

Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration Project

Bringing Murray River floodplains back to life

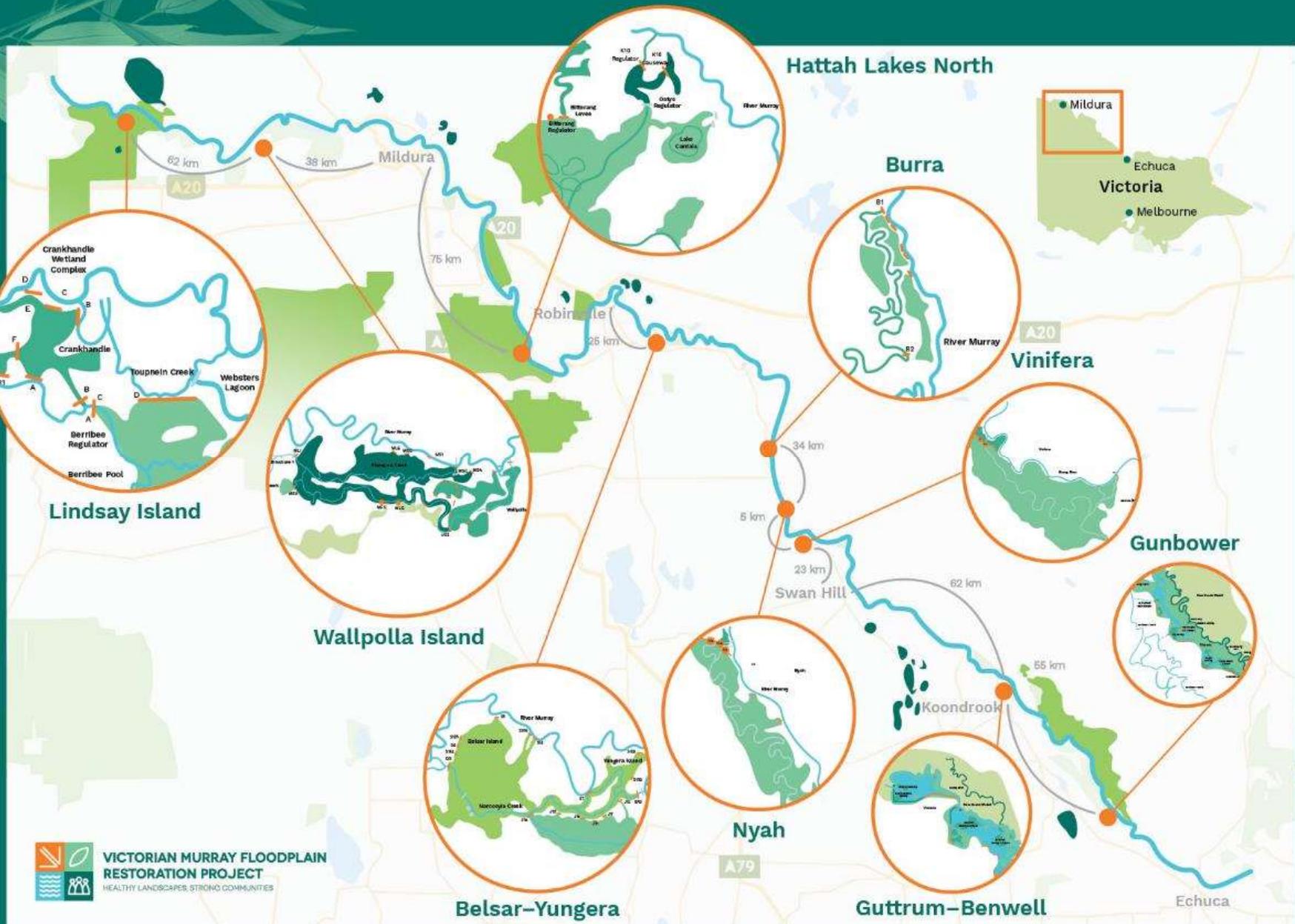
Acknowledgement of Country

The Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration Project (VMFRP) acknowledges and respects Traditional Owners, Aboriginal communities and organisations. We recognise the diversity of their cultures and the deep connections they have with Victoria's lands and waters.

We value partnerships with Traditional Owners, Aboriginal communities and organisations for the health of people and Country.

VMFRP management and staff pay their respects to Elders past and present, and recognise the primacy of Traditional Owners' obligations, rights and responsibilities to use and care for their traditional lands and waters.





Our aim

The VMFRP will get much needed water back onto nine high-value Murray River floodplains.

Without this water, these iconic landscapes will continue to decline – along with the many native trees, animals and plants that depend on them.



Lindsay and Mulcra Islands

Photo credit: MCMA

How?

The VMFRP plans to remove blockages that stop water flowing into creeks and implement options to manage water effectively and efficiently on the floodplain at nine sites.

The VMFRP is being implemented as part of Victoria's obligations under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.



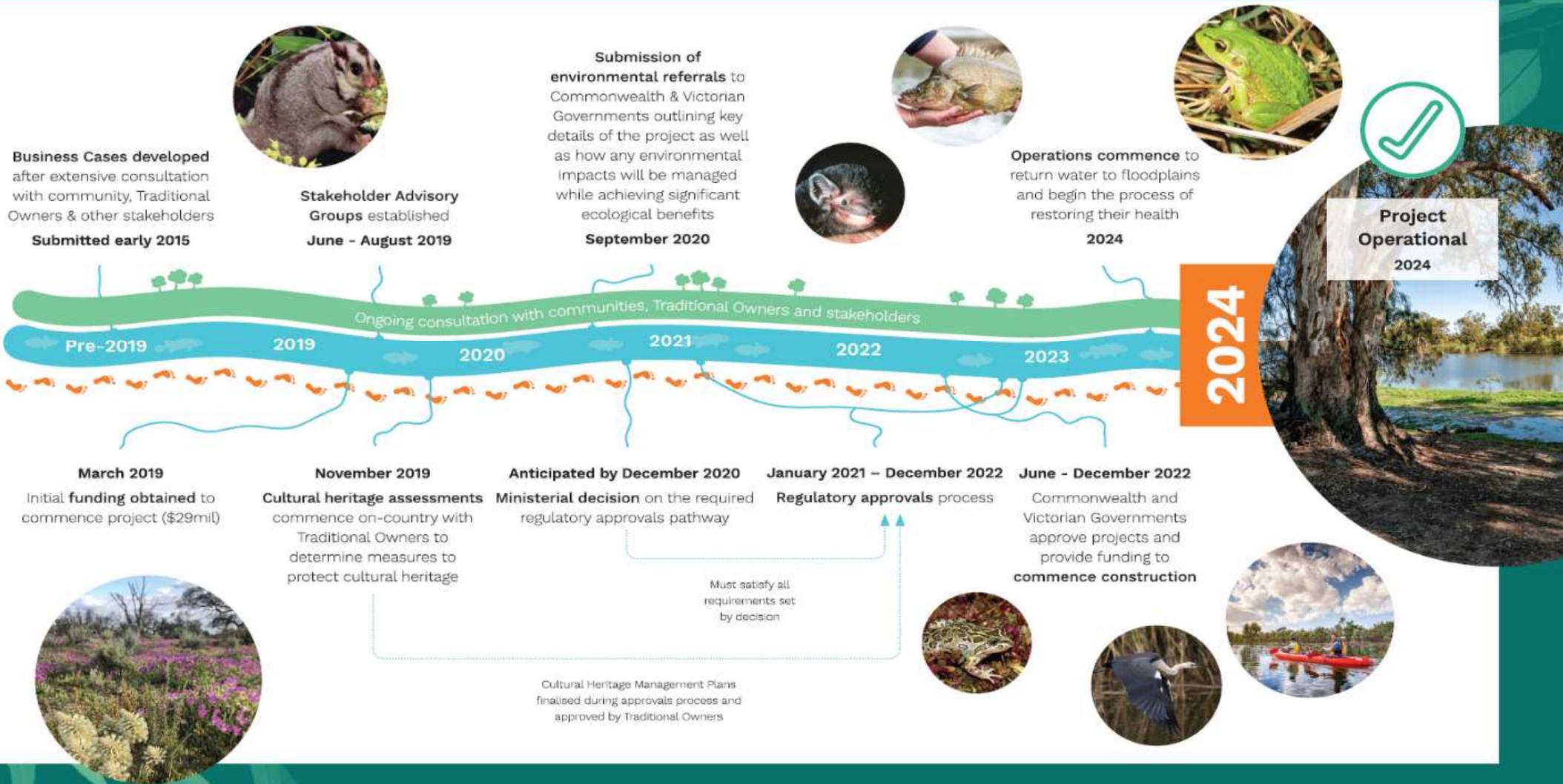
Nyah-Vinifera Park

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The VMFRP has six project partners.

Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration Project Timeline



Intermittent watering

- We will not release water every year unless the floodplain needs it.
- We will monitor how often natural flooding occurs and release water in the years where the environment needs a 'top up' to keep it healthy.
- Flexible watering plans with watering events based on:
 - floodplain conditions
 - water availability
 - river flows
 - time since the last flood or watering.



Watering at Nyah-Vinifera Park
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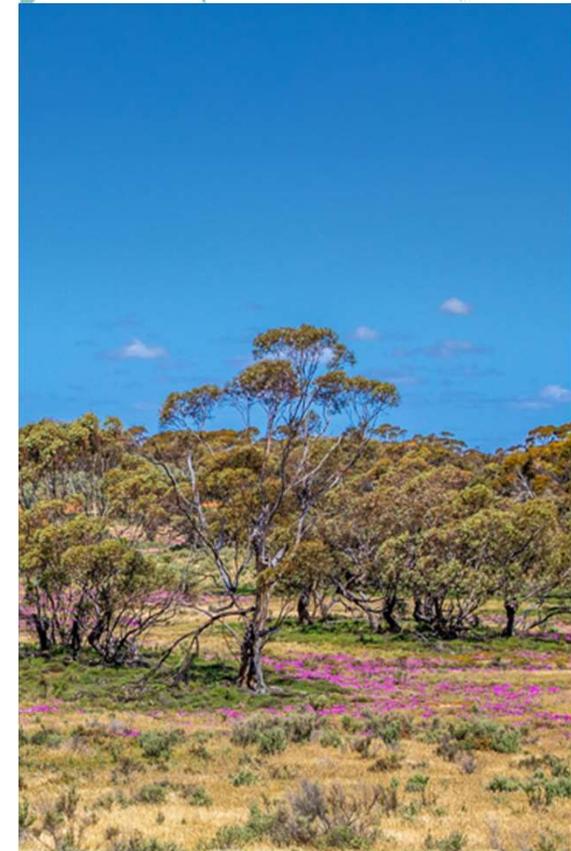
Water for the environment

- The projects will use existing environmental water entitlements.
- Projects will protect farmers and irrigators, as they will improve the environment without needing to buy back more water – a win-win for the Murray River and its communities.
- Victoria can meet its commitments to the Murray–Darling Basin Plan objectives while balancing the needs of all Victorian water users.



Making progress...

- Projects on schedule to commence construction in 2023, but the project has time and cost challenges putting pressure on the June 2024 target date
- Construction procurement phase has commenced in parallel with approvals to accelerate delivery
- The Minister for Planning has determined Environment Effects Statements (EES) or Environment Reports (ER) are required:
 - Hattah Lakes North and Belsar–Yungera (Central EES)
 - Gunbower and Guttrum-Benwell (East ER)
 - Nyah, Vinifera and Burra (Central ER)
 - Lindsay Island and Wallpolla Island (West EES)



Open for Feedback – EES Central (Belsar-Yungera and Hattah Lakes North)

- The full EES and draft Planning Scheme Amendment is expected go on public exhibition late September/October (date not confirmed at this point)
- You're invited to read the full EES and/or summary information and make a submission
ONLINE www.vmfrp.com.au and at Engage Victoria
IN PERSON View the full EES at various locations including Lower Murray Water in Mildura
Drop-in sessions – chat to technical specialists

PLEASE NOTE: The EES documents are long and complex. To make the information more accessible, we developed a summary report and a series of fact sheets summarising the results of our technical studies. Visit our website or email info@vmfrp.vic.gov.au

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