



Macquarie River and Marshes Flow-MER program

The Macquarie River and Marshes waterways and wetlands are not only vital for the wildlife that depend on them but the people who call the region their home and ancestral lands and those who rely on them for recreation, agriculture and other activities.

Flow-MER is a program run by the [Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder](#) (CEWH) to undertake monitoring, evaluation and research (MER) on the outcomes of environmental water delivery to provide information to support environmental water management in the Murray-Darling Basin.

The program has been running for several years with three new MER areas added to the program in 2024 including the Macquarie River and Marshes region.

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) Centre for Ecosystem Science has been engaged by the CEWH to conduct Flow-MER activities in the Macquarie River and the internationally significant, Ramsar-protected Marshes.

The Macquarie River and Marshes Flow-MER project team is headed up by UNSW's Professor Richard Kingsford, who works with researchers and others to undertake the work.



Macquarie River, May 2024.

The current program runs from July 2024 until June 2029 with MER activities informing the below themes:

- Cultural outcomes (determined by Aboriginal People)
- River flows and connectivity
- Native vegetation
- Waterbirds
- Native fish.



Macquarie Marshes, August 2024.

More information

Visit www.flow-mer.org.au or www.unsw.edu.au/research/ecosystem to learn more about the program, or contact the UNSW's Flow-MER Communications Officer, Jane Howard, at jane.howard@unsw.edu.au.

Top banner image: Macquarie Marshes, August 2024.



The Flow-MER Program team acknowledges the Aboriginal communities of the Murray–Darling Basin and pays respect to Elders past and present. We acknowledge Aboriginal People as the Traditional Owners of the land, water and sky Country across the Basin and value the expertise, wisdom and enduring connections that have informed their care for Country over millennia. We recognise the intrinsic connection of Aboriginal People to Country, and we value the enduring cultural, social, environmental, spiritual, and economic connection to the rivers, wetlands, and floodplains of the Basin.