

WEST GIPPSLAND

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- We coordinated the Victorian Landcare Grants and Australian Government's Regional Community Grants. This resulted in 63 projects totalling 24.02km of fencing, 55,883 indigenous plants and 11.75ha of direct seeding (totalling 23.5ha of revegetation) and 25.4ha of weed control.
- The CORE 4 program is a Market Based Instrument (MBI) program that supports dairy farmers to reduce nutrient loss to waterways. This year we delivered the CORE 4 program in the Macalister Irrigation District (MID) to reduce the amount of nutrients entering the Ramsar listed Gippsland Lakes. This year we funded 60 successful projects to the value of almost \$800,000. The program was oversubscribed with local farmers submitting 109 expressions of interest to participate in the program. Each of these project expressions of interest received two farm visits to develop a Farm Nutrient Management Action Plan.
- This was the final year of the five-year Corner Inlet Connections project, funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. The project was delivered in partnership with Parks Victoria, DELWP, Yarram Yarram and South Gippsland Landcare networks. The main activities included fox control on Snake and Dream islands; coastal saltmarsh protection; Spartina control; development of Soil Erosion Management Plans; stabilising sites affected by hillslope and gully erosion; and fencing and revegetating priority waterways to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff.
- Our ongoing commitment to cultural competency has strengthened communication and engagement with traditional land-owning groups. This commitment has resulted in an increase in work On Country. Our cultural competency journey has been shared across Victoria, helping other agencies to engage with Traditional Owners in the regions in which they work. This year, work has been done to renew the MoU with GLaWAC and create an MoU with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC).
- During 2017/18 we fenced more than 90km of priority waterways, completed 292ha of revegetation, removed willows over 146ha, completed more than 1,334ha of weed control and stabilising river beds and banks at three sites. This work will help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients entering rivers and streams.



OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER	TOTAL
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.2 Water storage (no.)	39	24		3	27
1.4 Irrigation structure (ha)	685	228			228
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	2	1			1
1.6 Terrestrial structure (no.)	6		6		6
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	9	18			18
1.9 Fence (km)	65	40	42	7	89
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	99	44	54	19	117
2.2 Weed control (ha)	34,268	63,261	465	22	63,748
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	17,013	47	17,399		17,446
2.8 Earth works (no.)	1	6		0	6
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	10	106			106
3.2 Agricultural practices (ha)	30,000		32,524		32,524
3.3 Water (no.)	6	31			31
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	1,287	2,554			2,554
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	45	47	13	10	70
4.3 Assessment (no.)	216	620			620
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	1,041	3,057	574	10	3,641
4.5 Partnership (no.)	60	136	12		148
4.6 Plan (no.)	67	47	25		72
4.7 Publication (no.)	78	178	20		198
4.8 Information management system (no.)	2	5			5