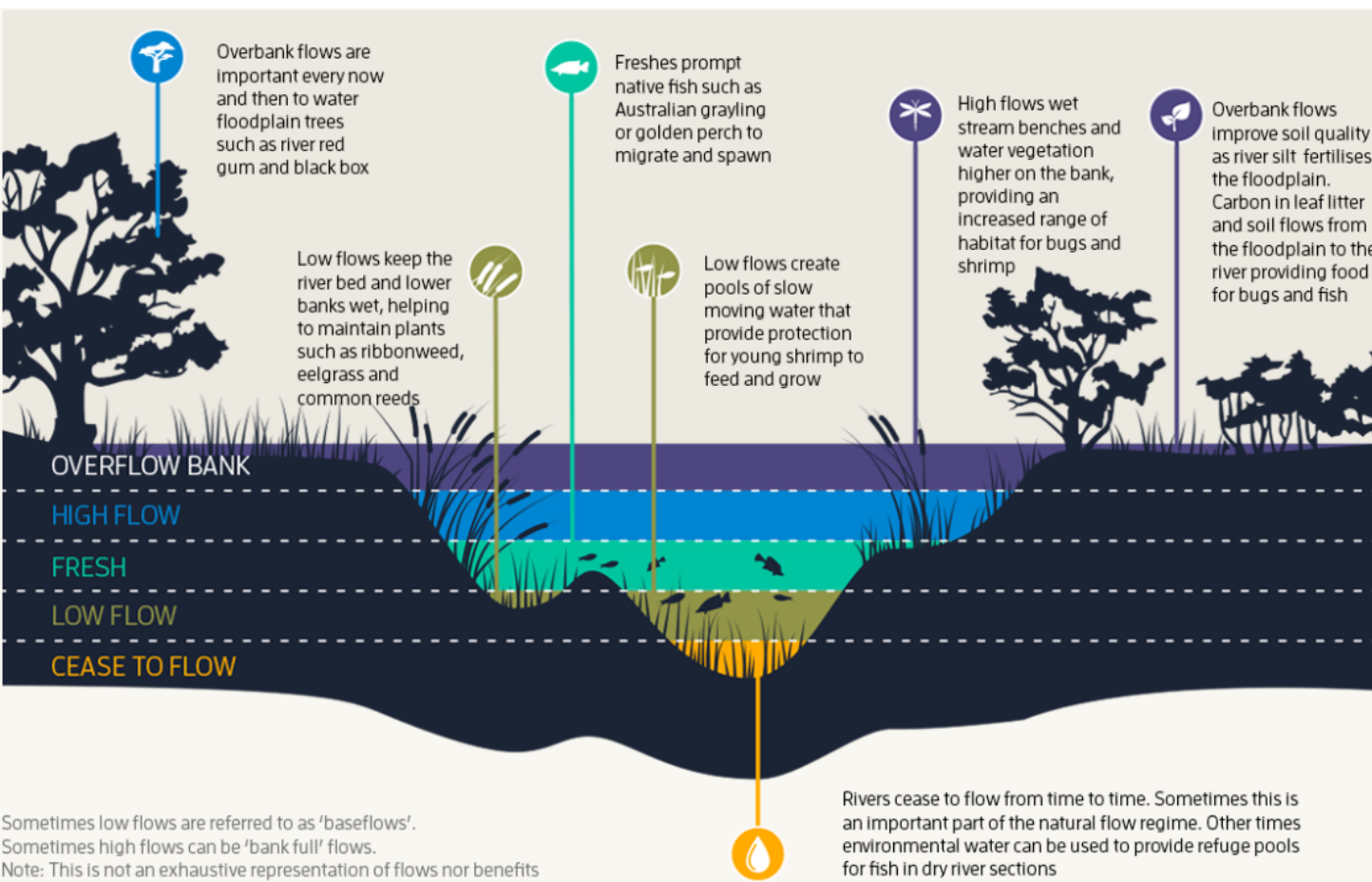
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- Environmental Releases are informed by FLOWS Studies - Scientific and transparent approach to assessing the flow requirements for the freshwater reaches of river systems.
- Brings together the Community and experts through a series of workshops and meetings



- For the first time, this project included the Wadawurrung as a project partner and on the expert panel to inform flow requirements



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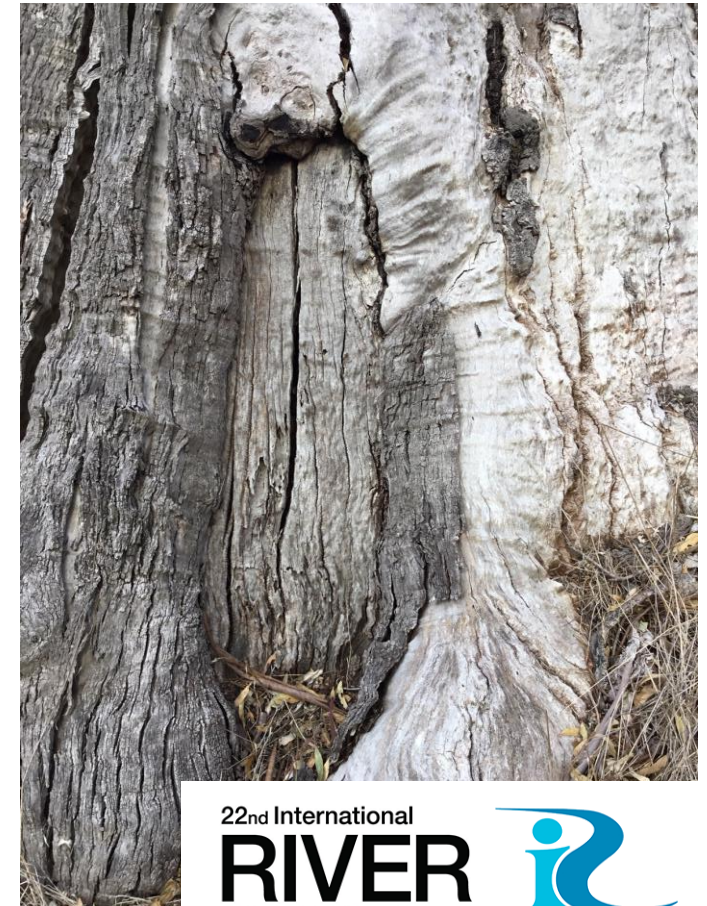
## WADAWURRUNG Cultural values

- Culturally significant species are crucial
- Recognition of confluences as meeting / ceremony / trade places.
- Maintain Deep / Permanent Waterholes and Refuge Pools.
- Cultural knowledge systems influencing change





Aboriginal Values Reach  
Selection and site visits.



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## CMA Learnings

- The cultural values of rivers.
- Partnering achieves more than we can achieve on our own.
- Traditional owner knowledge improves management decisions and results in better overall outcomes



## Wadawurrung Learnings

- The link between river flows and Environmental Water allocations
- Influencing how water is allocated
- Inclusion in the Technical panel built knowledge to influence change.





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## Outcomes

- Built a strong **partnership**
- Improved community knowledge
- **Highlighted that environmental and Wadawurrung values closely aligned**
- 2 water deliveries to support WADAWURRUNG Cultural values and events
- Successful joint proposal for 2 additional temporary allocations of water because current values were threatened by low flows.
- Behind the scenes support from other Stakeholders was critical to enable the outcomes achieved (VEWH, DELWP, Barwon Water, Central Highlands Water)
- Influencing change







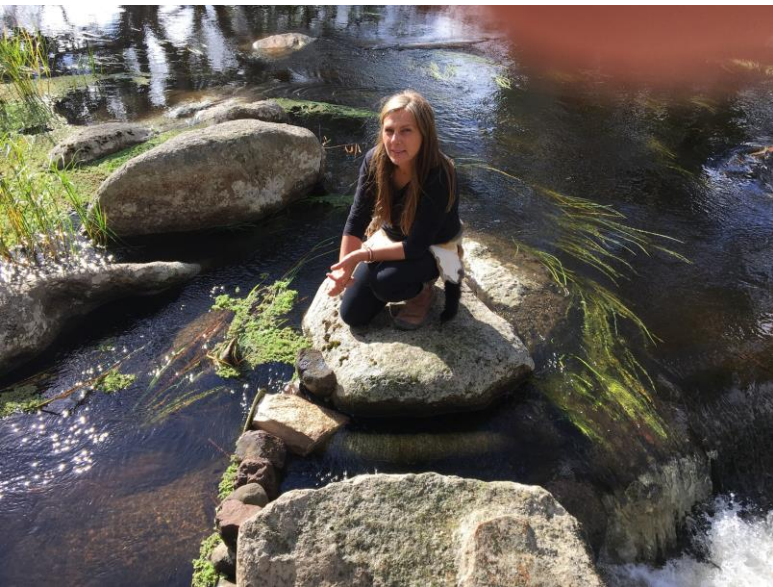
**WADAWURRUNG Cultural values**  
**Environmental outcomes**  
**Community outcomes**



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