



# Building NRM Services and Social Capital in NSW Riverina District Agreement no. 3-140

## THE AIM:

The project will directly connect drought affected communities with NRM service providers, to sustain natural resource management and primary production through the current drought. The project will act as a catalyst for systemic change in support & delivery of regional NRM information, and service providers, through a series of 4 workshops, in different locations across the Riverina district.

## PARTNERS:

Wakool Shire  
Murray CMA  
Sunraysia Institute of TAFE, Swan Hill  
National Centre of Sustainability  
Rural Lands Board  
NSW Department of Primary Industry

## COMMENCING:

The Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water NSW granted the proposal on October 12th 2007. The project commenced March 2008

## *Work shop 1*

March 2009.

10.00am - 3.00pm including a light lunch. Consisted of a specialist guest speaker - NCS & Tafe partnership

Forging Partnership workshop as part of the workshop content - identifying and marking specific locations/ vegetation types

- What is meant by social capital?
- Why we need social enterprise and the relative difference

- How to build local networks
- Human capital - qualities and skills of individual staff & volunteers
- Involving others in governance & decision making processes
- Bonding & bridging the gap - processes to build bridges & pathways
- Gaining support & ideas from local communities
- Accessing further information from service providers
- identifying and marking specific locations/ vegetation types

30 in attendance.

## **Work shop 2**

31 March

Murray River Research angler program - directly engages the community in NRM an NRM research. The angler monitoring program aims to build an understanding of the effect of re-snagging works on the recreational fishing activity within the reach. The anglers have been trained to handle and process the fish and attend refreshers courses and workshops to keep abreast of the program and wider fish research and habitat management actions in both NSW and Victoria. The program has captured the imagination of the wider community and ensured that fishers of all ages in the region are engaged in enhancing fish habitats and monitoring the outcomes. Throughout the drought and low flow periods in the Murray River the anglers have continued with their monitoring efforts and to date they have recorded over 3500 fish captures.

## **Work shop 3**

### **Fish Friendly Farms information session and field day**

21-22 May

I&I NSW in collaboration with the Murray CMA and the Conallin family will be hosting a fish friendly farms field day in the Deniliquin area (venue to be established) on the Conallin family property on 21-22 May. The event is expected to attract farmers, land carers and other members of the community interested in the environment. The event will involve formal presentations and discussions followed by a field visit and bbq/catered lunch. The event will highlight works that have been conducted on a primary production property in the area to improve management practices and enhance the surrounding environment and protect biodiversity. Works likely to be showcased include riparian zone enhancement, watercourse management, native fodder management and direct seeding trials.

## ***Work shop 4***

Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach - this workshop will engage local communities in NRM, particularly the management of watercourses for resilience and biodiversity. Date of this workshop to be confirmed.

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