

"Chicks in the Sticks" - Tickets Still Available!

Dear Chicks in the Sticks,

If you have already purchased your ticket to "Chicks in the Sticks"! We are excited to have you land with us in Jerilderie on March 17th for this empowering event hosted by YACTAC (Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council) and co-funded by FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) and YACTAC.

With just ten days left until our event, we **wanted to remind you** that tickets are still available!

"Chicks in the Sticks" promises to be a day filled with learning, laughter, and leadership as we come together to celebrate the strength and resilience of rural regional Riverina women like yourself.

Our lineup of speakers, including **Kimberley Furness**: OAK Magazine & A Friend of Mine Podcast, **Lou Bull**: Aquila Gardens & Yoga Teacher, and **Shanna Whan** from Sober in the Country, will lead enriching discussions on rural women's health and well-being.

Whether you're joining us with friends or flying solo, "Chicks in the Sticks" is the perfect opportunity to network, learn, and be inspired. Your ticket purchase has not only secured your spot but also contributes to creating a supportive community.

Event Details:

- **Event:** Chicks in the Sticks Luncheon with guest speaker & bespoke trade stalls
- **Landing:** March 17, 2024
- **Location:** Civic Centre, Jerilderie
- **Time:** 11:30 am – 2:30 pm
- **Ticket Price:** \$25 per chick

Tickets: yactac.project@gmail.com or visit our website, **Yanco Creek System Facebook page**, **YANCO2024 Instagram account** <https://bit.ly/chicksinthesticks>.

We can't wait to welcome you to "Chicks in the Sticks" and celebrate with you as we soar into our next journey with our wings in full flight!

Warm regards,

Bronwyn Thomas YACTAC Project Officer

PS: A second event will be landing in **Moulamein on the 4th of July**, follow our socials for updates and announcements.



Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL WATERING

The Yanco Creek System has been included in the environmental watering monitoring of the Murrumbidgee Valley since 2021. This is undertaken on behalf of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder by Charles Sturt University and in recent years Andrea Mitchell has been involved in some of the on-ground work.

Delivery of environmental water is increasing the total volume of water within the system. Irrigation water orders are no longer enough to experience consistent flows to the levels historically experienced. This is due to the reduced water entitlements that are now held in the YCS. Essentially environmental water orders are needed to keep the creeks flowing. Below shows the volume of water that has flowed through the system since 2014/15.

So far, this current year 19,700GL has entered the Yanco Billabong Creeks.

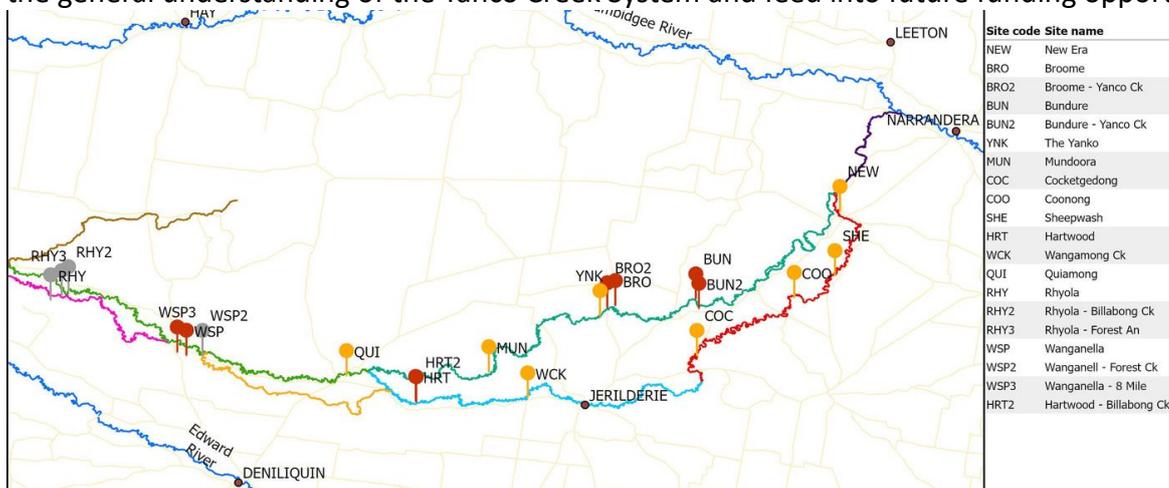
Wanganella Swamp has not received any environmental flows for the past two years as it has been wet and the SDLAM project team needed to survey the area.

Recent low flows were experienced in the Yanco and Billabong Creeks for various reasons. We reached out to WaterNSW, CEWH and NSW DQ to increase flows and are grateful to the federal and state environmental water departments as they committed an environmental flow to ensure flows in the system were kept at a consistent level, rather than quick increases and decreases to mirror irrigation water orders.



At the recent EWAG meeting a further commitment was made to 30 June 2024 to continue to supplement water orders by adding an environmental water order for flows to 500ML day at the Yanco Offtake.

Wetland monitoring sites are recording frogs, bats, fish, turtles and waterbirds. This monitoring will enhance the general understanding of the Yanco Creek System and feed into future funding opportunities.



The ongoing program will cover the next 5 years, so we eagerly look forward to the change over time and to be recognised for the unique wetlands we have within the system.