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## What's happening on the riverbank at Wahgunyah?

Riverbank rehabilitation works, including the placement of large logs and rock, fencing and revegetation are soon to commence on the Murray River at Wahgunyah.

The works will be undertaken by the NSW Office of Water and are part of a river bank rehabilitation and erosion control program between Hume Dam and Lake Mulwala that is jointly funded by the NSW Office of Water and the Murray Darling Basin Authority.

The NSW Office of Water's program coordinator, Ben Berry said that the program includes works on both private and public land in both NSW and Victoria that have been affected by regulated flows from the Hume Dam.

"The works to be undertaken at Wahgunyah are on a section of river bank directly upstream from the old steam powered flour mill that was built by John Foord in 1859."

"The works include the placement of logs and rocks to protect the banks, fencing to exclude stock, revegetation, and the provision of off-stream stock watering if required."

"This site has become severely eroded and we are planning to begin work on the bank here in the coming weeks," he said.

"The proposed works include using approximately 150 large redgum and box logs that will be fixed in position with 400 x 4 meter long red gum pins driven into the river bed."

"This will stabilised the bank and reduce the effects of high flows from river regulation and wash from speed boats," said Mr Berry

Once this work is completed, a revegetation program will be undertaken to plant locally native plants that will help stabilise the bank and provide habit for native wild life.

Mr Berry said that this project will cost approximately \$80,000 and is one of several sites being rehabilitated by the NSW Office of Water.

For more information on the River Murray Works Program, contact the NSW Office of Water's Albury office on 02 60248830.

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