

# Upcoming consultation activities for all VMFRP projects

## Consultation Plan Addendum – Last updated 8 December 2021 (revision 3.0)

This is the addendum to the four consultation plans developed by the Victorian Murray Floodplain Restoration Project (VMFRP) to guide the engagement during the environment assessment process.

The addendum provides a monthly schedule of our proposed engagement activities across all nine VMFRP sites from December 2021 to February 2022.

The VMFRP will restore Murray River floodplains at nine ecologically significant sites across north-east Victoria. The nine sites are being assessed through either an Environment Effects Statement (EES) or an Environment Report (ER). Project sites have been divided into four zones for the assessment process:

Zone	PROJECT SITES	ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT
West	Lindsay Island and Wallpolla Island	Joint EES
Central (EES)	Hattah Lakes North and Belsar-Yungera	Joint EES
Central (ER)	Vinifera, Nyah and Burra Creek	Joint ER
East	Gunbower and Guttrum-Benwell	Joint ER

The four project zones have separate consultation plans reflecting the different engagement needs at these locations, but one addendum to make it easier for the community to see project-level activities alongside site specific activities.

The four consultation plans and this addendum are considered as live documents that are subject to change and will be updated as needed during the project consultation process.

**Activities are subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions and weather.**

To find out more, visit [vmfrp.com.au/get-involved/](http://vmfrp.com.au/get-involved/)

## December 2021: Preparing the EES/ER

Activity	Proposed timing	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
Field in Focus online presentation – Effects on Surface Water, Groundwater and Geology	1 Dec	All sites	Interested stakeholders and community members	Provide info on technical studies and get community feedback
Field in Focus online presentation – Effects on Biodiversity	3 Dec	All sites	Interested stakeholders and community members	Provide info on technical studies and get community feedback
Field in Focus online presentation – Effects on Land use, Community and Business	6 Dec	All sites	Interested stakeholders and community members	Provide info on technical studies and get community feedback

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Field in Focus – Fact sheets	6 Dec	All Sites	Interested stakeholders and community members	Provide info on technical studies and get community feedback
Robinvale Rotary Club meeting*	7 Dec	Central sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Launch recreation photo comp	10 Dec	All sites	All	Broad project awareness and celebration of floodplains
Newsletter Floodplain Babblers #3	10 Dec	All sites	All	Share project news
Robinvale Community pop up w/ Tech specialists	10 Dec (from 5pm)	Central sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Mildura Centro Shopping Centre w/ Tech specialists	13–15 Dec	West and central sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
One-on-one landholder briefings*	Ongoing	TBC	Directly affected landholders	Share project update and technical
Digital campaign to share technical study updates	Ongoing Oct to Dec	All sites	Local community via social media	Give insights into EES technical study program, studies, discuss landholder agreements, get landholder feedback

\*Pending public health orders and weather

## January 2022: Preparing the EES/ER

Activity	Proposed timing	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
Sunraysia farmers market* w/ Tech specialists	15 Jan	West and central sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Merbein market* w/ Tech specialists	16 Jan	West sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Cohuna Market w/ Tech specialists	23 Jan	East Sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Renmark Rotary Club*	25 Jan	West sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Renmark Lions Club fundraising bazaar*	29 Jan	West sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback
Recreation photo comp concludes	31 Jan	All sites	All	Broad project awareness and celebration of floodplains

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## February 2022: Preparing the EES/ER

Activity	Proposed timing	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
Swan Hill farmers market* w/ Tech specialists	6 February	East and Central sites	Local community	Discuss VMFRP & EES. Get community feedback

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## Ongoing activities

Activity	Proposed timing	Relevant site(s)	Stakeholder	Engagement purpose
Website news and social media updates	Ongoing	All	Community and interested stakeholders	Increase community awareness of projects and opportunities to get involved with EES process.
Traditional Owner engagement	Ongoing	All	Traditional Owners	Direct face-to-face engagement to hear any concerns or suggestions, to better understand their broader landscape and objectives and how the project can support these, and to identify Traditional Owner preferences on how they would like to be involved in the project
Direct contact with key stakeholders and interest groups	Ongoing	All	Stakeholders and interest groups	To update stakeholders on the status of the project and the next steps
Landowner engagement	Ongoing	All	Directly affected landowners	Project updates, landholder agreements, direct briefings, get feedback on projects.
Targeted briefing sessions	Ongoing	All	All interested stakeholders	Milestone briefings to inform and brief key stakeholder groups and decision makers
TRG meetings	Ongoing	All sites	TRG representatives	Discuss projects and get feedback from key stakeholders.
Fieldwork	Ongoing	Various	Landholders	Gather technical information.