

GLENELG HOPKINS

KEY EVENTS AND INSIGHTS

- REGIONAL CATCHMENT STRATEGY**
 Despite the challenges of COVID-19 the Glenelg Hopkins CMA has still been able to successfully coordinate the development of the region's most significant natural resource management planning document – the Glenelg Hopkins Regional Catchment Strategy (RCS). The RCS is the key planning document for integrated catchment management across the catchment, and for the first time has been developed by an online interactive platform. The CMA Board approved the draft for public consultation on 30 June. The strategy was submitted to the Minister on 30 September 2021. The development of the RCS attracted approximately 900 participants at engagement events and involved 70 organisations/groups.
- VICTORIA NATURE FESTIVAL**
 The CMA joined the inaugural Victoria Nature Festival in September 2020. Originally planned as an in-person event, the two-week festival pivoted to an entirely online event as a 'window into nature' during Victoria's lockdown period. In an organisational-first, we delivered three live-streamed events through Facebook. Events at Budj Bim National Park, Walker Swamp, and the Victorian Volcanic Grasslands attracted 3,347 people. Videos from these events have been viewed over 14,800 times.

The involvement with the Nature Festival has allowed Glenelg Hopkins CMA to deliver messages to an entirely new public audience.

- WORKING FOR VICTORIA**
 Glenelg Hopkins CMA employed two 10-person crews as part of the \$500 million Working for Victoria program which the Victorian Government launched in April 2020. The crews assisted public land managers and local farmers and Landcare groups with their private property natural resource management activities. They worked across the region, assisting with revegetation, fencing, weed control and rabbit harbor destruction. Key achievements included 50,080 trees across 47 properties, 4.6 km of stock exclusion fencing, 88 ha of rabbit control and 500 ha of weed control.
- FISHERIES HABITAT PROGRAM**
 Recreational anglers continued their strong partnership with the Glenelg Hopkins CMA highlighted by the commencement of the Australian Government's Fisheries Habitat Program working with recreational anglers across all our estuaries. The Glenelg Hopkins CMA continues to support and sponsor recreational events for local fishing clubs as well as state-wide events such as the Victorian Bream Classic.
- NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAM**
 There have been several delivery highlights under the Australian Government's National Landcare Program including:
 - BirdLife Australia's Hooded Plover program has grown from 40 to 1,500 volunteers in 15 years with 350+ land

OUTPUT	TARGET	ACTUAL			TOTAL
		STATE	FED	OTHER	
1. STRUCTURAL WORKS					
1.2 Water storage (no.)	6	6	12		18
1.5 Waterway structure (no.)			18		18
1.8 Monitoring structure (no.)	72	72			72
1.9 Fence (km)	60	60	20		80
1.12 Crossing (no.)	2	2			2
2. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS					
2.1 Vegetation (ha)	1,177	1,173	118		1,291
2.2 Weed control (ha)	1,605	1,165	700		1,865
2.3 Pest animal control (ha)	2069	369	1,755		2,123
2.5 Threatened species response (no.)	4		15		15
2.8 Earth works (no.)	1	1			1
3. MANAGEMENT SERVICES					
3.1 Grazing (ha)	551	441	1,347		1,788
3.3 Water (no.)	10	9			9
3.4 Fire regime (no.)	15		15		15
4. PLANNING AND REGULATION					
4.1 Approval and advice (no.)	427	422	2		424
4.2 Management agreement (no.)	73	45	21		66
4.3 Assessment (no.)	497	73	3,894		3,967
4.4 Engagement event (no. participants)	4,000	1,648	5,917		7,565
4.5 Partnership (no.)	24	24			24
4.6 Plan (no.)	20	6	17		23
4.7 Publication (no.)	176	57	133		190
4.8 Information management system (no.)	9	9			9

managers, as well as 58 chicks surviving and fledging as a direct result of the project. 33 sites approved for funding which will protect and enhance over 211 ha of Australasian Bittern habitat. Implementation of a pilot project for online delivery of Whole Farm Plan training.

Release of approximately 31 eastern barred bandicoots at the Tiverton enclosure site

Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owner Aboriginal Corporation conducting traditional burns to improve habitat for red-tailed black cockatoos.

