

PORT PHILLIP & WESTERNPORT

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Implementation of the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA Indigenous Participation Plan to further strengthen partnerships in natural resource management with the Bunurong, Wadawurrung and Wurundjeri communities.
- Allocation of \$421,033 to 77 Landcare and community environmental groups to support Landcare and volunteer investment in natural resource stewardship.
- Trialling of sustainable and profitable agriculture including compost under vines, native insectaries for integrated pest management, variable fertiliser rate application and pasture cropping leading to over 740ha of practice change by farmers and landholders.
- Major revegetation in the Maribyrnong and Werribee catchments continued with 561,000 trees planted at 92 sites as part of the Greening the Maribyrnong and Grow West projects funded by the Australian Government's Greening the West - 1 Million Trees initiative.
- Contributing to securing the future of the Helmeted Honeyeater and Lowland Leaderbeater's Possum by working with Trust for Nature to purchase 2.3ha of land with funds from the Victorian Government and Australian Government and having it added to Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve.
- Attracting more than 8800 people to Port Phillip and Westernport CMA events in 2017-18, including 350 who attended the inaugural Discover Dandenong Creek Festival and 200 who attended the 12th annual Grow West Community Planting Day.
- Protecting and enhancing the internationally-important Ramsar wetlands with \$640,000 secured from the Victorian Government to implement actions in the new Western Port Ramsar Site Management Plan and \$150,000 from the Australian Government to investigate the feasibility of feral cat eradication on French Island.

| OUTPUT | TARGET | ACTUAL | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| | | STATE | C'WLTH | OTHER | TOTAL |
| 1. STRUCTURAL WORKS | | | | | |
| 1.9 Fence (km) | 6 | 2 | 12 | | 14 |
| 2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS | | | | | |
| 2.1 Vegetation (ha) | 23 | 35 | 670 | | 705 |
| 2.2 Weed control (ha) | 1,324 | 10,094 | 2,462 | | 12,556 |
| 2.3 Pest animal control (ha) | 15,656 | 26,527 | 19,785 | | 46,312 |
| 3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES | | | | | |
| 3.2 Agricultural practices (ha) | 755 | | 1,591 | | 1,591 |
| 4. PLANNING AND REGULATION | | | | | |
| 4.1 Approval and advice (no.) | | 30 | | | 30 |
| 4.2 Management agreement (no.) | | 61 | 8 | | 69 |
| 4.3 Assessment (no.) | 32 | 45 | 32 | | 77 |
| 4.4 Engagement event (no. participants) | 1,877 | 2,747 | 6,090 | | 8,837 |
| 4.5 Partnership (no.) | | 44 | 14 | 13 | 71 |
| 4.6 Plan (no.) | | 18 | 1 | 2 | 21 |
| 4.7 Publication (no.) | 4 | 9 | | | 9 |
| 4.8 Information management system (no.) | | 1 | | | 1 |