

# Schedule 6

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## Annual Progress Report

For project: RiverConnect

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Between  
GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
and  
GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY COUNCIL  
Funded by  
State Government

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### Organisation Details:

Organisation:	Greater Shepparton City Council	
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Spatial collection method: (please circle) See <b>Schedule 4A</b> for details	DELWP Output Database in ESRI File Geodatabase Format	GB CMA Online Project Management System (enquire)
Reporting contact:		
Contact name and email address:		
ABN:	59 835 329 843	
ABN registered name:	Greater Shepparton City Council	
Are you registered for GST?	Yes	
Incorporation / ACN name:		
Incorporation / ACN number:		
Start date:	1 July 2016	
End date:	30 June 2020	

## Project expenditure

Project Expenditure										
Description	Funds Approved 2016-17		Funds Approved 2017-18		Funds Approved 2018-19		Funds Approved 2019-20		Total Budget 2016-20	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		
<b>RiverConnect</b>										
Employment/Project Management/Facilitation	\$ 48,159.00	\$ 138,384.00	\$ 51,237.00	\$ 61,027.00	\$ 52,774.00		\$ 54,311.00		\$ 206,481.00	
In kind/volunteer labour	\$ -	\$ 12,925.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
<b>Total employment costs (ex GST)</b>	\$ 48,159.00	\$ 151,309.00	\$ 51,237.00	\$ 61,027.00	\$ 52,774.00	\$ -	\$ 54,311.00	\$ -	\$ 206,481.00	\$ -
Community Group Support	\$ 25,360.00	\$ 25,360.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,654.00	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00		\$ 115,000.00	
Communications/Publications	\$ 7,633.00	\$ 7,633.00	\$ 8,915.00	\$ 6,587.00	\$ 7,226.00		\$ 5,689.00		\$ 29,463.00	
Revegetation	\$ 8,848.00	\$ 8,848.00	\$ 9,848.00	\$ 2,732.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00		\$ 38,696.00	
<b>Total operational costs (ex GST)</b>	\$ 41,841.00	\$ 41,841.00	\$ 48,763.00	\$ 38,973.00	\$ 47,226.00	\$ -	\$ 45,689.00	\$ -	\$ 183,159.00	\$ -
<b>Total Budget:</b>	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 193,150.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 389,640.00	\$ -

### Comment on variation (10% or greater) of budget vs expenditure:

- Variation in revegetation due to contribution of \$8,000 through Greater Shepparton City Council's One Tree Per Child project which funded the trees, guards, mats, site preparation and follow up watering.
- Communications/publications variation due to delay in illegal dumping project due to staff movements. Will commence July 2018-2019.
- The 2017-2018 financial statement table below provides a breakdown of funding and proponent matching funding in addition to contributions from other project partners for community group support, communications/publications and revegetation.

RiverConnect 2017/2018 Financial Report

Description	Proponent funds (Greater Shepparton City Council)		Other Contributor (Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority)		Other Contributor		Total Budget 2017/2018	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Employment/Project Management/Facilitation	\$ 51,237.00	\$ 84,388.00	\$ 51,237.00	\$ 61,027.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,474.00	\$ 145,415.00
In kind/volunteer labour	\$ -	\$ 16,395.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,395.00
<b>Total employment costs (ex GST)</b>	\$ 51,237.00	\$ 100,783.00	\$ 51,237.00	\$ 61,027.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,474.00	\$ 161,810.00
Community Group Support	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,654.00	\$ -	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 32,163.00
Communications/Publications	\$ 8,915.00	\$ -	\$ 8,915.00	\$ 6,587.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 17,830.00	\$ 6,587.00
Revegetation	\$ 9,848.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,848.00	\$ 2,732.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,696.00	\$ 10,732.00
<b>Total operational costs (ex GST)</b>	\$ 48,763.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 48,763.00	\$ 38,973.00	\$ -	\$ 5,509.00	\$ 97,526.00	\$ 52,482.00
<b>Total Budget 217/2018 (ex GST)</b>	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 108,783.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,509.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 214,292.00

## Project Delivery

### 1. Outputs

a. Total outputs delivered – Please provide the required information in columns K to Q for each output.

b. Spatial mapping – When mapping the outputs achieved, refer to columns I and J for guidance. Column I provides for how the output should be mapped (i.e. as a point, a line or polygon). Column J provides for what information should be mapped. Please include all output attributes in the metadata of the mapped spatial object.

(A) Project	(B) Activity	(C) Annual output target	OUTPUT ATTRIBUTES													
			(D) Output title and type	(E) Activity type	(F) Planned management outcome	(G) Planned management outcome direction of change	(H) Region, area or reach	(I) Spatial object type	(J) Spatial object description	(K) Specific attribute 1 (if applicable)	(L) Specific attribute 2 (if applicable)	(M) Specific attribute 3 (if applicable)	(N) Specific attribute 4 (if applicable)	(O) Specific attribute 5 (if applicable)	(P) Annual Output achieved	(Q) Spatial data recorded and provided (Y/N)
RiverConnect	Weed control	0.7 ha each year	2.2 Weed control – Non-woody	Establish	Species control	Increase control of undesirable species	Shepparton	Polygon	Gross area over which weeds were controlled, including the area searched for target weeds and treated where present	Primary treatment method (select one): <b>Chemical</b> <b>Manual</b>	Biosecurity aim (select one): <b>Containment</b> <b>Eradication</b>	Estimate of percentage (nearest 10%) of the output polygon that was treated <b>75% - 80%</b>	Arrangement of the target species within output polygon (select one): <b>Large patches</b> <b>Majority coverage</b>	Species ID using the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas <b>Moth Vine</b> <b>Bathurst Burr</b> <b>Various</b>	<b>2.03 Ha</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	Revegetation	1 ha each year	2.1 Vegetation – Native indigenous	Establish	Vegetation extent	Increase vegetation extent	Shepparton	Polygon	Area where vegetation has been established, maintained or modified	Specific activities undertaken (select): <b>Long-stem planting</b> <b>Mulching</b> <b>Plant guarding</b> <b>Supplementary watering</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>2.87Ha</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	RiverConnect Paths Master Plan	17/18 - Master Plan Design Route 2 18/19 - Construct Route 2; design Route 1 19/20 - Construct Route 1; design Route 4 20/21 - Construct Route 4; design Route 3	4.1 Approval and advice – Advice	Establish	Awareness	Increase awareness of target audience	Shepparton	Point	Location of Organisation's office	Identify the status of the approval and advice (select one): <b>Support</b>	Identify the specific type of approval and advice (select one): <b>Flood</b> <b>Land management</b> <b>Native vegetation</b> <b>Waterway works</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	No. of approvals and advice <b>4</b>	<b>No</b>
	Assessments	16/17 – 1 RC Strategic Plan Review 17/18 – 1 LaTrobe community engagement; 1 BBR F&F assessment 18/19 – 1 Cultural heritage 19/20 – 1 Cultural heritage	4.3 Assessment - Cultural	Establish	Awareness	Increase awareness of target audience	Shepparton	Polygon	Area where assessment has been conducted	Area where the assessment data is stored (select): <b>Agency database</b>	ID for the entries into the database: <b>Final Strategic Plan C17/10574</b>  <b>LaTrobe Community Engagement – RiverConnect Literature Review 2018/34002</b>	Specific activities undertaken (select one): <b>Global literature review of projects linking nature with health and education outcomes</b>	N/A	N/A	No. of assessments <b>1</b>	<b>No</b>
	Community group support	8 each year (GMLN, Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group, Field & Game, GVEG, Shepparton Camera Club, BirdLife Murray Goulburn, Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal	4.5 Partnership – Community Group	Maintain	Governance	Increase governance	Shepparton	Point	Location of Organisation's office	List the organisations or individuals who are parties to the partnership: <b>Goulburn Broken CMA</b>	Duration of the partnership in years, where considered permanent 99 years should be used: <b>99</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	No. of partnerships <b>24</b>	<b>No</b>

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		Corporation)								Greater Shepparton City Council Parks Victoria Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative Goulburn Valley Environment Group Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Goulburn Valley Water Ethnic Council Word and Mouth Community Representatives: Pat Feehan John Gray Bruce Cumming. Shepparton Camera Club, Kaiela Arts, Turtles Australia, Birdlife Murray Goulburn, Shepparton Historical Society, GV Mountain Bike Club, Platypus Conservancy, The Haven, Friends of Botanic Gardens, Victoria Walks, Shepparton Canoe Club	99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 5 15 15 3 5 2 5 2 1 2 2 5 1 1						
	Engagement events	16/17 – 4,250 participants 17/18 – 4,500 participants 18/19 – 4,750 participants 19/20 – 5,000 participants	4.4 Engagement event - Presentation	Establish	Awareness	Increase awareness of target audience	Shepparton	Point	Location where each event was held	Name of each event  Please see table below for detail	Length of each event in hours, to the nearest hour  Please see table below for detail	Number of events – where events have identical values for all attributes (e.g. location, type) they can be captured together  Please see table below for detail	Target audience of each event (select): Agency staff CBNRM group General community Indigenous Land managers Schools Youth Other  Please see table below for detail	Primary focus of each event (select): <b>Conservation management / techniques</b> <b>Data management &amp; reporting</b> <b>Survey &amp; monitoring</b> <b>Planning</b> <b>Consultation</b> <b>Collaboration</b>	No. of participants per event <b>Please see table below for detail</b>	<b>Yes</b>	

**Engagement Events**

CMA Reporting Target 2017/18 - 4,500 participants (related to 5 year 25% increase SP target)

\*\*\*\*\* Please add number from appropriate revegetation and weed control events and include data in ETC tab as required

\* Agency staff; CBNRM group; General Community; Indigenous community; Land managers; Schools; youth; other.

^ Conservation Management/techniques; Data management& reporting; General;

Occupational health and safety; survey & monitoring; Recruitment; Planning; Consultation; Collaboration

Region Area or Reach	Spatial object type	Spatial object description	Event name	Length in hours	Target Audience*	# of events (where events are similar they can be captured together)	Focus of event ^	# of participants	Location		
Shepparton	Point	357636.265 5970897.303	Community Clean Up	4	Community	2	Conservation management	3	Kailtheban Park, Mooroopna		
		360592.982 5971783.656	Life at the Lake	2	Young people	1	General	57	Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton		
		358390.327 5974462.561	Boulevard Bush Reserve Community Day	2	Community	1	General	23	Boulevard Bush Reserve		
		355465.910 5972192.805	KidsFest	14	Community	1	General	1000	KidsTown, Shepparton		
		356503.076 5974191.731	School Holiday Litter Clean Up	2	Community	1	Conservation Management	15	Stuart Reserve, Shepparton		
		356105.454 5973654.124	Breakfast with the Birds	2	Community	1	General	29	Gemmill's Swamp, Mooroopna		
		358304.337 5977578.028	Reedy Swamp with Ethnic Council group	2.5	Community	1	General	8	Reedy Swamp, Shepparton		
		355465.910 5972192.805	People's Picnic	4.5	Community	1	General	150	KidsTown, Shepparton		
		3562291.56 5972938.04	Nurture Nature One Tree Per Child Planting	8	Community	4	Conservation Management	120	Greater Shepparton area		
		356297.69 5972767.34	Platypus Information Session	1	Community	1	General	41	Shepparton Senior Citizens Centre		
		356297.69 5972767.34	Platypus Technical Session	1	Agency Staff/CBNRM Group	1	Conservation management	12	Shepparton Senior Citizens Centre		
		360592.982 5971783.656	Gone Fishing	5	Community	1	General	245	Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton		
		360592.982 5971783.656	Spotlight Walks	4.5	Community	3	General	40	Vic Park Lake & Jordans Bend		
		356260.97 5972596.52	River Heritage Walk	1	Community	1	General	15	Historical Society & river		
		358304.337 5977578.028	Nature Photography	2	Community	1	General	12	Reedy Swamp, Shepparton		
		356503.076 5974191.731	Labyrinth along the river	1	Community	1	General	14	Stuart Reserve, Shepparton		
		357349.64 5972586.04	International Day for People with a Disability	4.5	Community	1	General	100	McIntosh Centre, Shepparton		
		3562291.56 5972938.04	Education program events	32.5	Schools	18	Conservation Management	959	Greater Shepparton area		
				<b>JULY - DECEMBER TOTALS</b>		<b>93.5</b>		<b>41</b>		<b>2843</b>	
				360592.982 5971783.656	Spotlight Walk	7.5	Community	5	General	71	Vic Park Lake & Jordan's Bend
				356105.454 5973654.124	Litter Clean Up	2	Community	1	Conservation Management	8	Gemmill's Swamp, Mooroopna
				354959.77 5974196.86	Meditation along the River	1.5	Community	1	General	12	Jordan's Bend, Shepparton
				356297.69 5972767.34	Turtle Talk	2	Community	1	General	68	Shepparton Senior Citizens Centre
				356503.076 5974191.731	The Haven & W.A.M.	2.5	Young people	1	General	22	Stuart Reserve, Shepparton
				355465.910 5972192.805	Nurture Nature at KidsTown	2.25	Community	1	General	97	KidsTown, Shepparton
				355465.910 5972192.805	Snake Safety	1	Agency Staff/CBNRM G	1	Occupational health and saf	19	KidsTown, Shepparton
				354743.12 5970312.32	Breakfast with the Birds	2	Community	1	General	25	Australian Botanic Gardens, Shepparton
				355966.76 5972664.83	Canoeing on the Goulburn	8	Community	1	Community	109	Goulburn River, Shepparton
				353561.66 5971304.25	Ceramics along the River	3	Community	1	General	13	Chinaman's Gardens, Mooroopna
				355954.26 5971817.66	Clean Up Australia Day	2	Community	1	Conservation management	23	Goulburn River Aquamoves
				355102.30 5971088.93	River Weaving Workshop	2	Community	1	General	12	Goulburn River, Shepparton
				355465.910 5972192.805	Boomerang won't come back workshop	1.5	Community	1	General	46	KidsTown, Shepparton
				354302.39 5971313.04	DELWP Flats Walk	1.5	Agency Staff	1	General	50	The Flats, Mooroopna
				354959.77 5974196.86	Signs and Symbols	1.5	Community	1	General	21	Jordan's Bend, Shepparton
				354743.12 5970312.32	Nature Photography	1.5	Community	1	General	12	Australian Botanic Gardens, Shepparton
				356297.69 5972767.34	Bat Night	2	Community	1	General	7	Shepparton Senior Citizens Centre
				356503.076 5974191.731	Labyrinth along the river	1	Community	1	General	6	Stuart Reserve, Shepparton
				356297.69 5972767.34	Geomorphology Field Trip	7	Community	1	General	9	Shepparton Senior Citizens Centre
				3562291.56 5972938.04	Education program events	86.5	Schools	67	Conservation Management	1495	Greater Shepparton area
				354743.12 5970312.32	Australian Botanic Gardens Open Day	1	Community	1	Conservation management	10	Australian Botanic Gardens, Shepparton
				139.25		91		2135			
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>232.75</b>		<b>132</b>		<b>4978</b>			

Total 3754

Of 250-300 total

## 2. Acknowledgement of Fund Source

- a. Have you acknowledged the fund source (eg. State Government, Australian Government, etc.)?  
Yes/~~No~~ (please circle)

## 3. Spatial reporting and documentation

- a. The outputs reported in the table above are spatially recorded, reported and provided through:
- |                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Online GB CMA mapping system | Yes/ <del>No</del> (please circle) |
| ESRI File                    | Yes/ <del>No</del> (please circle) |

**Please provide appropriate files or attachments linking outputs to spatial data.**

- b. All documents prepared and/or published as part of the project, including those not publicly released (i.e. technical reports and specifications), attached?  
Yes/~~No~~ (please circle)

## 4. Comments on delivery of each project

a. **Overall comments on project progress:**

2017/18 saw another successful year for RiverConnect with notable achievements including the completion, adoption and the launch of the 2017 Strategic Plan at the Goulburn River; almost 5000 people involved in 132 community engagement activities; almost 2000 school students learnt about the River environment; 24 partnerships were maintained and developed; and RiverConnect featured in 14 media items.

Weed control, revegetation, engagement events, partnerships and community group targets were all exceeded.

b. **Key achievements and highlights:**

- RiverConnect Strategic Plan launched on 20 March 2018 at Boulevard Bush Reserve
- Grant received from Sustainability Victoria to campaign against Illegal Dumping of Rubbish
- Establishment of Illegal Dumping Working Group to bring relevant agencies together to reduce illegal dumping of rubbish in the river environments. Tasks include implementing the Sustainability Victoria project, running media campaign at strategic times of the year.
- Hosted 132 engagement events and activities for community, with a total of 4978 participants.
- Engaged with 1495 School students from 28 schools in 67 sessions/events
- RiverConnect has re-engaged the Academy of Sport Health Education (ASHE) indigenous students to complete their VCAL classes at The Flats
- The IAC reconnected with the Education Department and DELWP
- \$610,740 funding received from Regional Jobs and Investment Packages, through the Department of Industry, innovation and Science, for Shared Paths route 3's (The Flats) and 5 (Australian Botanic Gardens link). This will commence the implementation of the RiverConnect Shared Paths Masterplan.
- Agreement developed and signed by artist and Council granting use of Possum Cloak design on RiverConnect signage within the riverine environment.
- Partnership approach connected the GV Mountain Bike Club with Parks Victoria to begin discussions around formalizing some informal tracks within the Shepparton Regional Park.

c. **Challenges and issues faced that have directly impacted on project delivery in the reporting period:**

1. Staff changes – Project Officer resigned at the end of April. Recruitment has commenced, however no suitable candidate was found initially, therefore this position has been re-advertised.
2. Finalisation of assets register of council assets on Parks Victoria managed land remains an on-going activity that has hindered the progress of proposed projects which are located on Parks Victoria managed land.

3. As noted in the 6 monthly report, the relationships with local Aboriginal Organisations have continued to improve, however the loss of the Project Officer has potentially slowed this momentum for the time being.

**d. How these challenges and/or issues are going to be mitigated or addressed:**

1. The Education Officer has increased her hours to full time (previously a 0.8EFT) in order to fill some of this gap. The outgoing Project Officer was able to leave comprehensive handover notes and provide directions on what needs to be followed up which has assisted the Education Officer in prioritising actions. The Education Officer is also receiving support from other staff members at Council.
2. Partners continue to engage in good faith to ensure this issue does not damage partner relationships.
3. Recruitment of a Project Officer with knowledge working with Traditional Owner Groups.

**e. If previous mitigations have been identified in earlier reports, how successful have these been?**

N/A

**f. A statement about the Project's approach for, and progress towards, supporting aboriginal engagement and collaboration:**

- RiverConnect Project Officer has worked to ensure there is Aboriginal Elder representation on all committees and working groups where required and possible. This includes engagement of new representatives and re-engagement of current representatives from Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation and Rumbalara Aboriginal Corporation. There had been some great progress in regular attendance to IAC and working groups.
- RiverConnect increased engagement with Kaiela Arts during this reporting period, partnering to run community activities relating to Indigenous Arts, employing Indigenous Artists to facilitate workshops. The Education Program has also engaged artists from Kaiela Arts for its Primary School Environment Education Days, providing opportunities for cultural education through art.
- An agreement was signed between the artist of the Possum Cloak Design and Greater Shepparton City Council. This art design features on signage on the Flats and at Boulevard Bush Reserve and will be used on all signage within the riverine environment.



## Organisation declaration:

We declare that we are authorised representatives\* of the recipient organisation, that the information given on this form is complete and correct and that expenditure of moneys paid under the financial agreement have been solely expended upon the project and in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and Conditions.

Name (please print)	Peter Harriott	Name (please print)	Michael Dwyer
Position in organisation	CEO	Position in organisation	Team leader Financial Accounting
Phone	5832 9850	Phone	5832 9780
Signature		Signature	
Date		Date	5/7/18

\* Declaration to be signed by the Organisation's two responsible officers other than the Project Manager (for example, the Organisation's President / Secretary or CEO and the Organisation's Treasurer or Chief Finance Office)

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