

Landcare in East Gippsland



Snowy West Landcare volunteers revegetate the East Gippsland Rail Trail at Newmerella

Landcare has been busy!

Landcare in East Gippsland has a long history of hands-on, community-driven action. Each year the groups and networks combine to produce a report card on their collective activity. It is a great way to display some of the collective achievements throughout the region.

Landcare gets things done on the ground that benefit our community, but also importantly provides a network where people can get together to learn, share and have a good time doing it.

Here are just a few stats from the latest report card:

Last year Landcare planted 80,500 seedlings, protected 6.3 kilometres of rivers, revegetated 100 hectares of bush and waterways, erected 10 kilometres of fencing to protect vegetation, and controlled 1,560 hectares of weeds and 1,000 hectares of pest animals.

Some examples of Landcare projects are described below together with details on where the full report card information can be found.

Graeme Dear, CEO



Eastwood Landcare members, Pauline Stewart and Richard Evans discuss activities with Tim Bull at the group's official launch.

Looking after our environment

Landcare events bring together people in enjoyable ways, helping to spread the word and raise awareness of our region and its environment.

Many Landcare groups in East Gippsland have included land class fencing and shelter belts on their properties which can boost agricultural productivity and importantly also contribute to improved environmental outcomes like increased ground cover to reduce erosion and improve water quality.

But Landcare is not just on-ground works. Landcare brings together people in informative and enjoyable ways, helping spread the word about our region and its environment.



Clifton Creek Landcare volunteers Louise Crisp, Liz Brown, Robyn Hermans, Ken Stuart and Andrew Brown, at the launch of their Roadside Treasure's project.

Landcare spreading the word

Clifton Creek Landcare has complemented their Hall Reserve remnant vegetation restoration by producing a brochure showcasing flora found in the Hall Reserve and on local roadsides.

Eagle Point Landcare Coastcare raised community awareness about Eagle Point Reserve by running a drawing competition at the local primary school. The children's pictures of local fauna have been incorporated into public displays, bookmarks and postcards promoting the local reserve.



Tambo Bluff Landcare Coastcare volunteer installing the boardwalk to access the Middle Gully walking track.

Local Landcare projects

Tambo Bluff Landcare Coastcare has begun rainforest restoration around Bluff Lagoon and installed an environmentally friendly boardwalk along Middle Gully increasing access to an existing walking track.

Restoration of remnant vegetation along the East Gippsland Rail Trail by Snowy West Landcare is improving the chances of survival for the Powerful Owl and Maiden's Wattle at Newmerella. The Nicholson River Landcare group has created viewing areas and rest stops along the rail trail for cyclists and installed nesting boxes on the river.

Glenaladale Landcare has restored the McMillan Memorial site on Iguana Creek while the Dargo Landcare group enhanced the historical Exhibition battery site. Both are now used regularly by tourists and travellers on the way to Dargo.

These works highlight the ability of Landcare in East Gippsland to meaningfully contribute to the community and the improvement of our Lakes, rivers, and bush and farm land.

To see the full report on Landcare activities in East Gippsland go to the following websites www.egcma.com.au/land and www.EGLN.org.au

You can visit the same websites for information on how to become involved in Landcare, or contact Amanda Bartkowski (EG Regional Landcare Coordinator), Andrea Mitchell at Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee (02 6458 4003), Penny Gray at Far East Victoria Landcare (03 5154 2843) or Natalie Jenkins at East Gippsland Landcare Network (03 5152 0612).



Dargo Landcare volunteers enjoying the picnic area installed as part of the group's restoration of the historic Exhibition Battery site.



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