

WEST GIPPSLAND CMA

INVESTMENT

\$9.0 million Victorian Government
 \$2.0 million Australian Government
 \$2.4 million other investment



KEY EVENTS & INSIGHTS

- Partnerships are essential to managing natural resources in the diverse Gippsland region. As part of the Victorian Government's Our Catchment, Our Communities initiative, we have completed a partnership audit showing partners that we value their relationships with the West Gippsland CMA, that the CMA is collaborative in project planning and delivery and that our staff are responsive and accessible.
- Twenty-five local Landcare individuals and groups were recognised for their outstanding contribution to the environment as part of the Landcare Green Carpet Awards. The awards are held every two years to honour and celebrate local Landcare legends who have led the way in improving Gippsland's environment. Recipients have literally changed the landscape of their local patches – transforming wastelands to wetlands, drains to creeks and bald hills to forests.
- We hosted the first ever Victorian Intrepid Landcare Retreat. Twenty environmentally-minded young people from across Gippsland congregated at Wilsons Prom for people to hike, work with the 'Friends of the Prom' and participate in activities to inspire and empower them to take further work in the Landcare space. We had a great group from across Gippsland including Yarram, Sale, the Latrobe Valley, Phillip Island, Inverloch, Mirboo North, Moe and Leongatha. There was agreement that Landcare needs to connect with young people to ensure the movement continues for years to come, and to do this we need to make sure Landcare is relevant, accessible and appealing.



OUTPUT

	TARGET	ACTUAL		
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS				
1.2 Water storage (no.)	7	9		9
1.4 Irrigation structure (ha)	150	153		153
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	1	1		1
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	20	9		9
1.9 Fence (km)	60	12	61	73
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS				
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	144	40	175	215
2.2 Weed control (ha)	1,740	1,209	1,701	2,910
2.3 Pest animal control (initial + repeat ha)	5,539		9,329	9,329
2.8 Earth works (no.)	5	3		3
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES				
3.2 Agricultural practices (ha)	10,125		20,265	20,265
3.3 Water (no.)	6	10		10
3.4 Fire (no.)	1		1	1
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION				
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	973	1,252		1,252
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	82	23	56	79
4.3 Assessment (no.)	199	510	11	521
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	1,066	1,822	926	2,748
4.5 Partnership (no.)	151	72	45	117
4.6 Plan (no.)	24	26	15	41
4.7 Publication (no.)	56	50	15	65
4.8 Information management system (no.)	4	4	1	5

- The Fert\$mart program, delivered in partnership with GippsDairy and Dairy Australia, expanded this year to include the Macalister Irrigation District and the Jack and Albert rivers catchment in the Corner Inlet region. Sixty landholders signed up to be a part of the project

- Rangers from the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation began work on country as part of Corner Inlet Connections project and the Alpine Peatlands project.