

NORTH EAST

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Completion of the \$7.4 million Flood Recovery Program with 79 flood-damaged sites repaired.
- The quantification of the socio-economic value of key North East waterways showed they contribute annually \$28m in recreational benefits and attract 3.9m visitors.
- 123ML of environmental water delivered to support flows in the King and Buffalo Rivers.
- In an Australian first, a unique collaboration between Traditional Owners and local water authorities saw a consumptive water allocation owned by Taungurung Land and Waters Council gifted to the region as water for the environment.
- Partnerships continue to be vital to our success. In 2018-19 the Australian Government's National Landcare Program saw over 37,125ha of predator pest species and weed control work completed to protect threatened Alpine peatland and improve Mountain Pygmy-possum and Regent Honeyeater habitat. Ongoing funding has been secured for five key projects with an investment of over \$11 million over five years, ensuring the continuation of these vital programs.
- In conjunction with the East and West Gippsland CMAs, Parks Victoria, Workways and community groups, a drought employment program has been a lifeline for farming families, providing employment and income at a time of financial hardship.
- Through the Our Catchments, Our Communities program we continue to work with the Upper Mitta and Lower Ovens communities, partnering to plan for and deliver activities to improve biodiversity, waterway health and land productivity. This year saw the finalisation and implementation of two Catchment Action Plans for these high value areas and the establishment of eight management agreements and four projects with community groups to improve waterway health.



**NORTH EAST
CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY**

OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER	TOTAL
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.2 Water storage (no.)	16	14			14
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	4	57	1	27	85
1.7 Terrestrial feature (no.)	32	104			104
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	24	17	0		17
1.9 Fence (km)	53	20	13	23	56
1.10 Visitor facility (no.)	5				0
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	214	99	1		100
2.2 Weed control (ha)	1,100	2,493	525	6	3,024
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	28,015	408	54,105		54,513
2.8 Earth works (no.)	8	34		36	70
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	200	489			489
3.3 Water (no.)	3	3			3
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	437	479	0		479
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	86	64	0	32	96
4.3 Assessment (no.)	236	375	71	6	452
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	2,155	5,930	2,582	133	8,645
4.5 Partnership (no.)	49	43	10	3	56
4.6 Plan (no.)	16	11	13		24
4.7 Publication (no.)	158	196	53	5	254
4.8 Information management system (no.)	4	5	1		6