

River group report.

The Loddon River project has continued through 2012. Another Federal Government Community Action Grant of \$14000 has paid for more weed control and plantings along the Loddon, as well as Bridal Creeper around the Newstead area . We held four plantings last year, working around the Island and then moving to the wide area of mature River Red Gums near the confluence of the Loddon and Muckleford Creek. About 300 shrubs, sedges and grasses were planted. We have also had a number of maintenance working bees at sites of previous plantings. The changing landscape of weeds continues to be a problem and addressing this will depend on further funding. We have undertaken works to reduce the return of Cape Broom, which had been decimated by the floods. We will know in March whether we will receive funding under the Victorian Government "Communities for Nature" program. Plantings will continue around the confluence with the Muckleford regardless.

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