



Lake Hawthorn Management Plan

Mildura Rural City Council, Lower Murray Water, Goulbourn-Murray Water and Mallee Catchment Management Authority are working together to develop the Lake Hawthorn Management Plan.

About the Lake Hawthorn Management Plan

The Plan will consider the needs and interests of all users of the lake, including adjoining landholders and licensees, recreational users and government agencies.

Once complete it will include a list of key issues and priorities to manage the lake and surrounding areas. It will also:

- Identify a long term vision for Lake Hawthorn;
- Recognise the diverse range of values, uses and issues associated with the Lake; and
- Identify important social, economic and environmental issues and develop a series of actions to address these issues over the next 1-10 years.

Community input into the Plan

It is vital that the people and communities affected by decisions about Lake Hawthorn are involved in developing the Plan. The aim is to give everyone who is interested in the future of Lake Hawthorn the opportunity to provide their input during consultations. We encourage participants to identify what the issues are from their perspective, to offer some possible solutions, and to help shape the future of Lake Hawthorn.

Input and participation from the community will ensure the agencies have a comprehensive understanding of the issues and potential solutions as the plan is developed.

After all key parties have had a chance to provide input, a draft Plan will be developed which residents will have an opportunity to review before the plan is finalised in October.

About Lake Hawthorn

The use of Lake Hawthorn for managing salt and receiving stormwater has changed over time. Changes to irrigated agriculture and increased urbanisation of the lake catchment has led to changed expectations for amenity, recreation and environmental value.

It is therefore timely to develop a Lake Hawthorn Management Plan to manage and, where possible, enhance the important values held by agencies and the community about Lake Hawthorn.

More information

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