The Edward River (Kolety) has been central to the Wamba Wamba and Perrepa Perrepa people of this region for millennia. After European settlement, the banks of the river were selected to establish the town of Deniliquin. Although the river remains fundamental to life in the town, the area is generally low-lying and subject to flooding at times. Levee banks have been constructed to reduce the risk of inundation. Although they provide important protection, they make access for pedestrians and cyclists challenging and restrict views to the river.

Opportunities to create a stronger identity as a river town should be explored. These could include marketing and branding, design resolution to provide more “access for all abilities” to the river and improved public spaces along the foreshore. As a shared resource, all river uses and users should be considered in the context of what’s best for the whole town.