

PORT PHILLIP & WESTERNPORT

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- Port Phillip & Westernport CMA delivered \$428,672 of funding to 115 Landcare and community environmental groups through the Victorian Landcare Grants 2019-20. The high level of demand for grants in Port Phillip and Western Port region (more than \$1 million in applications) led to the Victorian Government allocating an additional \$300,000, allowing a broader range of activities to benefit more communities.
- Port Phillip & Westernport CMA's partnerships with the region's Traditional Owners continued to be strengthened. Partnership agreements were maintained with all three Registered Aboriginal Parties, six formal partnership meetings were held in 2019-20 and \$72,870 from Port Phillip & Westernport CMA projects was used to procure the services of Aboriginal organisations and businesses.
- Port Phillip & Westernport CMA secured \$1.2 million in funding through the Victorian Government's Working for Victoria initiative to simultaneously create jobs and deliver environmental and agricultural benefits. The equivalent of 51 FTE positions will be employed throughout 2020-21 to deliver a farmer-led agricultural education program for schools on-ground environmental and agricultural services, and project work to support the protection of threatened species on French Island.
- 2019-20 was year two of projects funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the fourth and final year of projects funded by the Victorian Government's Our Catchments, Our Communities initiative. Achievements included:
 - Delivering a hydrology restoration plan and a video to support landholders to undertake habitat restoration to support the Helmeted Honeyeater recovery.
 - Installing the 'Spreading the Message' Aboriginal art installation in Dandenong North.
 - Delivering 67,677 hectares of pest plant and animal control across Werribee Gorge State Park, Lerderberg State Park, Brisbane Ranges National Park and surrounding private properties.
 - Undertaking pest animal control across 25,789 hectares of the Western Port and Port Phillip Bay (western shoreline) Ramsar sites.
- In 2019-20, Victoria's CMAs began the process to renew their 10 Regional Catchment Strategies (RCS). Port Phillip & Westernport CMA championed this process, providing significant input into the Victorian Catchment Management Council's guidelines for the renewal of all Victorian RCSs and supporting the other CMAs to transition their strategies to an online format.

OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			TOTAL
		STATE	FED	OTHER	
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.9 Fence (km)	1	1.5			1.5
1.10 Visitor facility (no.)	9	8			8
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	5	45	0.5	219	264
2.2 Weed control (ha)	4,219	2,760	1,660	8	4,428
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	66,146	53,837	19,552	17	73,405
2.9 Rubbish removal (ha)	0	2			0
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	2	25			25
4.3 Assessment (no.)	146	60	110		170
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	1,332	3,325	2,486	1,142	6,953
4.5 Partnership (no.)	71	53	6	8	67
4.6 Plan (no.)	44	3	38	2	43
4.7 Publication (no.)	73	179	385	112	676
4.8 Information management system (no.)	2	2			2