

water quality

Management Target: Water Quality and salinity levels meeting ANZECC drinking water and recreational use criteria for greater than 95% of the time at key town use sites by 2016.

■ Work Undertaken

Jon Pocknell of Springvale Station, near Walgett, is restoring a cane grass swamp and floodplain that acts as a natural filter to improve water quality downstream, as it runs into The Big Warrambool and the Barwon River. He will fence the 600 hectare area, subdivide it into four paddocks and install two self-mustering facilities.

■ Expected Benefits:

- Improving water quality in The Big Warrambool and the Barwon River
- Protecting the sometime home to thousands of waterbirds including ibis, spoonbills, pelicans, cranes and brolgas
- Improving total grazing pressure management
- Reducing feral animal impact, particularly goats and pigs
- Reducing soil compaction and improving soil health
- Increasing groundcover and encouraging perennial plants

■ Funding Year: 2005

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