

Deniliquin Living Lagoons

A community driven restoration project that has transformed the series of lagoons to deliver ecological, educational, recreational, tourism and community benefits.



2010 - Before

The lagoons in the centre of Deniliquin at McFaul Park, Mathews Park, Fish Park, Burchfield Park and Blake Botanic Reserve, were full of pest fish species, banks were eroded and there was little native vegetation. Community members recognised the potential of the lagoons to provide a unique ecological opportunity in the centre of town and set about planning for their restoration.

2012 - Works begin

McFaul Park lagoon was the first lagoon to be rehabilitated. The first stage was to drain the lagoon and remove pest fish species. Once funding was secured, exotic vegetation was removed and the banks reshaped to allow for the planting of native wetland edging plants.



2015 - Works continue

After the structural works and plantings were completed community members continued to improve the island by providing pathways, seating areas, an open learning area and information signage. A bird hide was built by the Mens Shed. Habitat logs and fish hotels were also installed in the lagoon to provide additional habitat for native fish.



2025 - Now

Through the hard work and dedication of community members McFaul Park lagoon is a beautiful haven just a block away from the main street. It is home to four threatened fish species, the Eel tailed catfish, Purple spotted gudgeon, Southern pygmy perch, and Olive perchlet. If you head down to the pebble beach in late spring you may see some Eel tailed catfish building and protecting their nests.



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This project would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and support of these community groups and government organisations.