

Schedule 6

Annual Progress Report

For project: RiverConnect

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

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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

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	Budget	Actual
RiverConnect										
Employment / Project Management / Facilitation	\$48,159	138,384	\$51,237	61,027	77,404	67,568	\$54,311		\$206,481	
In-kind/volunteer labour		12,925								
Total employment Costs (ex GST)	\$48,159	151,309	\$51,237	61,027	77,404	67,568	\$54,311		\$206,481	
Community Group support	\$25,360	25,360	\$30,000	29,654	19,331	17,058	\$30,000		\$115,000	
Communications/Publications	\$7,633	7,633	\$8,915	6,587	1,633	6,126	\$5,689		\$29,463	
Revegetation	\$8,848	8,848	\$9,848	2,732	1,632	711	\$10,000		\$38,696	
Total Operating Costs (ex GST)	\$41,841	41,841	\$48,763	38,973	22,596	23,895	\$45,689		\$183,519	
Total Budget (ex GST)	\$90,000	193,150	\$100,000	100,000	100,000	91,463	\$100,000		\$390,000	

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

- Employment cost variation as data is correct to 18th June 2019 (further funds to be paid). Also new project officer began 23rd July 2018.
- Revegetation cost variation as Council One Tree Per Child program provided equipment and plants in 2018.
- Communication cost variation due to delivery of Sustainability Victoria Illegal Dumping Project grant.

RiverConnect 2018/2019 Financial Report

Description	Proponent Funds (GSCC)		Other Contributor (GBCMA)		Other Contributor		Total Budget 2018/2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Employment/Project Management/Facilitation	\$ 77,403.50	\$ 67,567.75	\$ 77,403.50	\$ 67,567.75			\$ 154,807.00	\$ 135,135.49
In Kind/Volunteer Labour	\$ -	\$ 16,257.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 16,257.00
Total Employment Costs (Ex GST)	\$ 77,403.50	\$ 83,824.75	\$ 77,403.50	\$ 67,567.75			\$ 154,807.00	\$ 151,392.49
Community Group Support	\$ 19,331.50	\$ 17,058.15	\$ 19,331.50	\$ 17,058.15			\$ 38,663.00	\$ 34,116.30
Communications/Publications	\$ 1,633.50	\$ 6,126.40	\$ 1,633.50	\$ 6,126.40			\$ 3,267.00	\$ 12,252.79
Revegetation	\$ 1,631.50	\$ 710.59	\$ 1,631.50	\$ 710.59			\$ 3,263.00	\$ 1,421.17
Total Operational Costs (Ex GST)	\$ 22,596.50	\$ 23,895.13	\$ 22,596.50	\$ 23,895.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,193.00	\$ 47,790.26
Total Budget 2018/2019 (Ex GST)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 107,719.88	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 91,462.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 199,182.75

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): Chemical Manual	Biosecurity aim (select one): Containment Eradication	Estimate of percentage (nearest 10%) of the output polygon that was treated 80%	Arrangement of the target species within output polygon (select one): Large patches Majority coverage	Species ID using the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas	1.275 Ha	Y
	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): Seedling planting Mulching Plant guarding Supplementary watering	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.795 Ha	Y
	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): Support	Identify the specific type of approval and advice (select one): Flood Land management Native vegetation Waterway works	N/A	N/A	N/A	No. of approvals and advice 2	N
	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): Agency database	ID for the entries into the database RiverConnect Paths Route 3&5 Ecological Assessment Draft Report M19/48010 BBR Flora and Fauna Assessment 2018/51534	Specific activities undertaken (select one): Survey	N/A	N/A	No. of assessments 2	N
	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 Goulburn Broken CMA	Duration of the partnership in years, where considered permanent 99 years should be used 99	N/A	N/A	N/A	No. of partnerships 34	N

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		Corporation)								Greater Shepparton City Council	99					
										Parks Victoria	99					
										Yorta Yorta Nation	99					
										Aboriginal Corporation						
										Rumbalara	99					
										Aboriginal Cooperative						
										Goulburn Murray Landcare Network	99					
										Goulburn Valley Environment Group	99					
										Goulburn Valley Water	99					
										DELWP	99					
										DET	99					
										Word and Mouth Community representatives:	99					
										Pat Feehan	6					
										John Gray	15					
										Jay Whittaker	1					
										Rod McLennan	15					
										Matthew Crawford	1					
										Bruce Cumming	15					
										Kaiela Arts	6					
										Victoria Walks	2					
										Birdlife Murray	6					
										Goulburn Fairley Leadership Program	2					
										participants						
										GV Mountain Bike Club	2					
										Shepparton Camera Club	4					
										Shepparton Historical Society	3					
										Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group	99					
										Platypus Conservancy	3					
										Lighthouse Project	3					
										Disability Advisory Committee	2					
										Turtles Australia	3					
										Friends of the Botanic Gardens	2					
										Shepparton Canoe Club	2					
										Native Fish Australia	2					

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										FamilyCare disability support group Cussen Park Advisory Committee	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 Please see table below for detail	Primary focus of each event (select): Conservation management / techniques Data management & reporting Survey & monitoring Planning Consultation Collaboration Please see table below for detail	No. of participants per event Please see table below for detail	Y

Engagement Events Table

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	358390.327 5974462.561	Boulevard Bush Reserve Community Day	2	Community	1	General	35	Boulevard Bush Reserve
		355465.910 5972192.805	KidsFest	12	Community	1	General	1000	SPC KidsTown, Mooroopna
			Spotlight Walks	8	Community	4	General	56	Various
		358304.337 5977578.028	Breakfast with the Birds	2	Community	1	General	21	Reedy Swamp, Shepparton
		360592.982 5971783.656	Plogging in the Park	3	Community	2	Conservation Management	15	Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton
		360592.982 5971783.656	Gone Fishing	8	Community	1	General	179	Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton
		356260.97 5972596.52	River Heritage Walk	2	Community	2	General	31	Historical Society & river
		358304.337 5977578.028	Nature Photography	4	Community	1	General	15	Reedy Swamp, Shepparton
		356503.076 5974191.731	Labyrinth along the river	4	Community	1	General	4	Stuart Reserve, Shepparton
			Native Fish Talks	16	Community/ Agency Staff / Schools	3	Conservation Management	15	Shepparton Senior Citizens Centre
		354254.98 5975762.26	National Tree Day Shepparton	3	Community	1	Conservation Management	124	Tassicker Reserve, Shepparton
		353277.97 5972646.07	National Tree Day Mooroopna	3	Community	1	Conservation Management	37	McFarlane Rd, Mooroopna
			Council Staff Planting Day	8	Staff	1	Conservation Management	50	Doyles Rd Depot, Shepparton
			Nurture Nature	8	Community	4	Conservation Management	166	Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton, McFarlane Rd Mooroopna, Kialla Lakes and Lake Bartlett
			Education Program	72	Schools	50	Education	1963	Various. Addition to December stats to match previous Annual Report
			JULY - DECEMBER TOTALS	155		74		3711	
		356503.076 5974191.731	Plogging in the Park	3	Community	1	Conservation Management	4	Stuart Reserve, Shepparton
		354959.77 5974196.86	Meditation along the River (January)	2	Community	1	General	17	Jordan's Bend, Shepparton
			Spotlight Walks	8	Community	4	General	52	Various
		355465.910 5972192.805	Turtle Talk (January)	3	Community	1	General	148	SPC Kidstown, Mooroopna
		355465.910 5972192.805	Nurture Nature (January)	4	Community	1	General	131	SPC Kidstown, Mooroopna
		355966.76 5972664.83	Canoeing (February)	8	Community	4	General	97	Goulburn River
		360592.982 5971783.656	Ceramics Along the River (March)	3	Community	1	General	8	Aquamoves (wet weather)
			Clean Up Australia Day (March)	0	Community	0	Conservation Management	0	CANCELLED
		355102.30 5971088.93	River Weaving Workshop (March)	2	Community	1	General	12	The Confluence
		354959.77 5974196.86	Boomerang workshop (March)	2	Community	1	General	21	Jordan's Bend, Shepparton
		355465.910 5972192.805	Signs and Symbols (March)	2	Community	1	General	14	SPC Kidstown, Mooroopna
		354743.12 5970312.32	Nature Photography (March)	2	Community	1	General	21	Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton
		354743.12 5970312.32	Breakfast with the Birds (March)	2	Community	1	General	24	Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton
		355966.76 5972664.83	River Clean Up	9	Community	2	Conservation Management	30	Goulburn River
		340968.57 5966833.05	Bat Night (April)	3	Community	1	General	200	Cussen Park wetland, Tatura
		360592.982 5971783.656	Spotlight Walk with The Haven	1	Community	1	General	22	Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton
		356503.076 5974191.731	Labyrinth Walk	2	Community	1	General	12	Stuart Reserve, Shepparton
		357061.83 5967944.94	Kialla Lakes Community Planting OTPC	2	Community	1	Conservation Management	21	Kialla Lakes
		355966.76 5972664.83	GBCMA Board canoeing	3	Agency Directors	1	Advocacy	13	Goulburn River & Broken River
			Shepparton Adventure Club presentation	1	Community	1	General	10	Club meeting rooms

		Rotary Shepparton South presentation	1	Community	1	General	20	Club meeting rooms
		Probus Shepparton presentation	1	Community	1	General	40	Club meeting rooms
		Education Program	90	Schools	48	Education	1204	Various
		JANUARY - JUNE TOTALS	154		76		2121	
		TOTALS	309		150		5832	

*** Addition to December stats to match previous Annual Report

Media Mentions

Article title	Media	Date
Gone Fishing - Allison interview	One FM	14/10/2018
Families Enjoy Gone Fishing Day in Shepparton	Shepp News	15/10/2018
Boulevard Bush Reserve Community Day	Shepp News	15/09/2018
Radio interview on plogging	ABC Goulburn Murray	9/01/2019
Radio interview on plogging	One FM	10/01/2019
Should be shell of a time (Turtle Talk)	Shepp News	14/01/2019
Plogging' on	Shepp News	11/01/2019
Plogging away	Shepp News	14/01/2019
There's no better time to get 'plogging'	Shepp News	14/01/2019
Plogging' not rubbish idea	Shepp News	14/01/2019
New chapter on turtles	Shepp News	19/01/2019
Nature in spotlight	Shepp News	21/01/2019
Learning to nurture nature	Shepp News	23/01/2019
Breakfast to birdsong	Shepp News	1/03/2019
Up with the birds	Shepp News	7/03/2019
Radio interview on Shepparton Festival	ABC Goulburn Murray	15/03/2019
River rubbish article	Triple M	5/04/2019
Celebrating bats at Tatura	Shepp News	6/04/2019
Celebrating bats in Cussen Park	Campaspe News	6/04/2019
On a mission	Shepp News	8/04/2019
Radio interview on Bat Night + River Clean Up	One FM	9/04/2019
What a load of river rubbish	Triple M	9/04/2019
Bats in the spotlight	Tatura Guardian	9/04/2019
Frog home in the bag	Shepp News	13/04/2019
Paddlers pick up river trash	Country News	16/04/2019
Young and old learn about bats	Tatura Guardian	16/04/2019
Let's stick together, guys	Shepp News	7/06/2019

5 Year priorities 2017-2022 - progress

Priority	Target	Benchmark	Annual increase to achieve target	2017/18	2018/19
ETC	25% increase in use of shared pathways	Need to establish baseline, then 25% per cent increase off baseline data at each point. Average daily visits?		Data not reported	95 average daily visits
	25% increase in participation in river environment activities	Align with CMA targets	250	4978	5832
IES	50% COGS schools one class >1,000 students	1,000		1929	3167
	One tertiary education project in the river environment	0		1	1
SAC	1,000 participants annually in traditional owner-led events in river environment	1000 p.a (5000 total)		92	47
	Significant whole of community events and projects celebrate our shared history			0	0
IHW	Shared path extended by 9km			0	0
	Opportunities and spaces are created that people actively use			0	0
RARE	Extent and quality of native veg & water quality is improved		1 hectare reveg CMA target	2.87 hectares	0.795 hectares
	Access for various sectors improved at 5 locations	1 per year		0	0
	75% decrease in volume of illegally dumped rubbish	40m3 / \$112,500 labour /260 reports GSCC only. \$23,000 disposal incl PV		331 reports	339 reports
	Decreased priority weeds on shared path network	Need baseline data.	0.7 hectare CMA target	2.03 hectares	1.275 hectares
SPE	One example of social enterprise associated with RC aspirations	0		0	1
	One example of private enterprise associated with RC aspirations	0		0	0
PGG	Key stakeholders continue to endorse and support the partnership and governance arrangements of RiverConnect			Achieved	Achieved
	Funding won from government and non-traditional sources consistent w RC aspirations			\$610,740 won from Federal Regional Jobs and Investment Packages. \$10,000 won from Sustainability Victoria	0
	RiverConnect is accountable and adaptive			Achieved	Achieved

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/ No (please circle) |
| ESRI File | Yes/ No (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:

RiverConnect had another busy year in 2018-2019 with 2665 people involved in 52 community engagement activities, 3167 school students from 117 schools and 9 kinders learning about the river environment in outdoor classrooms, 34 partnerships maintained and developed, and features in 27 external media items.

b. Key achievements and highlights:

- Illegal dumping project – installing signs, purchase of cameras, delivering social and digital media materials and coordinating community-led clean up events.
- Ongoing partnership and delivery collaboration with One Tree Per Child which assists to achieve the revegetation target.
- Hosted 52 community engagement events with 2665 participants.
- New school engagement with ACE College through encouragement and support of Uncle Rueben Baksh; linking with Strategic Plan target to support high risk and disadvantaged groups.
- Re-engagement with Berry Street School, also linking with Strategic Plan target to support high risk and disadvantaged groups.
- Consistent ongoing engagement with VCAL classes in the education program, delivering 5+ classes weekly per term.
- New partner Family Care Disability Group, linking with Strategic Plan target to support high risk and disadvantaged groups.
- Invitation to and attendance at Careers Day Out in partnership with the Lighthouse Project and Goulburn Murray Landcare Network.
- Nest box audit, building and monitoring project, which has engaged both schools and program participants at the Yitjawudik Men's Recovery Centre who are creating nest box kits for school groups who don't have access to a workshop.
- New Instagram page created in November with 157 followers to date.
- An excellent resource and addition to the education program with two local wildlife carers who now have presenter permits for live animal displays.
- Invitation to and attendance at Rumbalara Elders Kidstown lunches including a tour of their North Shepparton Elders care facility.
- Bat Night was our last event for the year and a really important community education session for over 200 participants. Officers had extensive feedback and inspired the Cussen Park Advisory Management Committee to explore a new partnership with Turtles Australia for nest protection.
- Monash Park interpretative signage project planning, to educate tourists and local visitors on the original route of the river and support tourism for the Shepparton Historical Society.

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

1. The Parks Victoria community engagement role was initially very helpful to the program but officers have found that their assistance was not as readily available for community and educational partner activities over this financial year.
2. YYNAC capacity to be involved in planning and land management discussions appears to be limited.
3. Getting up to date and accurate information on the Shepparton Education Plan to assist with planning of the education program.
4. 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.

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

1. Continue to be flexible in working with seasonably busy times for Parks Victoria.
2. Continue to be flexible in working with seasonably busy times for YYNAC
3. Continue to seek out appropriate communication avenues with Department of Education and raise issues with the representative on the RiverConnect Implementation Advisory Committee.
4. Council senior management are actively working with Parks Victoria senior management to complete the assets register of council assets on Parks Victoria managed land and ensure that works will be completed for Route 3 and 5 of the RiverConnect Paths Masterplan by 30 June 2020.

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

- As noted in the 2017-2018 report, relationships with YYNAC are generally based on individual personalities. The new Project Officer had success in building new relationships with YYNAC CEO and the Council of Elders. This partnership is an ongoing focus for both officers.
- Continued engagement with Parks Victoria senior management and open and transparent communication has assisted to progress the assets register of council assets on Parks Victoria managed land.

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

- The education program engaged with the Academy of Sport, Health and Education for Indigenous students in the second half of 2018. The group has not started classes with RiverConnect in 2019 but the Education Officer is planning project based learning classes for the second half of the year.
- Ongoing site workshops for Route 3 works and signage planning with Yorta Yorta Nations Aboriginal Corporation staff and the Council of Elders.
- Kaiela Arts relationship is strong, with regular engagement for community and education program activities. Their focus is on developing the skills of their artists as educators and presenters. RiverConnect has supported this through engaging both an experienced and an emerging facilitator for each event this year.
- New roadside entrance signage featuring the Possum Cloak Artwork by Yorta Yorta Nations woman Lee Darroch was developed for and installed at the Boulevard Bush Reserve. This signage is also the first in the river environment to feature the Yorta Yorta name for the shared paths "Yanha Gurtji".

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)

Position in
organisation

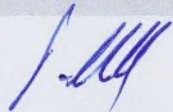
CEO

Phone 5832 9700

Position in
organisation

Phone

Signature



Date 24/6/2019

Signature

Date

* 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 Officer).