

CAP	Action no.	Strategies/actions	Lead agent	Partner Agencies	Performance Target and Date	Status	Limiting Factor	Progress to date	Future Intentions
Central West Estuaries	4.1	Ensure that the region's estuaries have an integrated planning and management structure, particularly for estuaries requiring a management plan (as described in Figure 6).	WCB in partnership with CCMA	local government, PV, foreshore CoM, DSE/DPI	Integrated planning and management structure for estuaries implemented by Dec 07				
	4.2	Ensure that the protection and enhancement of estuaries are given priority as part of the continual improvement of the Greater Geelong, Surf Coast and Colac Otway Planning Schemes adopt the planning policy recommendations of the Central West Victoria Coastal Planning Scheme Review (2002) Section 2 and Appendix 5 of the Central West Victoria Estuaries CAP and other strategies and plans relevant to estuaries and their wetlands in the region. In particular introduce an appropriate policy component to the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme as it applies to the Barwon River and Thompsons Creek estuaries and wetlands.	Local municipalities	DSE, CCMA, WCB, CCB	Protection and enhancement of estuaries is included in planning scheme review and revision processes				
	4.3	Develop and implement a priority program for applying appropriate zones, overlays and associated schedules in the Greater Geelong, Surf Coast and Colac Otway Planning Schemes. This will ensure the implementation of the policy recommendations from the Central West Victoria Coastal Planning Scheme Review (2002), Section 2 and Appendix 5 of the Central West Victoria Estuaries CAP and to give effect to other strategies and plans relevant to estuaries and their wetlands in the region. In particular introduce a new schedule to the Surf Coast and Colac Otway Planning Schemes Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO) to cover estuaries and estuarine wetlands.	Local municipalities	DSE, CCMA, WCB, CCB	Priority program developed and implemented by Dec 2007				
	4.4	Prepare high and medium priority estuary management plans, and implement management options for other estuaries listed in Table 4. Table 4 outlines options for improved management of estuaries. Not all estuaries may require a separate management plan and other options may include the extension of existing plans and/or other management activities. The timing for high and medium priority estuaries is based on information obtained from the Central West Victoria CMPP Waterway Management Working Group (Appendix 3).	Public land managers - local government, PV and foreshore CoM Proposed:CCMA A in partnership with public land managers - local government, PV and foreshore CoM	WCB, CCB, CCMA, DSE/DPI	Management options outlines in Table 4 implemented by Dec 2007				
	4.5	Ensure that estuary management plans consider using the Toolkit for Estuary Management in Section 5. The toolkit represents an opportunity for estuary management plans to be prepared with consistent formats and assist managers with direction on estuary management.	Public land managers - local government, PV and foreshore CoM	WCB, CCMA, DSE/DPI, CCB	Toolkit considered during development of all estuary management plans				
	4.6	Encourage the incorporation of estuary management plans into other land or water management plans, business plans, corporate plans or municipal planning schemes by all relevant local and state government agencies.	WCB in partnership with CCMA	DSE/DPI, local government, PV, CCB, foreshore CoM	Estuary management plans incorporated into other documents by Dec 2007				
	4.7	Encourage the use of the Toolkit for Estuary Management (Section 5) to assess applications for planning permits, Coastal Management Act 1995 consents and works in waters under Section 67 of the Water Act 1989.	Public land managers, local government, DSE Proposed: Public land managers, local government, DSE, CCMA	WCB, CCB, CCMA	Toolkit used in assessing applications for permits, consents and works				
	4.8	Further facilitate the involvement of Indigenous communities in decision making and management of estuaries, in particular develop where appropriate use and development protocols and land-use agreements to ensure the protection and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in or adjacent to estuaries and their wetlands.	Public land managers, local government, DSE in partnership with local Aboriginal communities	WCB, CCB, CCMA	Use and development protocols and land use agreements developed as appropriate			CoGG: 'Wathaurong Protocol' developed for CoGG Shire;	
	4.9	Encourage the further extension of Waterwatch and other community monitoring programs to measure the health and use of estuaries and their associated wetlands.	CCMA in partnership with WCB	Public land managers, DSE/DPI	Increase the number of estuaries covered by Estuary Watch				
	4.4.10	Implement the recommendations, policies and actions of the Draft Corangamite River Health Strategy relevant to managing impacts of catchment activities that affect estuary health.	CCMA	DSE/DPI, Local Government and CoM	RHS released by Dec 2006. Implementation plan for recommendations, policies and actions regarding estuary health established by June 2007			CCMA: RHS released. Implementation ongoing.;	