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Waterway works set to improve river health near Myrtleford.

Major works being undertaken around Myrtleford are set to improve river health along the Happy Valley Creek and Ovens River.

Work crews are removing weeds to help improve the flow of Happy Valley Creek and replacing them with native plants to help stabilise banks and build biodiversity in the area.

The project involves local landholders, the North East CMA, contractors and Alpine Shire Council.

CMA Waterways Project Officer, Mr Anthony Wilson, said the work is being undertaken now to avoid the tobacco growing season and take advantage of the relatively dry conditions.

“We’re targeting an area near Rotary Park on Happy Valley Creek because we’ve had strong support from landholders in this area,” said Anthony.

“ We’re removing weeds like willows that are choking the Creek and planting grasses, shrubs and trees that will prevent erosion and attract birds and other animals.”

Mr Wilson said the current work complements channel carrying capacity work undertaken by the CMA along the Ovens earlier this year.

“ This project is part of the ongoing river health programs being run across the North East Catchment area,” said Anthony.

The work is being funded by the Victorian Government’s “Our Water, Our Future” large-scale river restorations project.

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The North East CMA region – key facts:

- covers approximately 1.9 million hectares of North East Victoria;
- contributes an estimated \$3.24 billion to the National economy each year;
- supplies 38% of total water to the Murray Darling Basin;
- key industries include agriculture, forests, tourism and valued added processing;
- more than 55 per cent consists of public land.