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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACCEPTED ACRONYM	STANDARD TERM (CAPITALISATION AS SPECIFIED)
ANAE	Australian National Aquatic Ecosystem
C&E	Communication and Engagement
CEWH	Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder
CEWO	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
CPD	Collaborative Pairs <i>Program</i>
CPUE	Catch per unit effort
DOIW	NSW Department of Industry- Water
ER	Ecosystem respiration
EWAG	Environmental Water Advisory Group
EWKR	Environmental Water Knowledge and Research
GPP	Gross Primary Production
GS	General Security
HCVAE	High Conservation Value Aquatic Ecosystems
HS	High Security
IMEF	Integrated Monitoring of Environmental Flows
LAP	Land Access Protocol
LRWG	Lachlan Riverine Working Group
LTIM Project	Long Term Intervention Monitoring Project
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MDBA	Murray-Darling Basin Authority
MDMS	Monitoring Data Management System
MER Program	Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Program
NoW	NSW Office of Water
NPP	Net primary production
NPWS	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
NSW DPI	NSW Department of Primary Industries
PM	Project Management
QA/QC	quality assurance / quality control
SMWS	Safe Method Work Statement
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SRA	Sustainable Rivers Audit
TAGs	Technical Advisory Groups
WHS	Workplace Health and Safety
WRP	Water Resource Plan

E1. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

This appendix provides a summary of the communication and engagement activities funded through the specified communication and engagement budget of the Lachlan MER Program. For further details of the operational refer to Section 8 (Communication and engagement) of Dyer et al (2019) *Lachlan Selected Area Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Plan (2019-2022)*. Additional information about the Operational and External Communications and Engagement activities, referred to in the Lachlan MER Plan, are included in Table 1 and 2 below.

Table 1. Description of operational communication and engagement activities

Item No.	Service/Deliverable	Description
2019-20		
Meetings		
1.	EWAG & TAG Meetings	4 EWAG meetings (face to face) and 3 TAG meetings (phone). 1 representative at each meeting
2.	Collaborative meeting	1 per year. Assumes 1 staff member attending and location is not Canberra. Assumes 2 day meeting and efficiencies can be gained in a year from other meetings.
Communication products		
3	Update landholder access protocols	The Land Access Protocol (LAP) or access arrangement includes details of when, where and how any member of the M&E Provider team will access land and how operations or monitoring activities will be conducted while on affected landholder property.
4	Landholder update	One provided following the spring / early summer sampling and one following the Autumn/early winter sampling (expected January and June each year)
5	Flow MER Stories	2 per year as possible
6	Aboriginal Story	1 per year, around NAIDOC week

Forums		
7	Operational MER Stakeholder Forum	Annual meeting of the Selected Area Working Group members plus key operational stakeholders to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share observations and outcomes from the monitoring • explore opportunities for collaboration • coordinate activities ensure agencies are briefed and aware of activities as well as observations and outcomes from environmental watering
8	Practitioner Forum	1 per year, assuming meetings in each of Adelaide, Albury and Moree. Assumes 3 staff attending To enable collaboration between Selected Area Teams and operational stakeholders across the MDB
2020-21		
Meetings		
9.	EWAG & TAG Meetings	4 EWAG meetings (face to face) and 3 TAG meetings (phone). 1 representative at each meeting
10.	Collaborative meeting	1 per year. Assumes 1 staff member attending and location is not Canberra. Assumes 2 day meeting and efficiencies can be gained in a year from other meetings.
Communication products		
11	Landholder update	One provided following the spring / early summer sampling and one following the Autumn/early winter sampling (expected January and June each year)
12	Flow MER Stories	2 per year as possible
13	Aboriginal Story	1 per year, around NAIDOC week
Forums		
14	Practitioner Forum	1 per year, assuming meetings in each of Adelaide, Albury and Moree. Assumes 3 staff attending To enable collaboration between Selected Area Teams and operational stakeholders across the MDB
2021-22		
Meetings		
15	EWAG & TAG Meetings	4 EWAG meetings (face to face) and 3 TAG meetings (phone).

		1 representative at each meeting
16	Collaborative meeting	1 per year. Assumes 1 staff member attending and location is not Canberra. Assumes 2 day meeting and efficiencies can be gained in a year from other meetings.
Communication products		
17	Landholder update	One provided following the spring / early summer sampling and one following the Autumn/early winter sampling (expected January and June each year)
18	Flow MER Stories	2 per year as possible
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21	Practitioner Forum	1 per year, assuming meetings in each of Adelaide, Albury and Moree. Assumes 3 staff attending To enable collaboration between Selected Area Teams and operational stakeholders across the MDB

Table 2. Description of external communication and engagement activities

Item No.	Service/Deliverable	Description
2019-20		
Community Events		
1.	Booberoi Creek Engagement Weekend	A Booberoi Creek Engagement Weekend building on the event held in February 2019. It is expected that the focus will be on fish monitoring, but may expand into aquatic vegetation and waterbirds. This will highlight MER monitoring in the region, and further engage landholders in the management of their creek.
Media		

2	Articles in Newspapers	Four targeted articles per year for the Lake News, Ivanhoe and Hillston Spectator, Condobolin Argus, Forbes Advocate, Cowra Guardian. Suggested timing is to follow the Quarterly Outcomes Newsletter but should not preclude opportunistic articles following key monitoring / research activities.
Citizen Science		
3	Water quality sampling	Support for a WaterWatch and WaterBugBlitz team at Murrin Bridge Aboriginal community and Lake Cargelligo. The group is administered by Lake Cargelligo Landcare, and Central West Local Land Services (LLS, Jasmine Wells).
Other		
4	Reporting and Coordination	Execution of the C&E Plan will require time for coordination, reporting and information dissemination.
5	Indigenous activities	An allowance for undertaking activities engaging local indigenous groups.
2020-21		
Community Events		
1.	Booberoi Creek Engagement Weekend	See above
2	Hillston Hook Line and Sinker	Annual event organised by local recreational fishing clubs. LTIM has attended HHLS with display and activities for past 4 years.
3	Murrin Bridge	Engage with the Murrin Bridge Aboriginal community near Lake Cargelligo. This may provide an opportunity to demonstrate LTIM vegetation monitoring techniques and participate in a cultural events.
Media		
4	Articles in Newspapers	See above
Citizen Science		
5	Water quality sampling	See above
Other		
6	Reporting and Coordination	See above

7	Indigenous activities	See above
2021-22		
Community Events		
1	Hillston Hook Line and Sinker	See above
2	Murrin Bridge	See above
Media		
3	Articles in Newspapers	See above
Citizen Science		
4	Water quality sampling	See above
Other		
5	Reporting and Coordination	See above
6	Indigenous activities	See above