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| Corop Lakes Community Update |
| October 2019 |

## Community Meeting

## A community meeting was held in Corop on 28 August 2019. Community members spoke to staff from several government agencies, raised their concerns and worked together to generate solutions for managing the dust at Lake Cooper.

## What we heard

* Lake Cooper has been a much-loved feature of the community.
* The dust that is blowing from the lake bed into nearby homes causes concern and frustration to residents.
* The Corop Community understand extreme dry conditions and lack of rain have contributed to the lake remaining empty.
* Of all the different management options for the site, the majority of meeting participants supported cropping or revegetation of the lake.

## Thank you

## On behalf of DELWP, Campaspe Shire Council, Goulburn Broken CMA and Goulburn Murray Water, we would like to thank everyone for contributing to the conversation and sharing your ideas.

## Next steps

## DELWP are currently investigating the feasibility of the management options that were provided by the community. DELWP plan to undertake soil testing at Lake Cooper to assist in identifying which species would be best for revegetation and if cropping maybe suitable. Options will only include native species with a focus on species that are indigenous to the lakes area. Species chosen will be low maintenance, drought and water inundation resistant. It is intended that any revegetation or cropping will also have minimal impact on the recreational use of the lake in the event that natural rainfalls result in filling the lake.

## Further Information

For more information, please refer to the Corop Lakes Community Information Pack on [www.delwp.vic.gov.au](file:///C:\Users\cm0h\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\VYW3M3ZE\www.delwp.vic.gov.au) and search 'Corop Lakes'.

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