

Goulburn Broken Catchment Community Natural Resource Management 2015/16 Report Card



Welcome to the 2015/16 Community Natural Resource Management Report Card. The report is compiled by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority on behalf of the community, to describe all of the great work undertaken by the region's volunteer-based environment and sustainable farming groups. The information is gathered using a voluntary annual survey. This year 65 of the 108 (60%) known groups provided the data that informs the achievements and highlights in this report.

Key Outputs

Our community NRM groups pride themselves on their ability to get the job done. In 2015/16 an amazing amount of on-ground works have been completed.

Revegetation

518.6 Ha

Weed Control

4,489.3 Ha

Remnant Protection/Enhancement

659.0 Ha

Fox Control (controlled across)

73,080 Ha

Rabbit Control

103,341 Ha

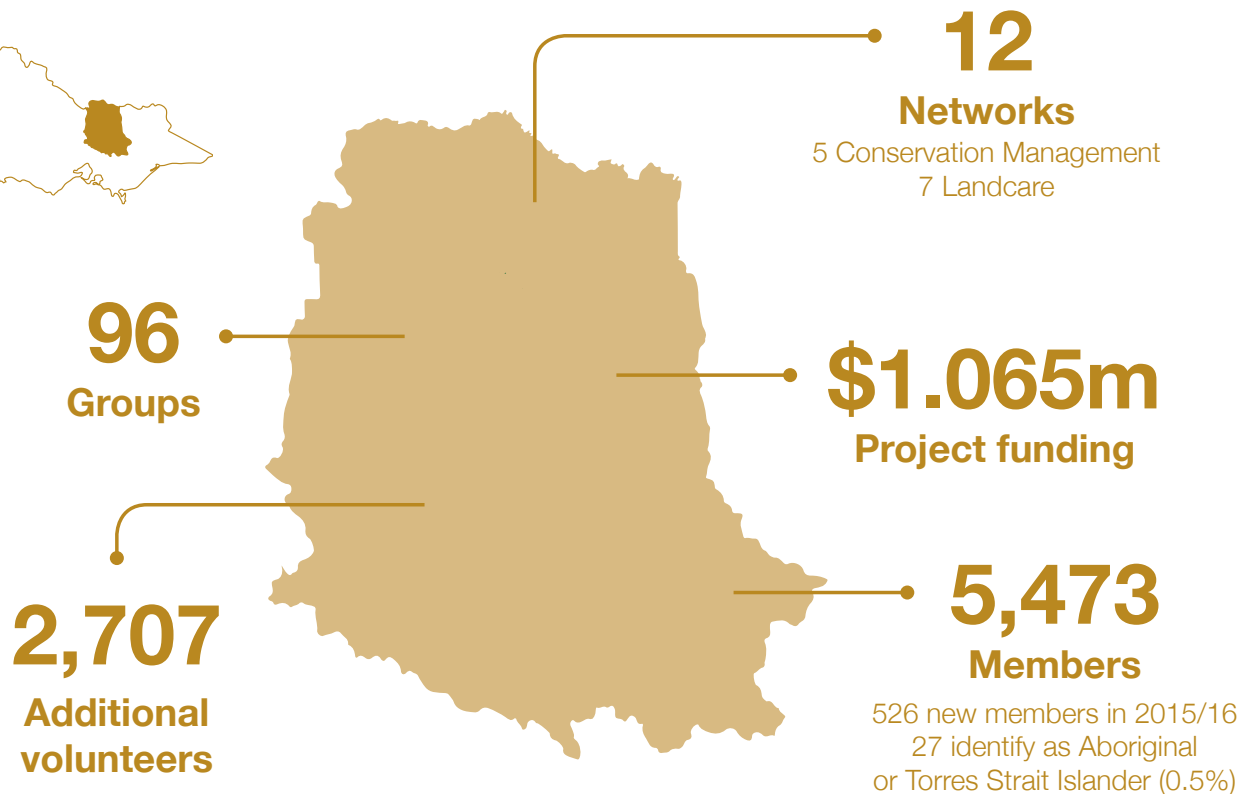
Fencing

219.9 Km

Nest Boxes (installed or monitored)

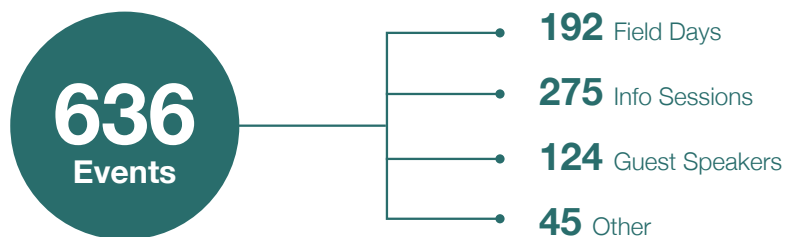
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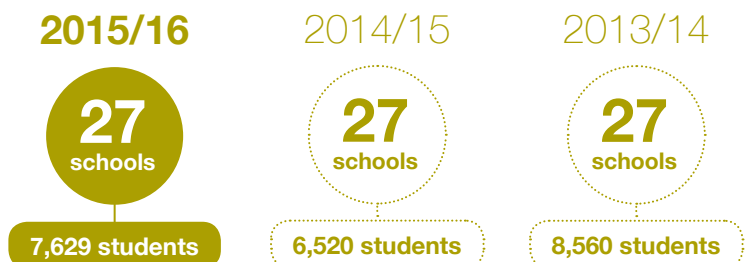
Capacity Building Events

Our Community NRM groups continue to drive the delivery of tailored information to our land managers through a variety of events and activities. Local priorities direct the content and delivery methods.



Schools Engaged

Investing in the knowledge of our next generation of land managers is a vital role that community NRM groups in the Goulburn Broken region play. We have some very strong networks operating in this space and in 2015/16 have engaged over 7,500 students.



Future Issues

Goulburn Broken Community NRM groups rate the following as the greatest challenges over the coming 5 years on a scale of 0 (not important) to 5 (very important).

4.2/5

Pest Plant and Animals



4.2/5

Vegetation Protection and Enhancement



3.8/5

Waterway Protection



3.6/5

Threatened Species



3.6/5

Improving Land Managers' Skills and Knowledge



3.5/5

Funding for Facilitator Support



3.5/5

Project Funding



3.4/5

Sustainable Farm Practices



3.0/5

Volunteer Recruitment



2.9/5

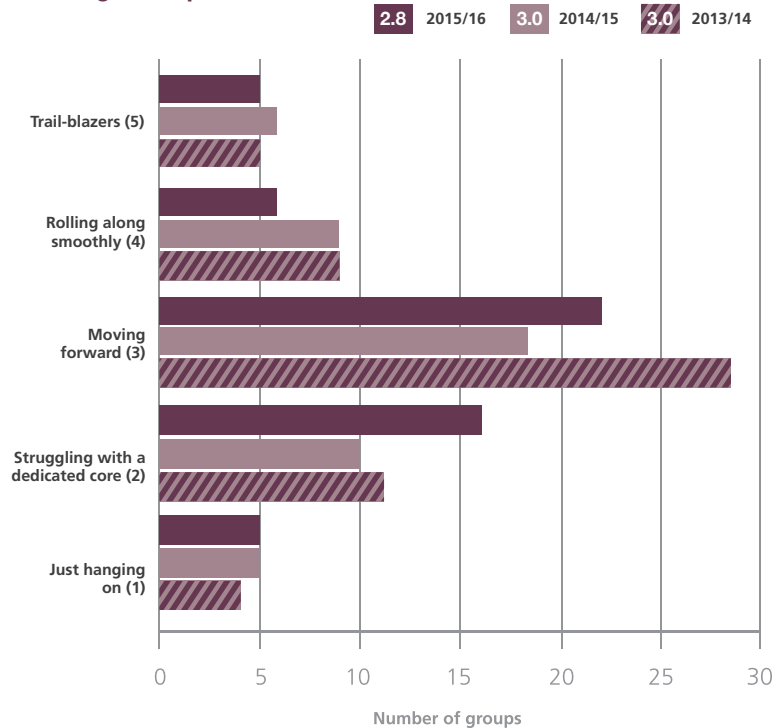
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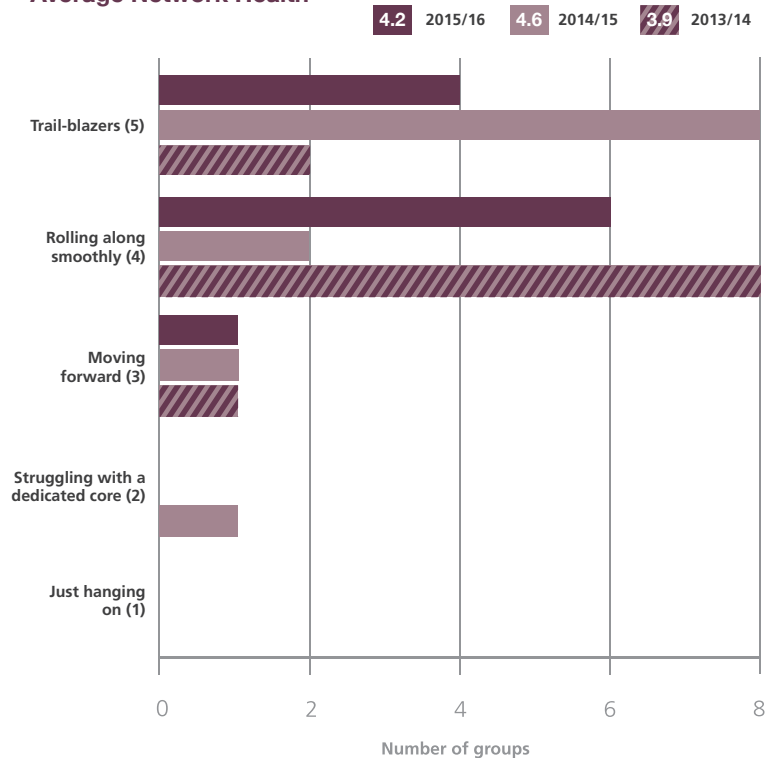
Network and Group Health

Using indicators such as recruitment, partnerships and governance our groups and networks have been able to rate their health on a scale from 1 (just hanging on) to 5 (trail-blazers).

Average Group Health



Average Network Health

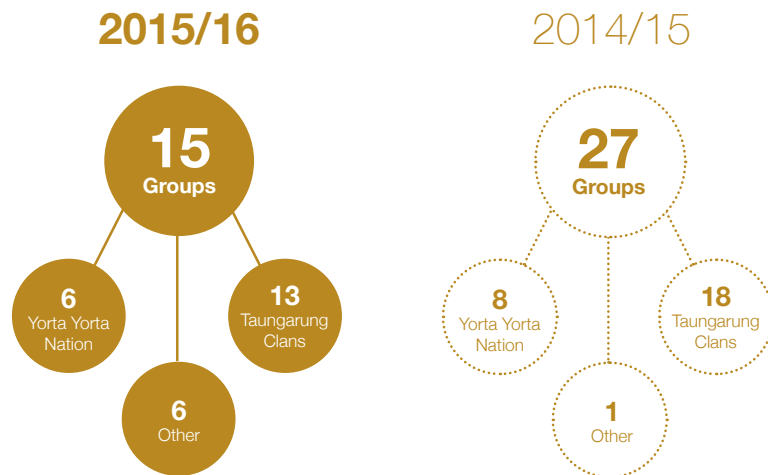


The above graphs show group and network health over 3 years noting that the number of responding groups varies each year.



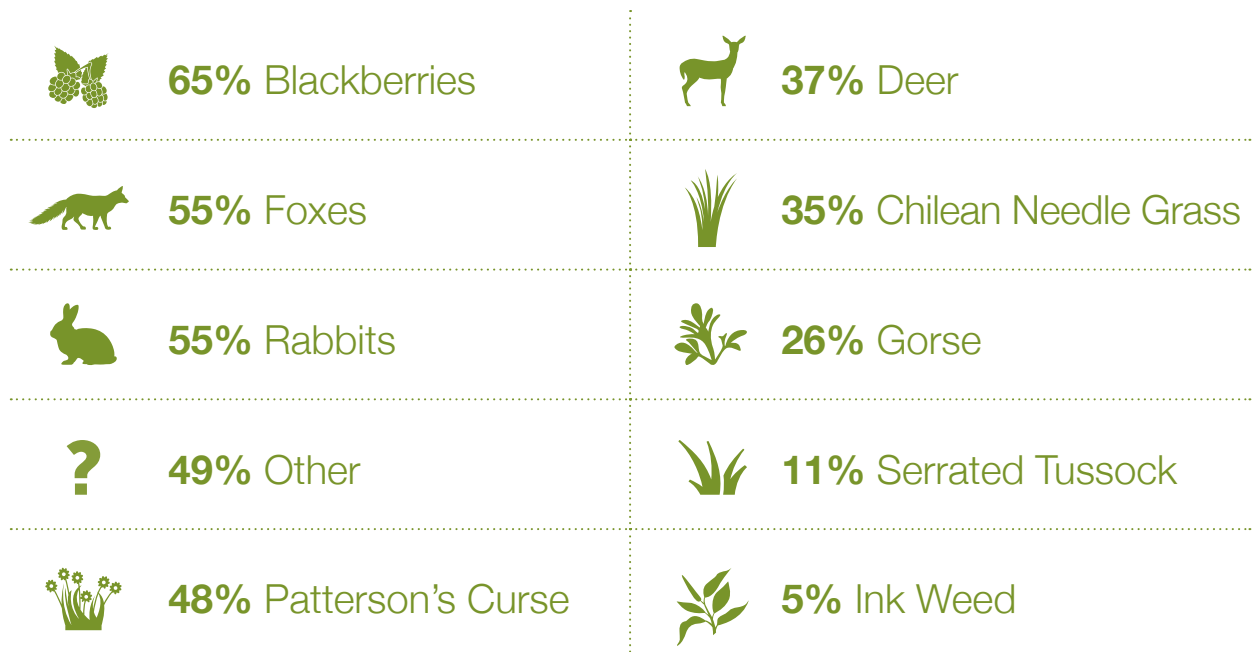
Traditional Owner Engagement

Taungarung Clans and Yorta Yorta Nation are the two Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) that operate in the Goulburn Broken Catchment. Our Community NRM groups are committed to working with RAPs in the delivery of projects and in 2015/16 there were once again strong levels of engagement.



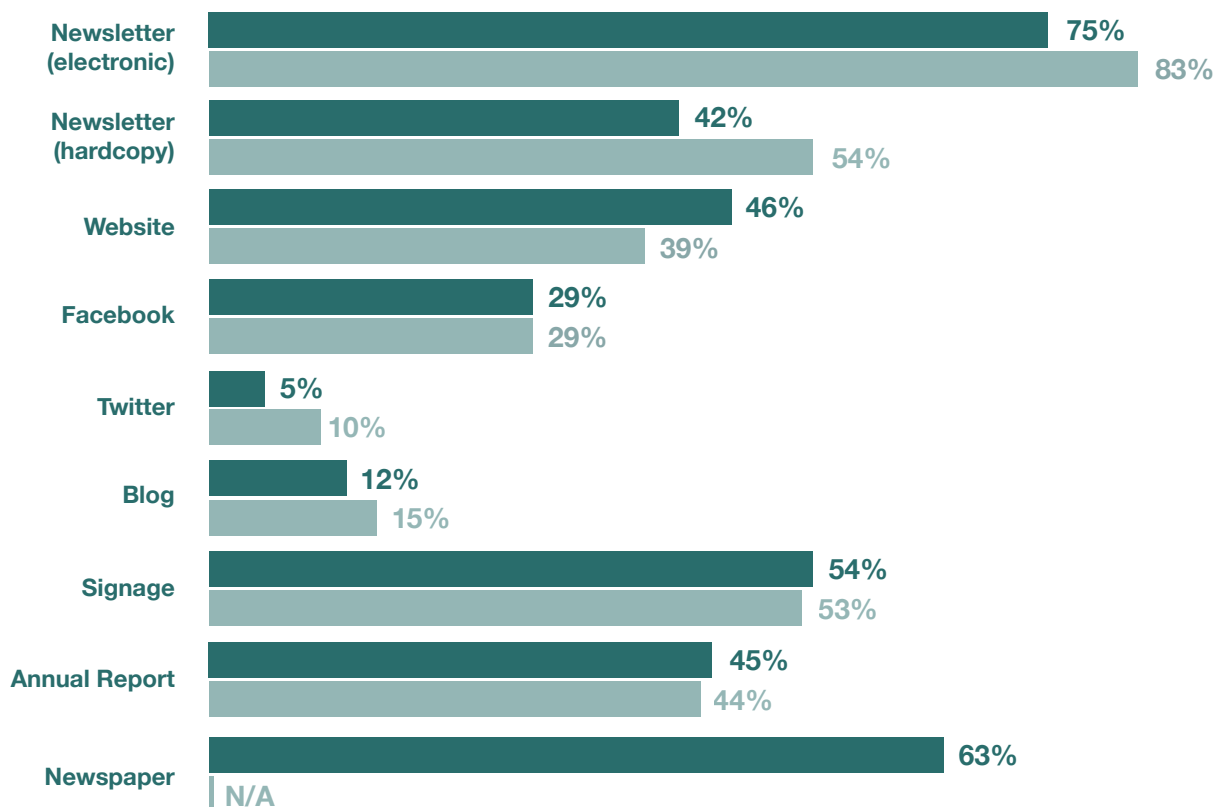
Pest Plant and Animal Priorities

Managing pest plants and animals is a large part of our Community NRM groups' on-ground works and continues to be a major issue. Groups were asked to list the pest plant and animal species that they needed to work on over the coming year. The increase in community concern about Patterson's Curse and deer was noticeable as was the "other" category suggesting that it is local issue species that need to be worked on not just state-wide issues of blackberries, rabbits and foxes.



How Our Groups Communicate

2015/16 2014/15



The survey is voluntary. Many thanks to the 65 groups (60% of the total number of groups in the region) who took the time to respond this year.

The Goulburn Broken CMA actively supports Landcare and other NRM groups through the employment of the Regional Landcare Coordinator and Regional Landcare Facilitator (funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme).

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