

# WEST GIPPSLAND

## KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Waterways: fenced 69.12 km priority waterways, completed 197.97 hectares of revegetation, removed willows over 113.88 ha, 1,444,41 ha of weed control and stabilising riverbeds and banks at 12 sites
- Strengthened our ongoing commitment to cultural competency with the renewal of our MoU with the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) and signing our first MoU with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC).
- Lake Wellington Land and Water Management Plan was finalised in 2019 and provides a 10-year vision for sustainable irrigation and water management in the Lake Wellington catchment.
- National Landcare Program Regional Land Partnerships – Core Services and 3 projects - Alpine Peatlands Protection Program, Corner Inlet Connections and the Sustainable Agriculture Project – a 5 year commitment for the region.
- Successfully constructed the Thomson River Fishway, allowing for low flows around the Horseshoe Bend Tunnel. This exciting project enables connection of the waterway from the Gippsland Lakes to the Alps and provides fish passage for many species of fish including the EPBC-listed Australian Grayling.
- Dry Conditions: Part of the region (encompassing the Wellington and East Gippsland Shires) have experienced ongoing dry conditions and were drought declared in 2018-19. As a result, we partnered on several initiatives to support the community including the Drought Employment Program, expansion of the Sustainable Irrigation Program and by providing support to community events

OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			
		STATE	C'WLTH	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>1. STRUCTURAL WORKS</b>					
1.2 Water storage (no.)	43	24		6	30
1.4 Irrigation structure (ha)	555	555			555
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)	3	1			1
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	9	9			9
1.9 Fence (km)	54	36	11	4	51
<b>2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS</b>					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	117	128	33	7	168
2.2 Weed control (ha)	1,275	111,060	398	2	111,460
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	11,612	0	5,600	6,000	11,600
2.8 Earth works (no.)	1	2			2
<b>3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES</b>					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	35	0		60	60
3.3 Water (no.)	6	50			50
<b>4. PLANNING AND REGULATION</b>					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	1,316	1,408			1,408
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	115	26	20	27	73
4.3 Assessment (no.)	357	616	96	35	747
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	1,705	5,275	495	159	5,929
4.5 Partnership (no.)	170	91	75	6	172
4.6 Plan (no.)	116	35	104	54	193
4.7 Publication (no.)	89	127	63		190
4.8 Information management system (no.)	2	2			2