

PORT PHILLIP & WESTERNPORT

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Delivered \$166,040 in funding to 38 Landcare and community environmental groups for on-ground works and community building activities through the Victorian Landcare Grants 2018-19. The application process for the Victorian Landcare Grants 2019-20 also saw unprecedented interest, with close to 150 applications received.
- Hosted the catchment partnership event *Our City in Nature* with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria and Agriculture Victoria in May 2019, which attracted 300 representatives and volunteers from the environmental sector.
- Engaged 5,349 people in 119 community events delivered by the PPWCMA and its partners, including the 13th annual Grow West Community Planting Day and the 2nd annual Discover Dandenong Creek Festival, helping the region's communities understand and be part of land, water and biodiversity management.
- Celebrated 15 years of the landscape restoration program, Grow West. Since its beginnings as a program to control serrated tussock, rabbits and manage erosion in the Upper Werribee Catchment, Grow West has planted over 1.3 million trees across 2,500 hectares and become one of Australia's longest-standing and most successful landscape restoration projects.
- Developed two habitat restoration plans for sites in the Yarra Valley that will contribute to saving the critically endangered populations of the Helmeted Honeyeater and Lowland Leadbeater's Possum over the next 5-10 years.
- Protected and enhanced the ecological character of the Western Port and Port Phillip Bay Ramsar sites by controlling feral cats, pigs, foxes, rabbits and weeds across 49,779 hectares.
- Supported recovery from the Bunyip State Forest fires in March 2019 by delivering workshops on natural environment and agricultural recovery to affected landholders.
- Signed partnership agreements with the Bunurong Land Council and Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation Wadawurrung, meaning the PPWCMA now has agreements with all of the region's Registered Aboriginal Parties.

| OUTPUT | TARGET | ACTUAL | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| | | STATE | C'WLTH | OTHER | TOTAL |
| 1. STRUCTURAL WORKS | | | | | |
| 1.9 Fence (km) | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 1.10 Visitor Facility (no.) | 11 | 2 | | | 2 |
| 2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS | | | | | |
| 2.1 Vegetation (ha) | 48 | 73 | 149 | | 222 |
| 2.2 Weed control (ha) | 3,796 | | 227 | 16 | 4,103 |
| 2.3 Pest animal control (ha) | 69,831 | 62,419 | 41,657 | | 104,077 |
| 3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES | | | | | |
| 3.2 Agricultural practices (ha) | 960 | | 1,400 | | 1,400 |
| 3.4 Fire (no.) | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 4. PLANNING AND REGULATION | | | | | |
| 4.2 Management agreement (no.) | 20 | 23 | 20 | | 43 |
| 4.3 Assessment (no.) | 58 | 39 | 32 | | 71 |
| 4.4 Engagement event (no. participants) | 970 | 3,738 | 1,783 | 658 | 6,179 |
| 4.5 Partnership (no.) | 82 | 72 | 6 | 36 | 114 |
| 4.6 Plan (no.) | 65 | 5 | 60 | 1 | 66 |
| 4.7 Publication (no.) | 78 | 93 | 422 | 142 | 657 |