2018 Catchments Summit:
‘Strengthening Catchment Partnerships’

Key ideas and messages
The 2018 Catchments Summit: a short summary

Held at Kardinia Park in Geelong, the 2018 Catchments Summit brought together 200+ delegates representing the breadth of the water and catchments sector across Victoria for a day of knowledge sharing and networking. The Summit is a crucial forum for sharing new information and current approaches to integrated catchment management. It is a unique opportunity for participants to forge new partnerships, learn from initiatives occurring right across the state, and discover new ideas to apply in their own work.

Under the overarching theme of “Strengthening Catchment Partnerships” the 2018 Summit was more extensive and ambitious than in 2017. In total, the event comprised 48 welcomes, workshops, speeches and presentations across a program containing nine content streams. The Summit concluded with a dedicated networking hour to further strengthen sector partnerships. Attendees used a combination of mobile phone technology and “ideas walls” to capture key points made throughout the day.

Why hold the Catchments Summit?

Held annually until 2020, the Catchments Summit is a key initiative under goal 4 of the Victorian Government’s Our Catchments, Our Communities (OCOC) strategy to strengthen coordination between key catchment management partners. OCOC supports implementation of Action 3.2 of the Victorian Government’s water plan, Water for Victoria to “Invest in integrated catchment management”.

Scope and purpose of the document

This document provides a snapshot of the sessions and initiatives discussed at the 2018 Summit such as the keynote speech, content streams, and OCOC Leadership Development Grants. Each section contains a short summary and the key ideas and messages to come out of the session. These ideas and messages have been taken from the post-it notes and Sli.do comments attendees provided on the day. This document captures the key messages that resonated with the organisers and is not intended to diminish comments raised by participants that are not captured.

We hope you find this document useful and can utilise the key ideas, messages, and links to improve your own initiatives and projects. We strongly encourage you to contact presenters directly for more information on their initiatives and to strengthen organisational partnerships.

Link to Catchments Summit presentations
Link to photographs from the day

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Summary

In her Keynote speech titled ‘Guardians of our water, our health and wellbeing in a liquid continent’, Kerry outlined the intrinsic link between human and ecosystem and catchment health.

In the ‘liquid continent’ of Oceania, habitat loss, invasive species, pollution and climate change undermine ecosystem functionality. This in turn is both directly and indirectly linked to primary health complications in the region. Indigenous peoples’ holistic expressions of wellbeing involve more than just a personal perspective of health, instead incorporating broader concepts of ecosystem wellbeing, and the health of place. The Oceanian experience highlights the need for new place-based approaches and practices which more clearly align efforts in conservation with human health.

The health and catchment management sectors need integrated solutions to intrinsically linked problems. Integrated tools and solutions are required to the point where we see conservation and environmental management as preventative medicines, and where we can justify conservation actions using health based indicators.

Key ideas and messages

Our humanness is defined by the top 60cm of soil and the health of our water.

The health of our environment and our country is intimately connected to the health and wellbeing of all humans.

There is a direct correlation between land, environment, place and community health.

We need to start viewing environmental restoration and protection as preventative medicine. Conservation is preventative medicine!

It is important to connect these traditionally separate disciplines for one common goal through a broad vision for wellbeing.

Integrated and holistic approaches must be the way forward. This leads to effective investment and far reaching outcomes.

Storytelling has been powerful for centuries to showcase the relationship between land and its people. We need to learn from this.

We need to ensure people are informed and respected when engaged, not just ‘consulted’.

There is so much importance in measuring community health outcomes in our catchment strategies.

We need to consider how we incorporate human health indicators into our MERI plans.
The session began with an introduction to Corangamite CMA’s Sustainable Dairies project. Working with landholders to create whole of farm nutrient management plans, the project aims to deliver environmental and agricultural productivity outcomes on more than 20 farms in the region. Attendees were then introduced to the Kilmore Catchments Offsets project; an innovative offsets project upgrading treated wastewater for release as environmental flows. Combined with catchment re-vegetation and riparian improvement works, this project is more cost effective than the traditional engineering solution and results in better environmental outcomes.

Stephen Thuan presented Trust for Nature’s Protecting Properties, Connecting People project, a partnership project between Traditional Owners and private landholders. The project has improved biodiversity outcomes, reduced fire risk, and supported indigenous skills development and capacity for the future. Luke Austin of the Wimmera CMA demonstrated how collaborative planning and delivery on the Wimmera River Our Catchments, Our Communities (OCOC) project is resulting in recreational and environmental outcomes. Ross Colliver from the Lonsdale Systems Group introduced attendees to co-design through systemic inquiry; a platform giving people a way to work with others to understand how to move from problems to possibilities, and then test their ideas in action.

**Key ideas and messages**

The multi-disciplinary approach to catchment projects is crucial. Consider non-financial benefits including social and health benefits.

Ask, listen, learn, then work with stakeholders. Communication is easy when you listen to others needs!

Building trust is critical. Trust is built through shared vision/goals and through appreciating our differences.

Landscape scale planning/implementation and a collaborative approach is the way forward

We already do co-design and region-wide programs, but it’s just that we don’t show it so well!

We need to view problems as opportunities, and failure as an opportunity to learn.

We need a much greater focus on a whole of catchment approach. Collaborative partnerships are a pathway to success.

Facilitation and collaboration can turn individual interests into shared interests.

Never let perfect be the enemy of good.
Summary

The impacts of community engagement and partnership initiatives will depend on the local context. There is no one size fits all approach, and many different models exist to foster strong community partnerships. This session explored five different models giving participants an insight into their characteristics and benefits.

Kaye Rodden from Landcare Victoria presented on the memorandum of understanding between Landcare Victoria and Vic Catchments. James Nelson, Loddon Plains Landcare Network, discussed the Kamarooka wetlands project, a great example of community-led implementation of the North Central Regional Catchment Strategy. Wade Morgan, Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation and Jim Begley, Goulburn Broken CMA spoke about providing employment pathways in land and water management with the Woka Walla Crew. Michael Rees, Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Mark Bachmann, Nature Glenelg Trust, spoke about the purchase of Walker Swamp, a 500-hectare wetland. Sharon Terry, Greater Shepparton City Council presented “RiverConnect”, a partnership program between council, Goulburn Broken CMA, and the community to protect Shepparton’s waterways.

Key ideas and messages

Successful outcomes are all about relationships.

In these days of ever shrinking funding opportunities the need to partner is more important than ever to make the best of limited resources, direct and guide our resources (human and financial) to address urgent needs, and to address natural asset decline.

Issues cannot be addressed in isolation. Look at the whole to understand how the parts need to function.

The cornerstone of Landcare is people.... people on country.

Landcare needs to return to its roots through a heavier emphasis on best management farm practices which recognises and preserves biodiversity and stronger ties with DEDJTR.

Woka Walla Crew: work on some of the “land of the lost reserves”. Small isolated remnant resources with remnant vegetation. Woka Walla maintains and conserves these.

Learning opportunities for reading the country.

We could do more work with Aboriginal Health Co-ops to deliver programs that have conservation/NRM and health benefits.

The importance of local knowledge to help network. One land owner knows of five others.

Enlightening to see partners organisations presenting not purely CMAs.
Summary

In this session, four young women leaders in integrated catchment management showed us that there are many varied ways in which change can be measured and demonstrated. Amy Leamon outlined how measuring and monitoring regional community capacity is a vital component of Mallee CMA’s MER process to measure change. Paula Camenzuli demonstrated how local knowledge, true community involvement and collaboration, project branding, and a robust collaborative planning process has resulted in high community excitement and involvement in West Gippsland CMA’s OCOC Protecting Our Ponds project.

Jacquie Salter showcased the pros and cons of Mornington Peninsula Landcare Network’s use of photo points, drone videos, mobile app vegetation quality assessment, and surveys to effectively demonstrate short-term change in complex, variable ecosystems. Rebecca Koss showed us how effective reporting may be used to showcase change through discussion of the Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability’s upcoming “State of the Yarra and its Parklands” report.

Key ideas and messages

Scientific, local, traditional and anecdotal information should all be used in combination to deliver outcomes.

Individual branding for projects gives them identity and individuality.

It is really important to collect “before data” to showcase achievements.

As a sector we are becoming more comfortable with short and long-term monitoring. It is getting easier.

The OCOC Protecting Our Ponds project showcases really interesting thoughts around full consultation of community and partners instead of simply informing them.

Vegetation quality assessments and analyses are possible online and only using a smart phone. A great low-cost tip to showcase short-term change.

There is a clear need for quality, long-term quantitative data to measure social capital at a regional scale.

Aesthetics has meaning for the community. Drone imagery and visual data is powerful to demonstrate improvements and tell the story on the ground!

All Victorian government agencies need to re-think monitoring, reporting, planning and implementation of strategies to include health and wellbeing for all communities, including Aboriginal Victorians.
Summary

Janine Coombs from the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations hosted this panel session and Q&A discussion on lessons learned and potential future visions of building strong catchment partnerships with Traditional Owners. Speakers presented a range of perspectives from on-ground projects, program, to state-wide policy. Speakers included:

- **Project level**: Uncle Dixon Patten, Barapa Water for Country Project and Robyn McKay, North Central CMA
- **Program level**: Rohan Henry, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
- **Group to State level**: Paul Davis, Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation and Matt Burns, Taurgurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation
- **State level**: Paul Paton, Aboriginal Partnerships & Engagement Support, Nicole Currie, Traditional Owner Agreements Unit, and Troy McDonald, Aboriginal Water Program, DELWP

**Key ideas and messages**

Integration of culture and knowledge of Traditional Owners into policy development and future planning.

Good co-design can play a critical role in integrated catchment management – should include true co-investment, more regional autonomy, and occur at a basin scale.

All Victorian government agencies need to be reading the Traditional Owner Whole of Country Plans for their regions. Read and then communicate with Traditional Owners as a starting off point.

‘Cultural consultation enterprise’ highlights the role of Traditional Owners as cultural anthropologists providing knowledge exchange - long-term funding for these services as partners.

It would be great if there was a big, sincere push from State Government for all employees to learn history of Indigenous Victorians to better understand current challenges facing TO groups and how they engage with government bodies.

There is a power imbalance in the voices that are listened to in NRM. All voices need to be considered, not just the politically and financially powerful.

As an Aboriginal Water Officer, I need to be open to input from all Aboriginal people within the catchment where there are no Recognised Aboriginal Parties, Native Title, etc.
New Directions for ICM: Collaborative planning and delivery from catchment to coast

Summary
The afternoon plenary session focused on new directions for Integrated Catchment Management. The session ran with a series of presenters providing a short, sharp insight into a ‘new direction’, before posing a question or query for attendees to discuss at their tables. Presentations included:

20 years of Catchment Management – What’s next? (Peter Veenker, East Gippsland CMA and John Riddiford, Vic Catchments)

New Directions: How do we deliver on new directions in a coordinated and complementary way (Adam Hood, DELWP)

The Victorian Environmental Watering Program: Managing environmental water at a landscape scale (Andrew Sharpe, Victorian Environmental Water Holder)

From the Catchment to the Coast: Collaborating at a landscape scale (Anthony Boxshall, Victorian Coastal Council); and

Catchment Partnership Agreements: An opportunity for collaborative planning and delivery (Graham Phelps, Corangamite CMA).

Key ideas and messages
Coordinated engagement with Traditional Owners is required! Not individual programs or projects.
Engage early, engage often and continually with community, Traditional Owners and other partners.
Identify coordination points for policy and programs.
Taking time, articulating shared benefits, and engaging with people are the most important things (people are at the centre of NRM).

Catchment Partnership Agreements could be a great opportunity for integration - let’s use them to build networks.

Work with and through Traditional Owners Country Plans as the overarching strategy.

Take care of country and it will take care of you.

Need to re-visit Regional Catchment Strategies so that they become a true representation of assets and priorities of a region and provide a business case for all forms of investment.

We need a centralised pool of expertise/knowledge to implement new coastal functions.

Start with cultural values - they inform others: landscape, food, social, environmental, recreational.

We should utilise virtual reality and other tech as engagement/educational tools to visualise future landscapes.

Lift your head.

Integrating and aligning funding streams at the state level will allow for true ICM.

Co-design needs everyone’s involvement starting at the same level. No individual is bigger than another.

Co-design is great and can achieve better results - it takes time, needs clear boundaries and a preparedness to accept (often unexpected) results.

Better sharing of data and decision support tools between catchment partners is required (Govt Dept, CMAs, Local Government, Water Authorities etc).
Summary

Jane Walker, Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Tyson Lovett-Murray, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owner Corporation began the session with their presentation on the Towards Cultural Flows initiative investigating Traditional Owner values and uses for the Glenelg River system in western Victoria. Lachlan Campbell from North East CMA outlined the community-driven Hume Regional Deer Forum created in response to the observed rise in wild deer in the region. Jenny Wilson, Goulburn Broken CMA and Janet Hagen, Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network outlined the OCOC ‘Bogies and Beyond’ project. The project showcases ‘Resilience Theory’ in practice, involving community to identify what they value and then formulating ways to maintain those assets and values under different climate change scenarios.

Sean Phillipson from the East Gippsland CMA discussed how 37 partners are working together under the guidance of the Gippsland Lakes Ramsar Site Management Plan. Jim Castles from the Goulburn Broken CMA discussed waterway management and recreational angling. A range of initiatives, including the Angler Riparian Partnership Program, have brought anglers and government together to improve waterway condition and recreational fishing. Such initiatives recognise the importance of managing waterways for shared benefits.

Key ideas and messages

There is a need for continuity of funding for Traditional Owners and indigenous engagement and employment, so it is core government business not at the whim of the government and priorities of the day.

Try to get regional voices better heard in Melbourne, without filtering through state-level departments.

Leaving deer control to the community is fine if they have the mental and physical capacity to respond. The broader community needs to provide a ‘safety net’ resource facility and haven’t we learnt from rabbits – there is no such thing as managing at a certain level.

Undertake a stakeholder gap analysis – and ask why?

Following through is the key with co-design – there is a need to have commitment up to ministerial level.

Co-design with community whose outcomes are guaranteed to be funded.

Healthy rivers mean healthy fish (and happy anglers as well!)

I’m not a greenie but... " let me show you this natural wonder... and don’t tell the neighbour."
Summary

This session showcased some of the initiatives emerging in Victoria which take advantage of the current policy environment both encouraging action to mitigate and adapt to climate change and promoting integrated catchment management at the regional scale. Clare Brownridge opened the session with a presentation on DELWP’s Victorian Climate Projections 2019 project, a project producing projections of Victoria’s future climate at a 5km grid scale. This project makes climate data projections more accurate at the local and regional scales, helping to inform decision-making.

Karyn Bosomworth, RMIT and Chris Pitfield, Corangamite CMA showcased the synergies and challenges between catchment management and climate adaptation through the Bogies and Beyond and at the Western District Lakes. Bronwyn Chapman from the Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance outlined the Climate Smart Agricultural Development project to model the impact of climate change on regional agricultural production. Kate Brunt, Goulburn Broken CMA and Julie Rissman, Wannon Water presented on the Catchment Carbon Offsets project. This initiative showcases how partnerships between CMAs and Water Corporations can result in emissions reductions, climate resilience, water quality and ecosystem health benefits. Deakin University’s Paul Carnell finished the session by presenting Blue Carbon Lab’s mapping initiative to understand and quantify the benefits of Victoria’s wetlands as carbon sinks.

Key ideas and messages

Climate change needs to be factored into all NRM decision-making and incorporated into planning.

Climate change action can be an opportunity for catchment management and vice versa. Keep an eye out for opportunities and change the narrative to fit.

The data from DELWP’s new regional climate predictions mapping can inform decision-making and then justify those decisions to investors.

“Catchment Carbon Offsets” is a great opportunity and represents a key partnership opportunity for water corporations and CMAs.

Catchment plantings can help water corporations meet obligations and achieve shared benefits.

Use a “timeline wall” to get community and experts to map drivers affecting local environment. Great visual tool showing local scale change and knowledge.

Local Governments respond to economic drivers. Use these to get them on board for climate projects.

Blue carbon can play a role in sequestration. We can now effective map regional blue carbon potential.

Freshwater wetlands have value as a carbon sink.
Summary

This session tackled the concept of demonstrating outcomes at different levels and scales, with presenters showcasing the use of spatial data, data mapping techniques, target-setting initiatives, and monitoring and reporting strategies to highlight the range of tools needed to effectively demonstrate catchment outcomes.

Geoscience Australia’s Claire Krause presented ‘Digital Earth Australia’; a platform using spatial data and satellite images to detect physical changes in the Australian landscape. Matthew Miles presented SA Land Cover, a new dataset helping the state understand landcover trends to inform agricultural, environmental, and urban planning decisions. Steve Costello presented the Federal Department of Environment and Energy’s Long-term Monitoring Framework for the Regional Land Partnerships program. The Framework will evaluate outcomes beyond the typical 5-year program cycle through cost effective and scientifically defensible evaluation and reporting methods.

Adam Muir from DELWP’s Biodiversity division spoke of the need to work effectively at different temporal, integrative, and spatial scales to effectively demonstrate outcomes under the Biodiversity 2037 program while Amber Perry presented on DELWP’s new state-wide approach to demonstrating outcomes for Victoria’s ten Flagship Waterways.

Key ideas and messages

Digital Earth Australia can use satellite imagery and spatial data to improve how we manage our natural resources.

Digital Earth Australia can identify soil and coastal erosion and provide information on a range of environmental factors including water availability and crop health.

If we understand previous land cover changes we can inform future decision-making.

SA Land Cover Mapping can track trends in vegetation cover and type at the state and regional scales.

It has been difficult to demonstrate outcomes consistently over the past 20 years. We have new tools and approaches for the future.

RMCG and CSIRO reports to review long-term outcomes of past program investments showed programs are too output focused and often do not measure long-term outcomes.

Multi-region collaboration on long-term outcome monitoring at the landscape scale is an effective way to measure long-term outcomes.
Summary

The session showcased a range of approaches both new and old to increase the participation and engagement of community groups and individuals in the planning and delivery of natural resource management programs.

Jim Grant from the Winton Wetlands project presented stunning imagery of a series of graphic panels created within the local environment by community members.

Leigh Blackmore from the North East CMA followed with a presentation on a range of formal approaches used by the CMA to achieve community buy in.

Lucy Cameron finished the presentations with an engaging discussion on the use of Aristotle’s “Treatise of Rhetoric” in designing toolkits to make positive ground with audiences that have historically been difficult to work with.

Alana Johnson of the Victorian Catchment Management Council wrapped up the session with an insightful discussion on how understanding of “new power” can reshape the way organisations connect with their communities.

Key ideas and messages

Logos: appealing to reason... Pathos: appealing to emotion.... Ethos: building credibility and trust – we need to incorporate them all to appeal to a range of people.

Alana’s session on ‘Building the Our’ was superb: innovative, thought provoking and something that should be built on in upcoming Summits.

Understand community motivators: values, fears and desires.

Use story, music and imagery to achieve social connection and facts and figures for people with a more analytical mind.

I’ve got to read New Power – How Power Works in Our Hyperconnected world – and how to make it work for you” by Jeremy Heimans and Henry Timms.
Summary
The recipients of the 2018 Our Catchments, Our Communities (OCOC) Leadership Development Grants were awarded at the post-Summit networking hour. The Leadership Grants program supports individuals to develop their skills and become the next generation of leaders in Victoria’s water and catchments sector. Four grants were provisioned in 2018 under the Innovation, Women in Leadership, and Aboriginal Leadership category.

Grant recipients & their initiatives
Kaleana Reyland: $5,000 – Aboriginal Leadership
In her role as a project and engagement officer for the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN), Kaleana represents the MLDRIN nations across three states. She provides comment on water resource planning documents, environmental water plans and water reform documents; a difficult task given the breadth of understanding required to provide informed advice. To effectively represent the nations, Kaleana will undertake training to increase her knowledge and understanding of water resources planning, environmental water, and water quality and ecology.

Bradley Costin: $5,584 – Innovation
Agriculture Victoria’s Bradley Costin will use his grant to examine water conservation farming practices in dryland areas and evaluate them for their broader benefits. The grant will allow Bradley to visit properties with ‘roaded catchments’ to collect information about their efficiency, benefits and management. Bradley will also explore how maintenance requirements; construction issues and design principles apply to Victorian conditions.

Leonie Duncan: $7,750 – Innovation
Leonie will attend the "Understanding human behaviour to influence change" course with leading research enterprise Behaviour Works. She will then partner with two Victorian Catchment Management Authorities to ground her study coursework in CMA-led large-scale restoration projects involving high levels of landholder engagement. Following this she will work with the CMAs to co-design enhanced engagement methods, enhancing how CMAs approach landholder engagement in their on-ground works.

Kellie Nicholls: $8,500 – Women in Leadership
This grant will allow Kellie to participate in the Gippsland Community Leadership Program. The program runs over 10 months and includes 16 days of seminars across Gippsland, residential programs, as well as events to address the need for leadership development in Gippsland. Kellie will be the first woman in Landcare in the Gippsland region to participate in the Gippsland Community Leadership program. Kellie hopes this program will encourage more formal leadership training that has been limited for Landcare in Gippsland.

How can I apply for an OCOC Leadership Development Grant?
A key initiative under goal 1 of Victoria’s OCOC strategy, the grants program will run annually until 2020. When the grants re-open 2019 the application link, FAQs and documentation will be hosted on the OCOC Leadership Development grants webpage. Eligible individuals are strongly encouraged to apply. The page also has information on our grant winner’s initiatives, so you can learn more about some of the great things they are doing.
2018 Catchments Summit Survey: What you told us

What you liked about this year’s Summit

1. The opportunity to network with attendees from the diverse range of organisations in attendance
   - ‘I liked the opportunity to interact with people from all levels of government supporting natural resource management across the state’
   - ‘It was an opportunity to meet with others working on similar projects and exchanging lessons learnt’
   - ‘It was also a chance to network with people from my own region with whom we don’t normally have the chance to’
   - ‘It really was a great networking opportunity for natural resource management’

2. The diverse range of presentations and presenters
   - ‘I really enjoyed the opportunity to hear from a really diverse range of presenters’
   - ‘I got the opportunity to hear what is happening in natural resource management across the state’
   - Presentations that involved CMAs and their partners. That was great symbolism’

3. Traditional Owner led content
   - ‘I liked the opening address, and the heaps of positive indigenous presentations’
   - ‘I liked the keynote speaker Kerry Arabena’s talk’

4. The venue at Kardinia Park
   - ‘I thought the regional venue was excellent’
   - ‘The place had a really great positive atmosphere’

7.7 The average score out of 10 given by attendees when asked how they would rate this year’s Catchments Summit.

This section of the document outlines some of the key themes to emerge from the Catchments Summit survey completed by 37 attendees. It does not reflect all the feedback provided to us through the survey process. The team will consider all feedback when designing next year’s event.
What we can do to improve next year’s event

**Try new ways of presenting sessions and content**

‘We need more emphasis on how to improve our work and less selling what we’re already doing well’

‘More interaction and engagement. Maybe a field trip to a significant local site’

‘Perhaps we could listen to more in depth issues from a project not just people’s projects overall’

‘I would like to see a strong innovation/future focus’

‘More practical ideas and suggestions - more inspiration’

**Representation from a wider variety of stakeholders**

‘It would be great to hear more external stakeholders talking about the projects, not just government’

‘I would like to see more talks from a range of disciplines’

‘I would like to hear from some left field speakers outside of natural resource management’

‘I would like to see more community representation. As a person who works with Landcare groups it was very interesting to listen to what is happening in the state’

‘I would like to hear about the outcomes from the catchment partnership agreements’

‘Similar to this year, I would like to see more breakout sessions relevant to the OCOC strategy – maybe areas where we are focusing on partnership agreements’

‘More networking time comparative to presentation time’

‘I would like more dedicated time for networking beyond the hour after the workshop’

**Include more content relevant to the Our Catchments, Our Communities (OCOC) strategy**

**Even more networking opportunities**
Summit “Inspiration Wall”:
What you told us you’ll do differently after the Summit

“I hadn’t heard about ‘cultural mapping’ and ‘social ecological systems’. These are concepts I could look at in the future.”

“I’m going to explore and visit more catchments in Victoria.”

“Use Aboriginal Corporation’s Country Plans wherever they are available.”

“I will educate myself on more respectful engagement with indigenous peoples, science and knowledge.”

“I am in the process of following up with the valuable contacts I made on the day.”

“I will try and liaise more with the Department of Human Health and Services.”

“I will reach out to inter-departmental colleagues to collaborate on future projects.”

“I will utilise our networks to share knowledge more.”

“I will be working more closely with the catchments sector, including CMAs.”

“I will be working with other CMAs on regionally based issues.”

“I will endeavour to remember that catchments and rivers go beyond science. They have a real connection for many people.”

“I think the interface with health and community services is an area that we need to improve on, and represents real opportunities.”