

East Barwon Willow Removal

Background

Barwon Water is leading a project to remove willows and restabilise 4km of the East Barwon River to support water security and waterway health.

The issue of invasive weeds is complex and we are working with landowners and neighbouring property owners, the CCMA, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Eastern Maar on a shared land management approach to effectively manage the issue.



Latest news

During August 2022, specialised contractors planted more than 37,000 native shrubs, grasses and trees along 3.5km of river bank of the East Barwon River following the first stage of willow removal that was completed earlier this year. The replanting of native vegetation is a really important part of the project and will help stabilise the streambank, reduce harmful pathogens (organisms that cause disease) and nutrients entering the waterway and limit the spread of Glyceria.

Stage 2 of the project involves realignment of the river and removing willows 500m downstream of Barwon Water's Wurdee Boluc Inlet Channel offtake. These works are required in order to ensure ongoing protection of the Barwon Water assets and to fulfill our land management obligations. We recently confirmed the detailed design and completed a Cultural Heritage Assessment. Stage 2 works are expected to commence and be completed over the 2023/2024 summer period.

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