

# Corop Lakes Community Update

May 2020

## Message to stakeholders

As part of our response to the current circumstances, DELWP has implemented measures to ensure we continue servicing our customers and communities.

DELWP Loddon Mallee staff are all still working hard to deliver priority work in the region.

DELWP are committed to maintaining our services to our stakeholders and thank you for your patience during this challenging time. Stay safe and up to date at [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

## What's been happening at Lake Cooper?

As the land manager of Lake Cooper, DELWP has been exploring some of the ideas to reduce dust around Lake Cooper that were generated at the Corop Community Meeting held in August 2019.

Our staff have engaged different contractors, which you recently may have seen at the lake, to help investigate potential dust reduction solutions.

Edwards Environmental was engaged in March 2020 to undertake soil testing across the lake. The soil testing has been completed and we are currently awaiting the results which are expected in early June 2020.

Rakali Ecological Consulting (REC) will prepare an Ecological and Rehabilitation Plan (ERP) for the lake. This involves Flora and Fauna assessments being undertaken and visits to the lake. REC specialise in ecological assessments (flora and fauna), mapping and land management planning for a variety of ecosystems, including wetland and vegetation. Their work, along with the results of the soil tests will help determine whether revegetation of the lakebed is a viable option to prevent dust in the future.

The soil results will inform the ERP and determine if establishing vegetation across the lakebed is a viable option to help prevent dust in the future.

The ERP will help advise and guide DELWP to best manage the land at Lake Cooper.

In addition, Joudi Enterprises recently started weed removal on the north-east side of the lake, removing weeds to prevent the spread of boxthorn onto the adjoining land. The area will be replanted with native vegetation, further complementing the plantings carried out by the community ten years ago.

## Next steps

Once the soil results and report have been made available to DELWP, we will provide further updates about future works and what you can expect to see at Lake Cooper.

## More information

For more information, please refer to the Corop Lakes Community Information Pack at [www.delwp.vic.gov.au](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au) and search Corop Lakes.

If you have any questions about our work at Lake Cooper, please contact Damian Sharrock during usual office hours on 136 186.