

Pollack Wetland Enhancement Project – Community Engagement

Deniliquin High School Lagoons Groups Visit – 27th November 2019



Figure 1: Tour party at the start of the day (Photo Dan Hutton)

Background:

The Deniliquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group (DKLLG) is a long-term, community partnership initiative implementing ecological rehabilitation of the Deniliquin lagoon system to support a more natural, native wetland ecological system. Initiated in 2010 the project has been staged allowing for variabilities in funding and resources. The project is designed to deliver multiple social, ecological and cultural outcomes with major partners throughout the project including the Edward River Council, Edward-Wakool Anglers Association, Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Australian Rice Growers Association, Deniliquin High School and the Murray Local Land Services.

Intention:

The DKLLG has partnered the Deniliquin High School for the past three years in providing a group of year 10 with a wetland ecology and function educational program through weekly, hands-on learning in assisting with rehabilitating the Deniliquin lagoons system.

The Pollack tour was the final lesson for the year the eight students attending and designed to provide the students with an opportunity to visit a significant local wetland during the delivery of environmental water. Topic of learning and discussion included; environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits from the environmental watering event; environmental delivery planning,

coordination, management and monitoring; comparison and variations between the fully managed Deniliquin lagoons and the Pollack including wetland ecological diversity and abundance, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the two sites; community involvement and sustainability.

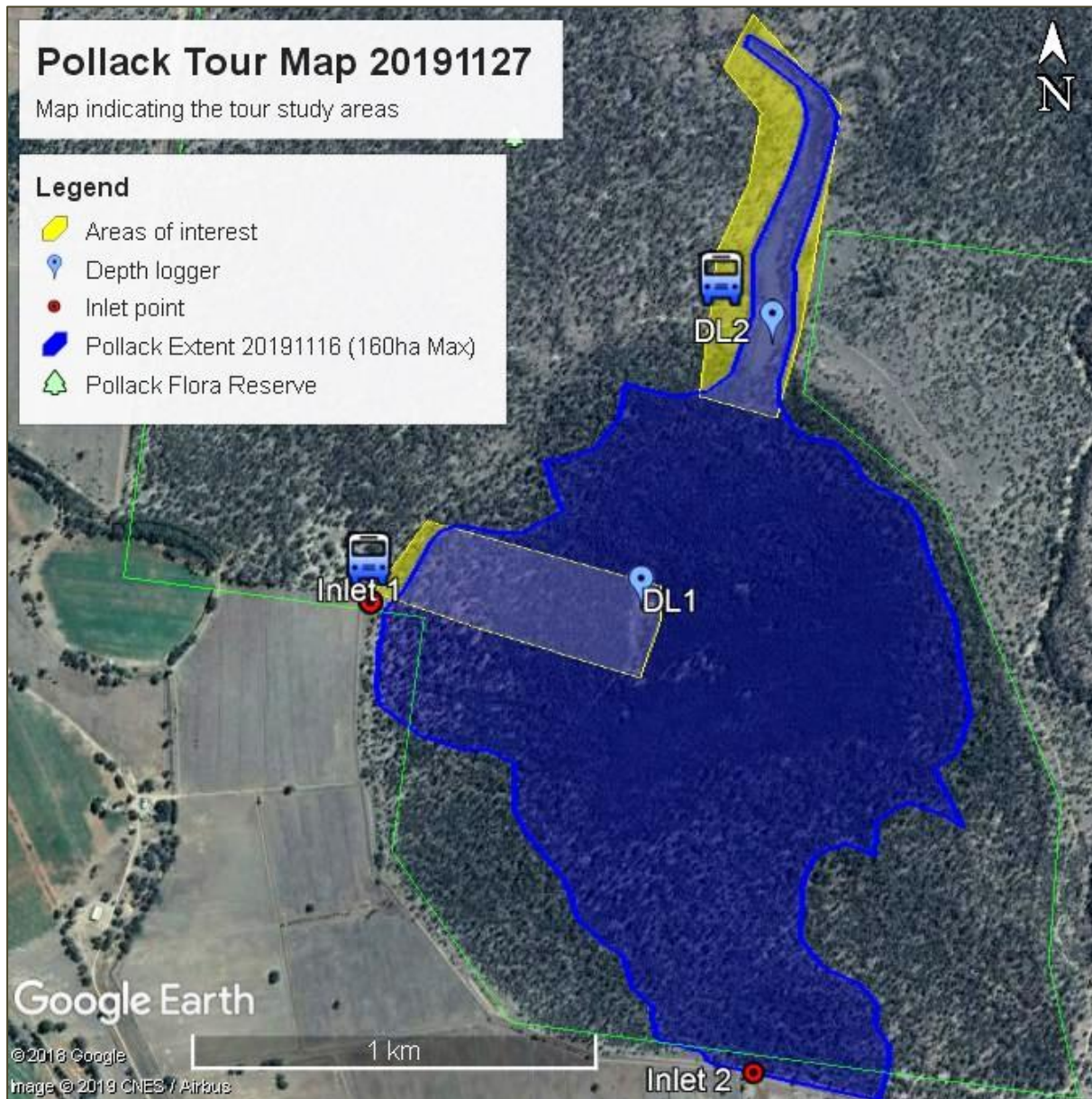


Figure 2: Map indicating the tour study area and extent of inundation.

Attendance:

Deniliquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group: (4) John Conallin, Roseanne Farrant, Dan Hutton & guest Adam Wettenhall (Wettenhall Trust).

Deniliquin High School: (9) Kim Deny (teacher), Brandon Armstrong, Thomas Chandler, Cable Fitzpatrick, Kia Hillier, Max Neves, Alex Poka, Cooper Willoughby and Jack Woodcock.

Western Murray Land Improvement Group: (2) Roger Knight & Mitchell O’Neill (intern).