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1. Subsidise the greater use of rainwater so that less water is being drawn from the catchment.	Community Public Organizations	Start applying for funding early 2006.	The entire neighbourhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ for tanks, flush toilets, showerheads etc. Fix leaky taps and toilets. • Put rainwater tanks on all public buildings. <p>By promotion of water savings and applying for funding from Commonwealth and State Governments from their Community Water Grants initiatives.</p>
2. Train plumbers to be Green plumbers	Hardinghams Plumbing, Onley's Holdings Pty Ltd.	2006 When courses are held and convenient		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage plumbers to participate in the free courses. Conducted by Master Plumbers' & Mechanical Services Association of Australia
3. Stormwater reuse for the ovals and recreation reserves. (Currently Design work taking place.)	Donald 2000, Buloke Shire Council	Follow up after Design work is done.	Public areas.	Seek addition funding and or partnership to complete.
4. Stormwater outfalls to create wetlands at the back of the old swimming pool and off Aitken Av.	Buloke Shire Council, CMA.	Commence 2006	The entire neighbourhood.	Part of the existing Stormwater Management Plan. Identify natural filter systems and activate.
5. Better stormwater traps to stop undesirable waste getting into the river.	NEIP Group, Buloke Shire Council, CMA.	Commence 2006	The Donald Township.	Identify possible areas for litter traps in consultation with council and CMA. Could be part of action 3. Implement storm water plan & nutrient strategy Label traps as a NEIP initiative.
6. Control known points of pollution to the river and manage them appropriately.	EPA, GMMWater, Buloke Shire Council	2006-2008	The entire neighbourhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID nutrients from the study that has been done and from EPA info.

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7. ID state of sewerage pipes (concrete pipes tend to erode). Address the sewerage management problems at the sewerage plant. Re-use water to decrease the amount of water in pipes.	GWM Water, CMA, EPA.	Start investigation into options and discussions with authorities immediately. Complete a strategy 2006	Sewerage pipes throughout Donald and the Treatment Plant itself.	Consult with the body in charge of the sewerage transfer and treatment in Donald. ID possible actions to be made to improve sewerage management and implement. Source funding or resources for this if required. EPA could be used to in force.
8. Get the school to study rubbish along the river and have a competition to get suggestions on how to address it.	Schools Water Watch	2006	Along the river.	An activity that could be run by schools as part of the water watch program.
9. Posts and plastic bags for dog poo along the walking tracks.	Buloke Shire Council, Waste Management group.	With upgrades or new walking tracks	Walking Tracks.	Promotion through letter writing to local paper. Providing information flyer with pet registration.
10. Encourage major events to become Waste Wise events.	Regional Waste Management Group, Shire. Donald Gun Club	March 2006	The entire neighbourhood.	Identify any new events coming up in town and ensure they are approached and assisted to become Waste Wise if possible.
11. A street tree strategy with the environment considered.	Buloke Shire Council	2006	The entire neighbourhood.	Follow up on and discover previous street tree strategy work done by the Buloke Shire.
12. Water Smart Gardens	Landcare Group, Natural History Group, Donald Nursery, North Central CMA Banyandah Nursery.	Commence 2006	Donald.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use indigenous plants in-home gardens. • Plant a demonstration garden • Nursery education. • Display boards for education.
13. Complete native garden for promotion and display of water wise gardens.	Landcare, Donald 2000 Natural History Group, Donald Nurseries.	2006	Scilley's Island or New Bridge	Landscape along the new bridge.
14. Acknowledge Aboriginal land practices.	Donald Natural History Group, Landcare, Shire, Community Dev. North Cental CMA.	When the NEIP is launched?	The entire neighbourhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information boards. • Education combining bush tucker and native plants.

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15. Decide on the best management action for the weirs. Once have identified the best action and have consensus from the NEIP Group on the actions, put this in the NEIP to be achieved. Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low flow weirs put in place instead of barriers to keep the flow going down the river (lower the current weirs)? • Do nothing 	NEIP Group and Landcare Group in consultation with river scientists and North Central CMA and GWMWater.	2006	Address this issue along the entire river contained within the NEIP neighbourhood.	Use the science on what the correct flow for the river is regarding. Using the study regarding the hydrology of the river regarding removing the current weirs. As well as the Final Environmental Flow Recommendations for the Avon-Richardson. NEIP Group discuss what options are possible with the CMA and GWMWater and other authorities as appropriate. Make a decision on the options for the weirs and publish the decision and reasons why.
16. Fence the river and continue with buffer strip goals for the whole river <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with farmers • Revegetate the riparian zone 	NCCMA, DPI Landholders Donald & District Landcare	Ongoing	Along the river.	Promotion of best management practise. Using Financial incentives when available.
17. Have the Neighbourhood become a targeted area for salinity projects to fund perennial pastures and salt tolerant Eco-Systems.	NEIP Group, Buloke Shire Council VFF, North Central CMA	06/07	The entire neighbourhood.	With the application of recommendations and good science already under taken eg. Scoping Study
18. Use saline groundwater as a resource to lower the water table.	Buloke Shire Council, North Central CMA	2007/8	The entire neighbourhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create business opportunities • Implement the use of groundwater • Regional Victoria to fund a business plan.
19 Have. Donald become a Plastic Bag Free Communities	Donald 2000 Waste Management Group	2006	The entire neighbourhood.	Funding and guidelines from Sustainability Victoria
20. A one stop shop for information	All Agencies	2006	Shire office	By agreement with agencies to contribute material and keep updated.