

CENTRAL BILLABONG



ROLLING OUT ALL RESOURCES

Commencing in 2023, the Rolling out all resources (ROAR) project aimed to restore one publicly visible site at the Conargo Travelling Stock Reserve, encouraging community participation in waterway restoration and promoting the 10-year Refreshing Rivers Program.

*With community consultation and support, we're aiming to increase the population of the endangered eel-tailed catfish (*Tandanus tandanus*). The success of the plantings can be seen in the amazing growth improving biodiversity and habitat.*

Electrofishing for Common Carp

Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) causes environmental degradation and is a major threat to the eel-tailed catfish. Boat electrofishing took place over a 5 km stretch of the Billabong Creek removing nearly a tonne of carp and gathering information on the native fish to pest fish ratio.

Instream planting

Currently, emergent vegetation is lacking from much of the Central Billabong. Instream planting of wetland species began in 2023.

Release of Eel-Tailed Catfish

An eel-tailed catfish recovery program is being implemented, including restocking fingerlings in 2024, which will help increase the population.

Release of Golden Perch

To increase native fish numbers, golden perch fingerlings have and will continue to be released.

About Eel-tailed Catfish:

- Endangered in NSW
- Distributed throughout the Murray–Darling Basin
- Well-known by local fishermen
- Once abundant in our Yanco Creek System
- Decline is due to invasive species, habitat degradation, cold water pollution and fishing pressures
- Non-migratory, benthic (bottom dwelling) species
- Prefers clear, sluggish or still waters, but can also be found in flowing streams with turbid water

