

Wangaratta Urban Area Aquatic Weed Identification

Client: North East Catchment Management Authority
Location: Wangaratta, Victoria



Water Technology was commissioned by the North East CMA to undertake an assessment of aquatic weeds through the urban area of Wangaratta along One Mile Creek and Three Mile Creek. Aquatic weed infestations in these waterways are a potential threat to the lower Ovens River, a state declared Heritage River and icon of the North East region. Field inspections were undertaken to identify and document the distribution and size of aquatic weed infestations, in particular Parrot's Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*).

The data collected for the current assessment was compared to available data from similar assessments undertaken in 2003 to determine changes in aquatic weed distributions and the size of infestations, and identification of new species observed in the urban area. This information was represented in infestation summary sheets and reach mapping, accompanying a report which recommended priority species and reaches for control. This investigation will also serve as a baseline assessment of the aquatic weeds within the Wangaratta urban area prior to the implementation of an aquatic weed control program.

Key Services Provided:

- Field survey
- Aquatic weed identification
- GIS mapping

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