



Australian Government



Demonstration Reaches

Indigenous Engagement

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Demonstration Reaches

- Community focus
 - Awareness
 - Consultation
 - Engagement
 - Empowerment/Ownership

Indigenous Engagement in Demonstration Reaches

- Recognise the strong connection Aboriginal people have to the River
- Indigenous engagement can:
 - bring knowledge and expertise
 - bring a different level of understanding of and appreciation for our natural resources
 - provide insight into natural state of the riverine environment
 - help to achieve on-ground outcomes and provide employment and training opportunities

Indigenous Engagement in Demonstration Reaches

- Basin-wide discussions
- Occurred July and August 2009
- Looked at:
 - What is working
 - Lessons learned
 - Ways forward

What is Working

- Communication, communication, communication....



What is Working

- Effective Planning



What is Working

- Information Exchange



What is Working

- Story Telling



What is Working

- Understanding and utilising existing networks



CASE STUDY: Brewarrina to Bourke Demonstration Reach

- On-ground works to date:

- Resnagging
- Riparian management
 - Fencing
 - Alternative Watering Points
 - Gully remediation
 - Weed control
 - Revegetation



- Fishway design (Brewarrina and Bourke weirs)
- Awareness Raising/Education
- Carp Management (6 Carp musters)
- Monitoring and surveys

Indigenous engagement - Brewarrina to Bourke

- Consultation
 - Cultural monitoring
 - Aboriginal Heritage Advice



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- Welcome to Country



- Steering Committee

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- Carp Musters



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- Training & employment
 - Revegetation
 - Weed management
 - Fishway maintenance/
carp separation cage
operation



Ways forward

- Bilingual signage/ communication products



Ways forward

- Communication and persistence



Ways forward

- Factoring in mentoring opportunities



Ways forward

- Oral History and story telling



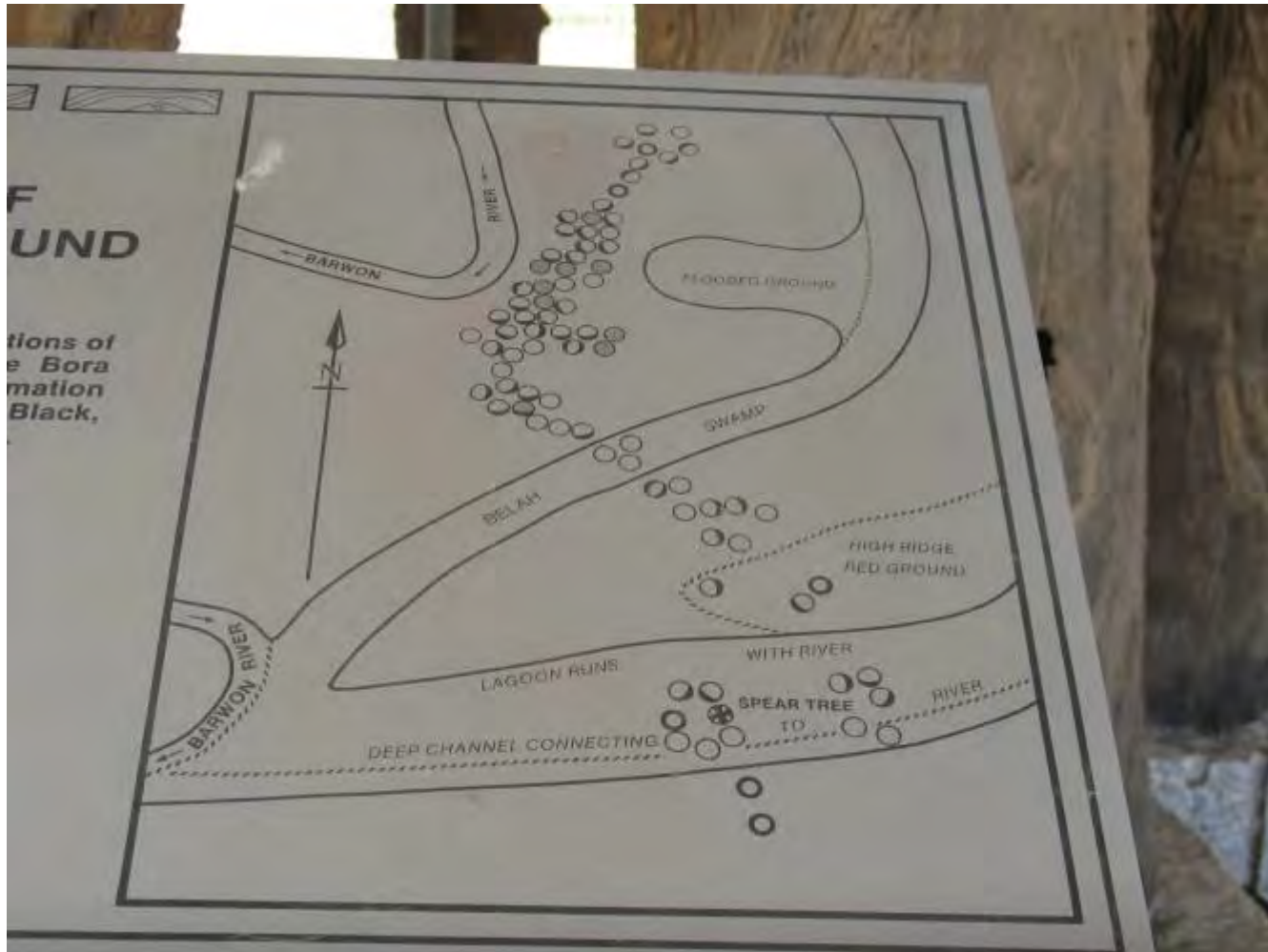
Ways forward

- Value adding to employment/training opportunities



Ways forward

- Occupancy & landuse mapping



Healthy Rivers, Healthy Community



"Young people cannot figure out where they are going if they don't know where they have come from"

Matt Priestly