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Bottle Bend Rehabilitation Program

July 2014

INVESTMENT	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) funding of \$90, 000 NSW Trade & Investment Crown Lands funding of \$12, 000
LOCATION	Bottle Bend Reserve 25km south east of the town of Gol Gol (Far Western NSW)
WORKS COMMENCED	May 2014
EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	October 2014

Description of works

400 hectares of black box woodland at Bottle Bend Reserve will be watered to rehabilitate flood plain vegetation and to enhance wildlife habitat.

Current status

The NSW Government is investing in the rehabilitation of 400 hectares of black box woodland at Bottle Bend Reserve.

The reserve is approximately 1620 hectares and is located adjacent to the Murray River in far south western NSW. It was formerly known as Gol Gol State Forest and was managed as State Forest up until 2010.

The area has not received a significant flood event since 1992 and trees on the reserve were under severe stress. Dieback was noted in a significant number of the trees at the reserve.

Watering of the site is currently underway and work is expected to be completed in October 2014.

A map of the reserve's areas marked for watering can be located in the Image Gallery at the end of this document.

Benefit to community and local economy

The site has cultural heritage significance, providing a space for both public recreation and nature conservation.

The purpose of the watering is to enhance wildlife habitat and the rehabilitation of the recreation and conservation reserve to ensure the site will be available for future generations.

A potential result of restored habitat is an increase in wildlife numbers, and subsequently, a rise in visitor numbers to surrounding townships, such as Mildura and Gol Gol, and the reserve's designated camping area.

Access and safety

The reserve will be closed while the initial pumping phase of the program is underway.



Once the pump has been removed the two camp grounds will be open to the public. Access to the reserve will be limited until late October.

Signage is on display at the reserve and gates will be locked to the restricted area.

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Project manager

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More information

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Image Gallery

Figure 1 - Watered areas



Source: Crown Lands, July 2014

Pictured is an area in Bottle Bend Reserve which has been watered.
The sparse canopy of the reserve's trees is visible. Figure 1 - Watered areas

Figure 2 - Aerial of the watered area



Source: Crown Lands, July 2014

Aerial of the watered area as of July 2014.

Figure 3 – Map of areas marked for watering



Source: Crown Lands, 2014

400 hectares of the reserve's approximate 1620 hectares have been marked for watering on this map. The Murray River is marked in blue.

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