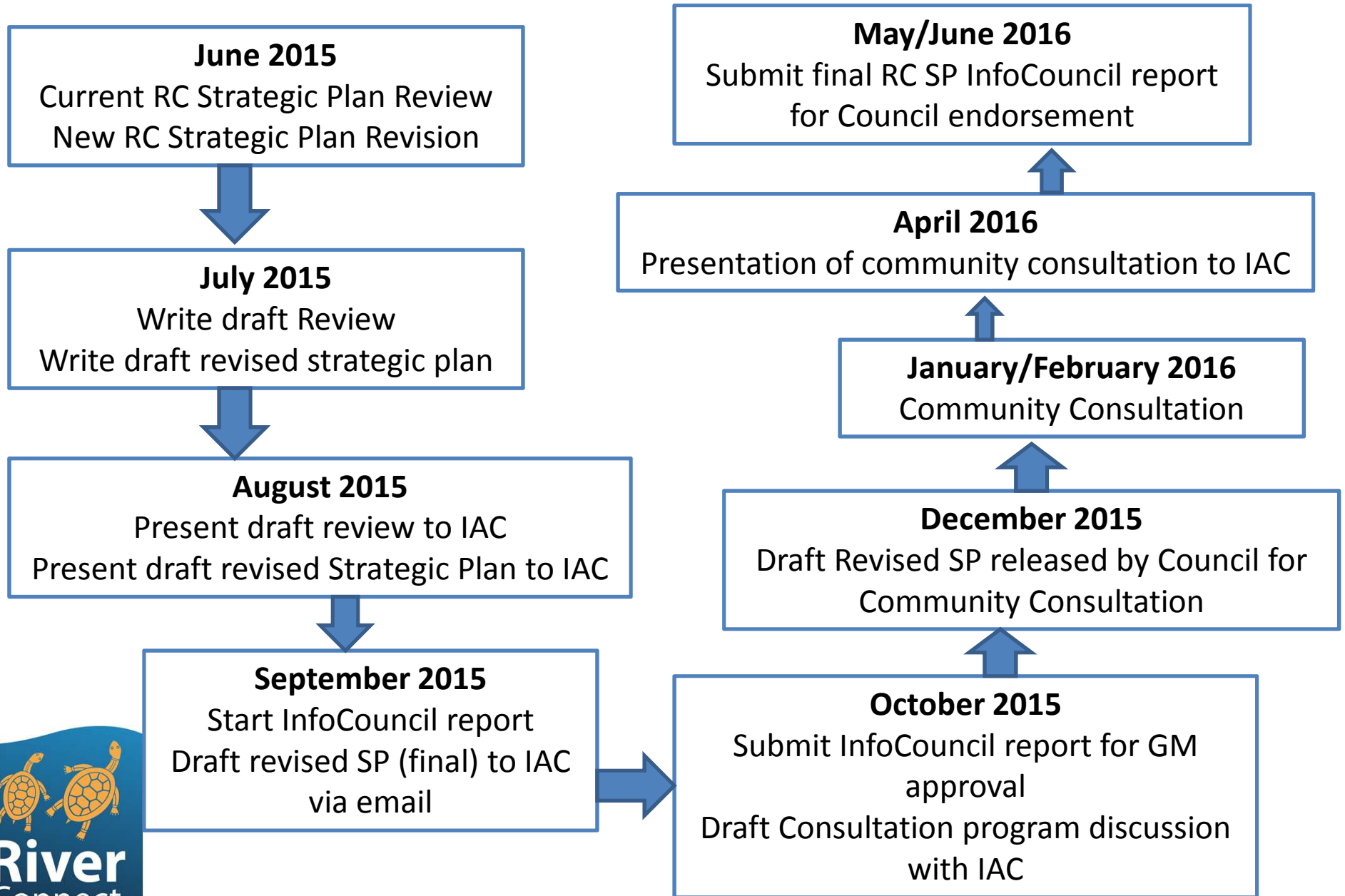




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# Overview of Strategic Plan Review and Revision



# Outline of this session

TIME	WHAT
11.30am	Welcome
11.35	Overview of Strategic Plan Review and Revision Outline of this session
11.45	<b>Part 1:</b> Current Strategic Plan: what was in the first strategic plan & what have we achieved over the last 5 years?
12.05pm	<b>Part 2:</b> Partners review
12.30pm	LUNCH
1.00pm	Strategic Plan Revision: Going forward - the next 5 years <b>Part 1:</b> Current Vision and Mission
1.30pm	<b>Part 2:</b> Reviewing current themes.
2.15	BREAK
2.30pm	Implementing the Strategy <b>Part 1:</b> Implementation Structure
2.55	<b>Part 2:</b> Partnerships
3.10pm	Next steps
3.25pm	Close



# PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

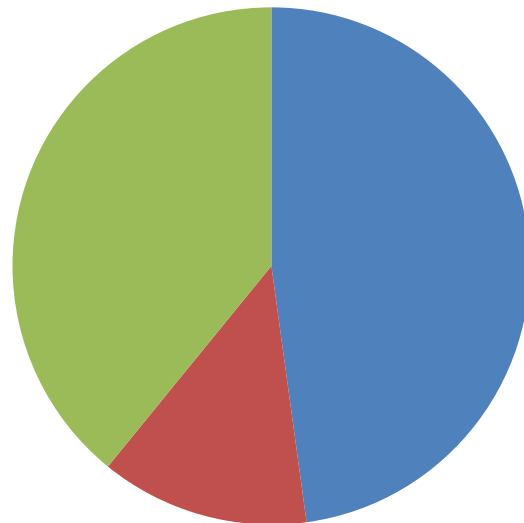
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**Connecting Environment**

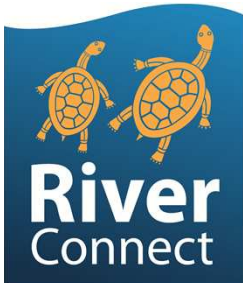
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**Connecting Education**

**Community and Consultation**

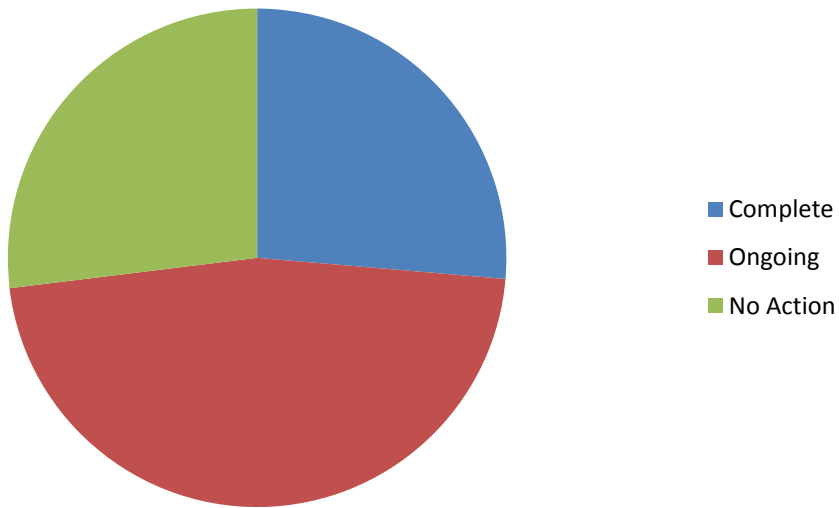


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- Ongoing (13%)
- Not Measured (39%)



# ACTION PROGRAMS

RiverConnect Strategic Plan Actions



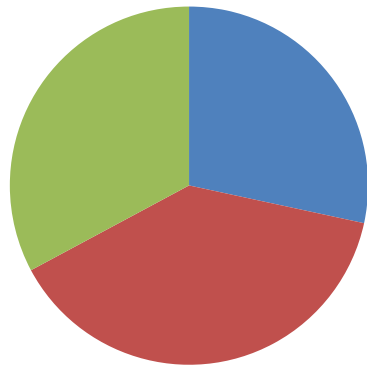
Status	RiverConnect Strategic Plan Actions
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Ongoing	78
No Action	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167</b>



# ACTION PROGRAMS – Connecting Community

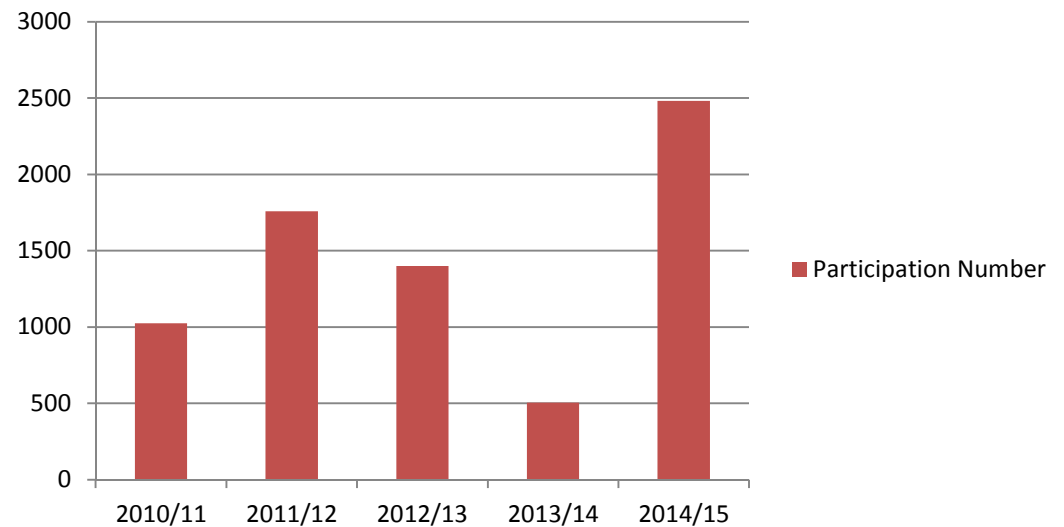


## Connecting Community



- Complete
- Ongoing
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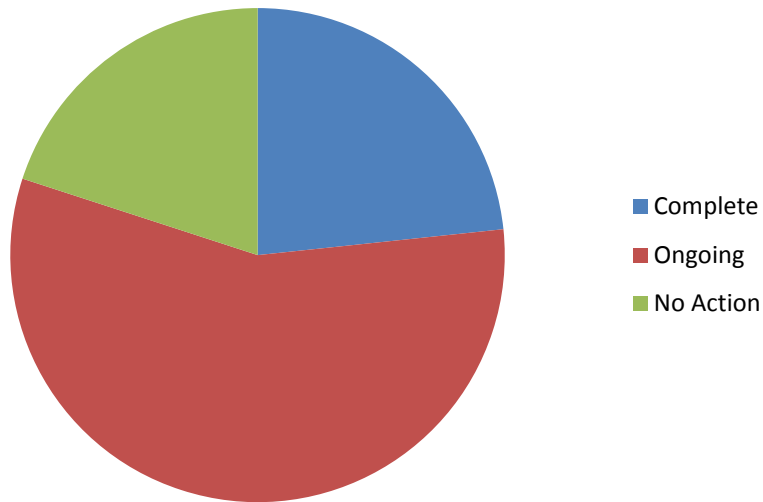
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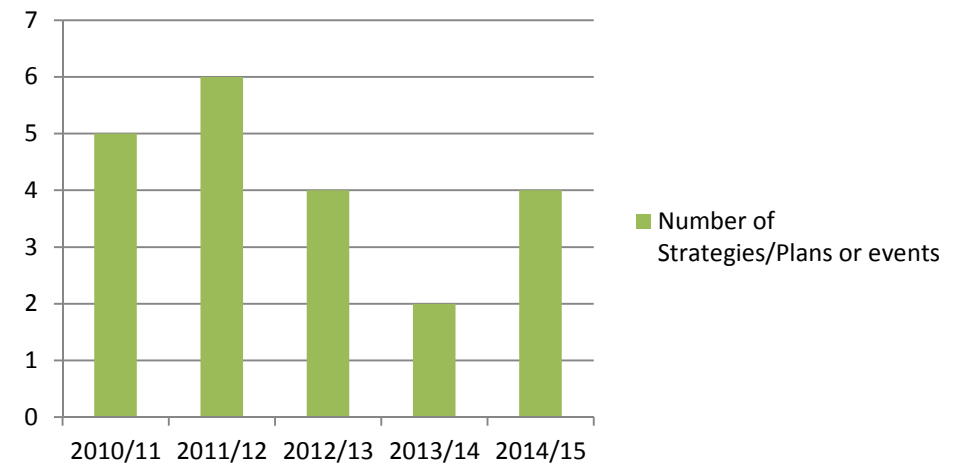
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Connecting Environment



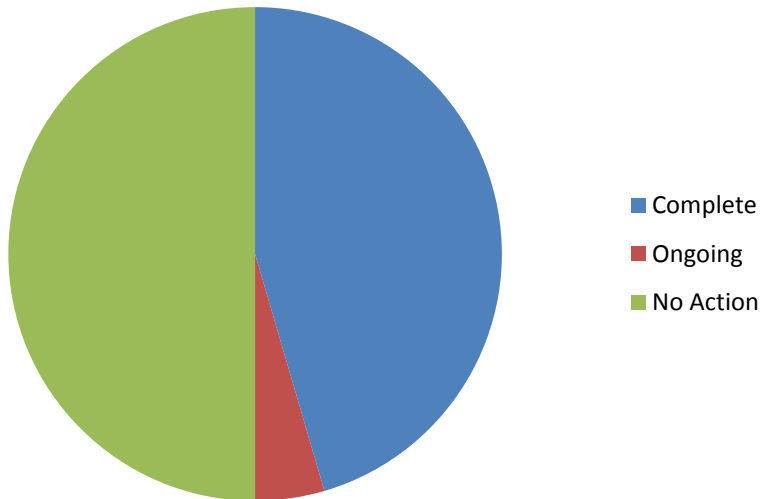
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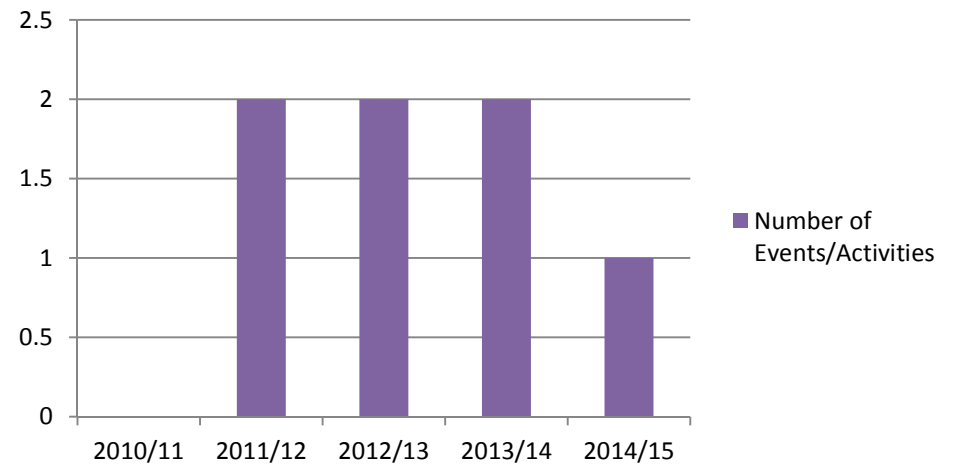


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## Connecting Aboriginal People



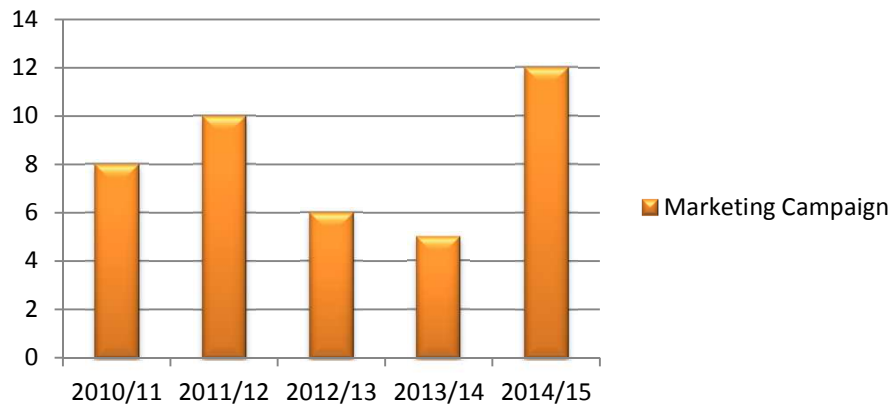
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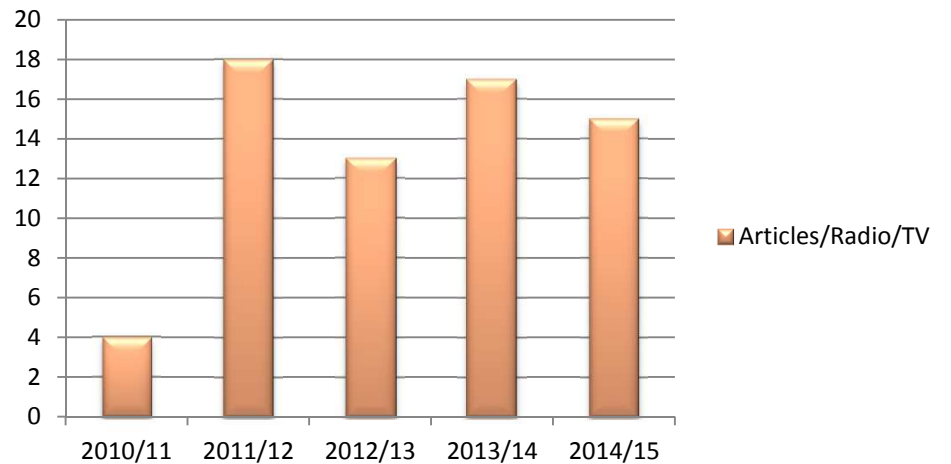
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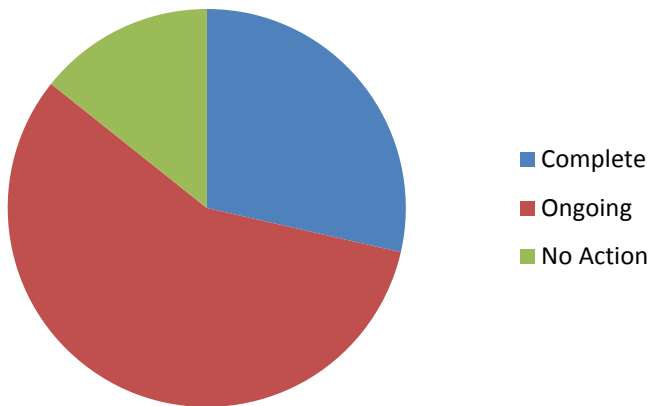
**Marketing Campaign - Groups presented/spoken to**



**Articles/Radio/TV**




**Comms and Consultation**






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ABOUT US EDUCATION COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT CULTURAL



RiverConnect is an initiative of the Shepparton-Mooroopna community to acknowledge the Goulburn and Broken rivers as the heart and soul of the community.


[Get involved](#)



**What is RiverConnect?**

RiverConnect is a wide reaching community project with many partners that sees the Goulburn and Broken Rivers duly recognised as the life and soul of the Shepparton-Mooroopna communities.


[» Discover hidden gems of the area](#)



**Adopt-a-Reach**

Adopt-a-Reach - Schools are encouraged to participate in environmental enhancement, educational and recreational programs at their reach along the river.

[» Learn more](#)



**Connecting Community**

There are many activities and projects that residents and visitors to the area can be involved in along the river. Find out about some of the projects RiverConnect are currently involved in and how you can be a part!

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**Latest News**

2 MAY **National Tree Day - Expression of Interest**  
POSTED 2 MAY 2015  
 Each year the Councils Sustainability and Environment Team assists schools, community and Landcare groups by providing FREE indigenous...

20 MAR **Fish Release at Victoria Park Lake**

**Upcoming Events**

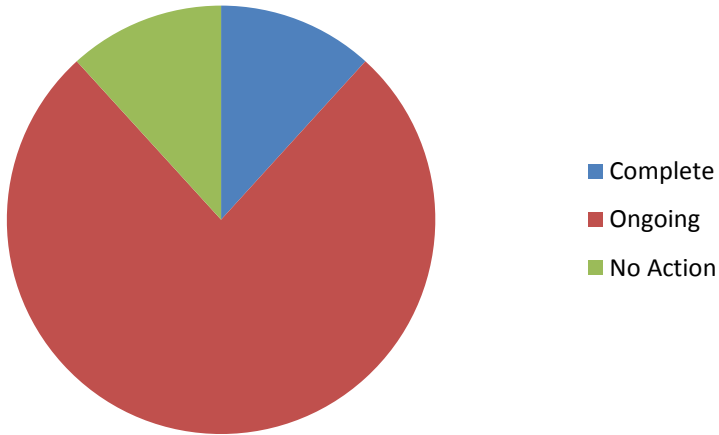
MAY 12 **Spotlight Walks - May and June 2015**  
12 MAY - 17 JUNE, 2015 AT 5:30PM / 10:15AM  
 Join us on a 1-hour twilight walk along the river [Read more](#)

[» View all upcoming events](#)

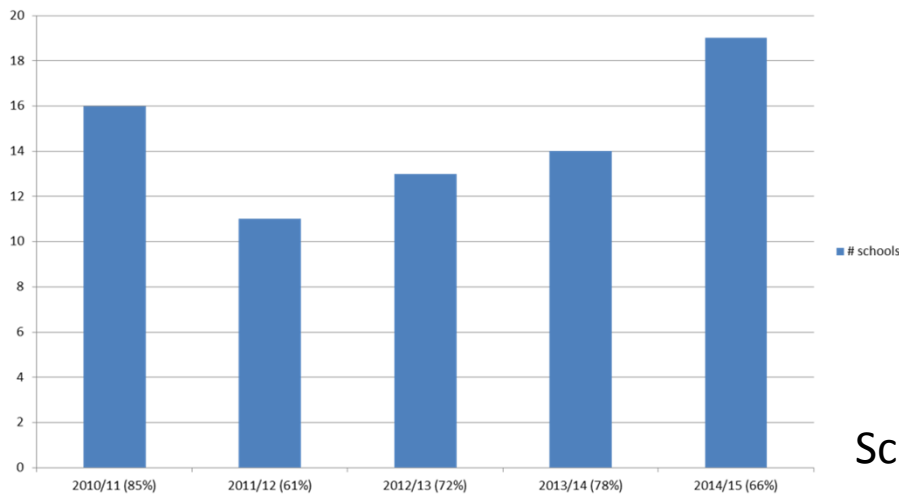
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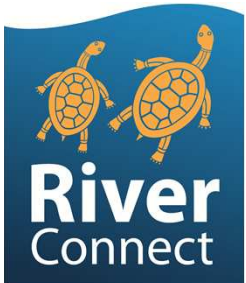
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Student numbers and hours spent at the River with RiverConnect annually

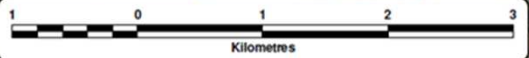
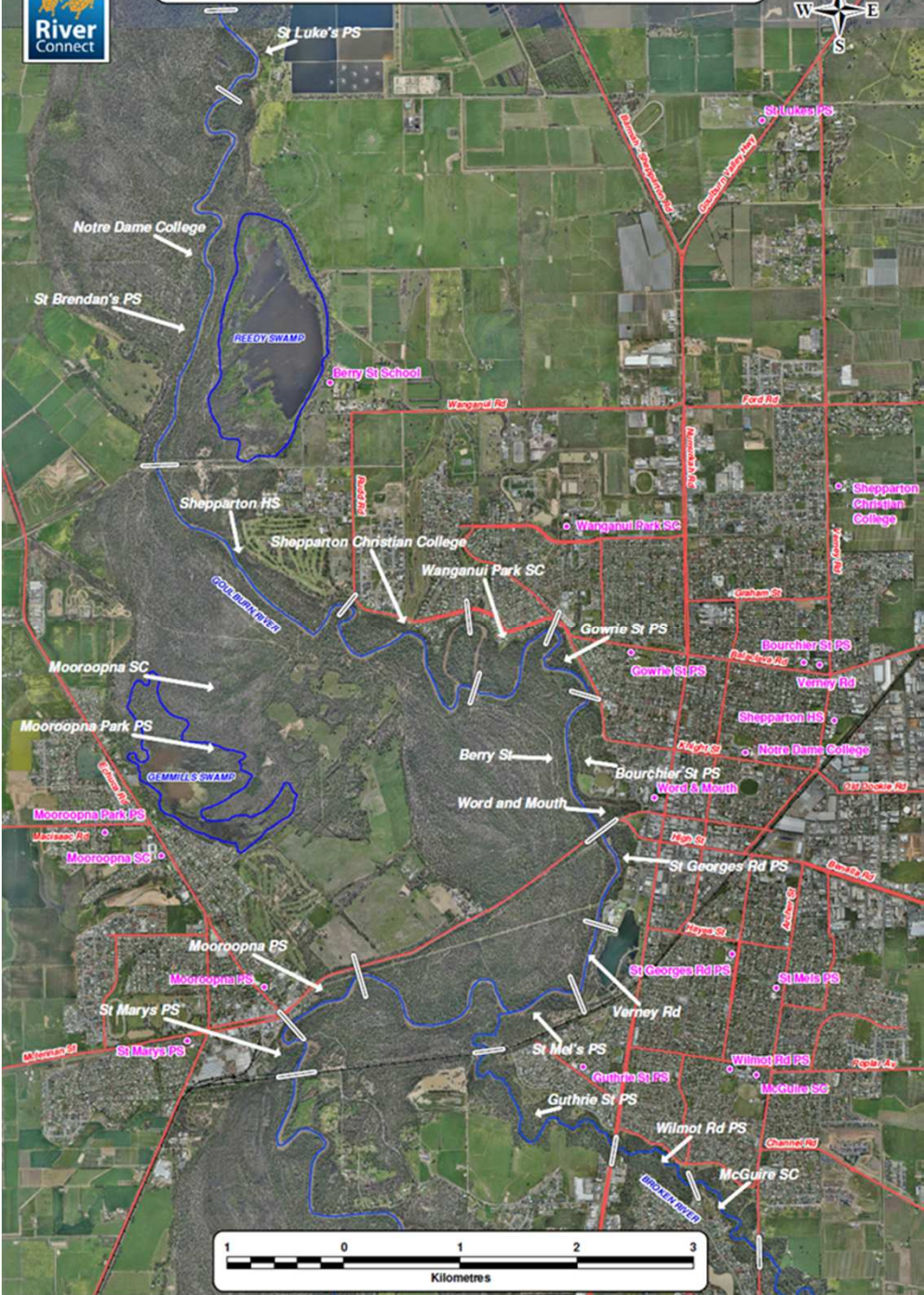


Schools visiting the River annually





# RIVERCONNECT SCHOOL PROJECT AREAS





# Implementation Advisory Meeting & Working Groups



# Meetings and Participation





# Significant Milestones

- Adopt a Reach program started 2008
- New RiverConnect branding 2011
- VCAL Partnership Award
- RiverConnect Website
- Greater Shepparton Cultural Heritage Award – The Flats Interpretive Signage
- RiverConnect Paths Master Plan
- Flood Markers
- Regional Achievement and Community Award
  
- The Flats Walks
- Spotlight Walks





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# Newsletter

## Flats signage Launch



Neville Atkinson, Jackie Walker and Cr Jenny Houlahan and Uncle Boydie launch the new signage at The Flats

The Flats signage was launched on Thursday 2 May 2013. Over 65 people attended the event to hear recollections from Aboriginal Elders.

• [Read more information about the launch.](#)

Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation and Greater Shepparton City Council have compiled a partial list of Yorta Yorta people who served in International Wars.

• [Read the list and more information about The Flats.](#)

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## Pest vs Rest

Year 5/6 Students from two local primary schools spent a day at Reedy Swamp recently learning about pest species and their impact in our natural environment.

• [Read more on our Education page.](#)



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## Goulburn and Broken River Access – Shepparton & Mooroopna

The Goulburn and Broken River Access publication gives river users an overview of how our rivers can be accessed and utilised.



## Issue #15

June 2013

### In this issue

- Flats signage Launch
- Pest vs Rest
- Goulburn and Broken River Access – Shepparton & Mooroopna
- Beautiful day for a canoe, walk and BBQ
- Formal naming of bush block
- Feathertail Gliders at Gemmilla Swamp
- Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2013 Launch
- Activities in the Park
- Biodiversity conference
- Local Platypus Sightings
- Thanks David!

### Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2013 Launch-

RiverConnect representatives attended the Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2013 Launch event on 12 June.

Parks Victoria representative, Bruce Wheeler, spoke about the benefits of receiving the Environment and Sustainability Award in 2010 and the positive impact that has had on the Shepparton and Mooroopna communities.

### Activities in the Park

The Greater Shepparton on the Murrumbidgee 'Activities in the Park' program has finished for 2012-2013.

Over 8,000 participants



River Connect

# Survey results

## Biggest achievements for RC?

- School engagement – Adopt-a-Reach
- Paths Master Plan
- Strengthening of Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- The Flats Walks and signage

## What works well?

- Hands on activities
- In the field learning
- Collaboration on projects
- Involving the community
- Project coordination and management
- Engagement activities (spotlights, canoeing)
- Website

## Perception in the community?

- Low awareness by wider community
- Positive for those that are aware of it
- Lack of awareness outside Shepp/Mooroopna



## What could be improved?

- Funding
- More community buy-in
- Clearer roles and responsibilities of partner organisations
- Ground staff/labour – not relying on volunteers for education sessions
- Strategic level cooperation
- Partnership with tertiary institutions
- More path connections
- Partnerships could be better communicated
- Celebration of Shepp and Mooroopna as River towns
- Students involved in monitoring and recording
- Program extended out of the urban environment (ideally catchment wide)
- Better advertising of events

**Aligns very well with all partner agencies/organisations**

