



# 13<sup>TH</sup> ANPC Conference – April 2022

## North East CMA Field Trip

### **NORTH EAST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NECMA):**

The North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA) works with the community, government and funding organisations to protect and enhance land, water and biodiversity resources in north east Victoria.

### **FIELD TRIP – ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY (SUPPORTED BY THE NORTH EAST CMA) – FULL DAY: 9AM – 4:30PM**

This tour will be supported by the North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and travel east from Albury to the Upper Murray region on the Victorian side of the border. The Upper Murray was particularly impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires, as fires occurred across public and private agricultural lands and several small townships.

The tour will visit the Pheasant Creek Flora Reserve, home to several rare and threatened species, including the endemic Shelley Leek Orchid (*Prasophyllum uvidulum*) and the Striated Sun Moth (*Synemon collecta*). We will look at the varied effects of fires and recovering responses from our native species, the associated threats, and management actions to support their recovery. We will also learn more about how a new deer fence is helping protect this unique site.

Returning to Albury via the NSW-VIC border, the scenic drive will provide more insights into the impacts of the extensive bushfires in the region. Along the way, we will hear from North East CMA officers about the restoration efforts contributing to the recovery of our waterway systems and alpine environments in partnerships with other government agencies, landholders and community groups.

PROGRAM SUMMARY AND ITINERARY:

Depart from	Depart time	Destination	Arrival time	Description
Albury – Entertainment Centre	9.15 am	Stop 1 –Shelley Forest Camp	10:45 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Morning tea</b></li> <li>• Shelley Leek Orchid – response after fires, seed collection and propagation</li> <li>• Grassland management – restoration and burning</li> <li>• Striated sun moth – species conservation</li> </ul> <p><i>Toilets available on site</i></p>
Shelley Forest Camp	12:00 pm	Stop 2 –Pheasant Creek Reserve (Dam site)	12:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity values of the site – a jewel in the landscape</li> <li>• <b>Lunch</b></li> </ul>
Pheasant Creek Reserve (Dam site site)	1:30 pm	Stop 2 –Pheasant Creek Reserve (Deer Fence site)	1:40 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deer impacts – threats and management</li> <li>• Pheasant Creek deer exclusion trial</li> </ul> <p><i>Portaloo available on site</i></p>
Pheasant Creek Reserve (Deer Fence site)	2:10 pm	Stop 3 – Walwa (via Guys Forest/ Shelly-Walwa Rd)	2:40 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerial deer and ground control programs (commentary on the bus/possible stop to view bushfire damage)</li> </ul> <p><i>Toilet stop at Walwa (public toilets)</i></p>
Walwa	3:00 pm	Albury (via Murray River Road)	4:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bushfire Recovery Program – restoration works and recovery in the alpine environment (commentary on the bus/possible stop to view bushfire damage)</li> </ul>

