

PORT PHILLIP & WESTERNPORT CMA

INVESTMENT

\$2.4 million Victorian Government
 \$3.5 million Australian Government
 \$3.1 million other investment



KEY EVENTS & INSIGHTS

- 31 organisations are now 'signed on' partners for the Regional Catchment Strategy. The strategy was amended after Ministerial approval to include new information and priorities regarding climate change. Further amendments will now be developed to strengthen the alignment with new and emerging Government strategies including Melbourne 2030, Water for Victoria, Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037, Victoria's Climate Change Adaptation Plan and a new Marine and Coastal Act.
- Support was provided for the Landcare movement including the conduct of 6 events held to acknowledge Landcare's 30th anniversary involving over 500 people and \$434,750 being allocated in the Port Phillip & Westernport CMA Community Grants to 65 projects led by Landcare and community groups. 45 Landcare groups and networks were also involved in 5 Catchment Action Round Table meetings across the region.
- Relationships were further strengthened with Indigenous communities including through the development of an Indigenous Participation Plan and the signing of a partnership agreement between the PPWCMA and the Wurundjeri Land Council. Our Regional Indigenous Facilitator also worked with Aboriginal elders to lead 10 cultural awareness activities for audiences in public authorities and Landcare groups.
- Community engagement was at the heart of all Port Phillip & Westernport CMA work. A feature event was a second Knowledge Banquet attended by 190 people. 610 people also participated in community engagement activities through the Ramsar Protection Program including the third Dog's Breakfast event at the Altona wetlands which had over 250 attendees.

OUTPUT

	TARGET	ACTUAL			
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER	TOTAL
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.9 Fence (km)	22	1	11		12
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	327	57	737		794
2.2 Weed control (ha)	2,130	337	3,284		3,621
2.3 Pest animal control (initial + repeat ha)	15,282	558	24,282		24,840
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.2 Agricultural practices (ha)	3,600		13,661		13,661
3.4 Fire (no.)	32		32		32
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	110	6	176		182
4.3 Assessment (no.)	10	15	13		28
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	4,771	1,848	8,614		10,462
4.5 Partnership (no.)	166	75	123	5	203
4.6 Plan (no.)	7	3	7		10
4.7 Publication (no.)	4	7	3	1	11

- A number of major environmental projects continued to achieve significant on-ground works. \$2 million from the Victorian Government's Our Catchments, Our Communities initiative was allocated to 4-year projects in Sunbury, Mornington Peninsula and Dandenong Creek. 48 landholders were contracted to revegetate 600 hectares in the Grow West and Greening the West projects. The 3-year, \$3 million Dandenong Ranges Wildlife Recovery, Weed Management and Fuel Reduction Program funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program was successfully completed. The 10th anniversary of the Living Links program was celebrated by securing \$1 million for work along a stretch of the Dandenong Creek.

- Supporting sustainable and profitable agriculture continued to grow as a core role. 18 events involving 475 people were held to build the capacity of farmers. A number of trials of innovative agricultural techniques were conducted and promoted. A Port Phillip & Westernport 'Women in Sustainable Agriculture' leadership group was established providing opportunities to develop skills, knowledge and confidence to initiate and promote sustainable agriculture in the region.