

Table 19 | Avoca Basin ICM priorities and targets.

Significant Values <i>Why we need to take action</i>	Major Threats <i>What risks we need to manage</i>	Priority Management Directions <i>What actions we need to focus on</i>	Management Targets <i>What we will deliver by 2028</i>	Delivery Partners <i>Who will be involved</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11% of total area (46,000ha) supports habitat of highest ecological value to Victoria (top 20%) • 53% of native vegetation has high conservation status – including 3 EPBC listed communities • 3 sites listed on national Directory of Important Wetlands • Supports migratory waterbirds • Important habitat for a large number of threatened species (89 listed species recorded) • High cultural importance • Significant recreational opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Altered Hydrological Regimes • Constrained regenerative capacity • Environmental Weed Competition • Grazing Pressure • Inappropriate fire regimes • Introduced Predators • Land-use Change (habitat loss & fragmentation) • Recreational pressures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross tenure herbivore (rabbits, goats, pigs, overabundant kangaroos), predator (foxes, cats), and weed control programs in priority locations to support multiple species/whole of system benefits • Supplementary planting in priority locations to support habitat restoration • Watering regimes to meet environmental, cultural and social objectives • Targeted/Specialised interventions required for specific species/issue benefits • Maintaining and enhancing infrastructure (e.g. visitor facilities, bollards/fencing, roads/trails) to enhance recreation opportunities and reduce associated impacts on natural/cultural values. • Climate ready interventions to provide for improved resilience and adaptive capacity • Reducing risks associated with extreme events. • Advancing opportunities for self-determined participation and leadership by Traditional Owners • Application of Traditional Owner led practices to meet cultural objectives • Application of Cultural Landscapes within regional planning and management frameworks • Building the capacity of landholders, community groups, Traditional Owners and individuals to support regional NRM efforts • Supporting/responding to the evolving needs of landholders, community groups, Traditional Owners, and individuals already participating in NRM • Opportunities for broader and more diverse participation in regional NRM efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority habit protected or improved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11,346 ha sustained weed control* - 34,254 ha herbivore control* - 2,119 ha sustained predator control* - Revegetation within priority habitat - 66ha appropriate water regimes • 85,046 ha riparian land protected/improved • Improved amenity and recreational opportunities provided by waterways • Increased mitigation of regional flood risks • Increased number of cultural sites recognised, protected and enhanced • Increased area subject to Traditional Owner led practices to manage and heal Country • Increased number and diversity of volunteers supporting regional NRM • Increased number of opportunities for landholders, Traditional Owners, community-based groups and individuals to deliver NRM focused actions • Increased number of partnerships that provide for co-operative and collaborative approaches to NRM planning, delivery and evaluation • Increased number of opportunities for Traditional Owners/First Nations Peoples to reconnect to Country • Increased number of programs co-designed and implemented in partnership with, or led by, Traditional Owners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barengi Gadjin Land Council Buloke Shire Council DELWP GWM Water Parks Victoria Private Land managers Swan Hill Rural City Council Landcare / Community NRM Groups Mallee CMA Traditional Owners Trust for Nature

* Spatial representations of priority locations for weed control, herbivore control and pest predator control within the Local Area are provided in Appendix 6.