



Giving a Hand on Public Land

This week is National Volunteers Week so THANKS A MILLION to all volunteers for helping to improve the environment in our region.

A good example of volunteer efforts is Landcare in East Gippsland which recently received funding of \$105,000 from the Victorian Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Ryan Smith for 11 projects in the region.

The Landcare groups will use these additional funds to improve 15 public land reserves in East Gippsland. The projects will improve accessibility and aesthetics at public gathering places and recreational reserves, and enhance habitat for plants and animals. The projects will involve over 30 hectares of weed control and the planting of approximately 7,000 indigenous plants. These activities will be undertaken by 11 groups with a total of nearly 300 members.

These Landcare projects show the commitment of members to improving public land for the benefit of the East Gippsland communities. They demonstrate volunteer community spirit, and a dedication to what Landcare represents. They are working and learning together and getting some tangible things done on the ground.

Graeme Dear, CEO



Rail trail weed control and revegetation site.

Improving the rail trail

Snowy West Landcare and Nicholson River Landcare are focussed on improving the amenity of the East Gippsland Rail Trail for public enjoyment and enhancing biodiversity. Forty-seven volunteers will control weeds on 6 hectares and plant 3,500 indigenous species along the trail. Projects like these improve the chances of survival for species such as the endangered maiden's wattle and vulnerable Powerful Owl.



BEFORE

Improving the Lower Tambo River

The Lower Tambo Landcare group has embarked on a significant project dedicated to improving recreational fishing amenities and re-establishing biodiversity in the area around the mouth of the Tambo River. This funding will continue the great work already commenced by the group by stabilising an additional one kilometre of river bank, planting 500 trees and installing seating and rock bollards for parking areas.

The additional funding complements existing projects addressing degradation of river banks and loss of habitat for vulnerable and endangered species.

The group has been working on improvements to the lower Tambo River over many years.

This sustained effort is paying off, as evidenced by the adjoining 'before' and 'after' pictures of one of the sites.



AFTER

Improvements by Lower Tambo Landcare group.

Funded Projects – Total value \$105,000

East Gippsland Landcare Network

Tambo Bluff	Bluff Lagoon - Revegetation of rainforest gullies
Eagle Point Paynesville	Restoring local reserves for recreation and biodiversity
Clifton Creek	Hall Reserve - pest control and revegetation
Nagle College	Rainforest restoration
Nicholson	Rail trail restoration at Nicholson
Glenaladale	McMillan Memorial Site - pest control and revegetation
Dargo	Four Creeks - Riparian restoration
Nungurner	Nungurner foreshore revegetation
Lower Tambo	Tambo River mouth project

Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee

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Far East Victoria Landcare Inc

Snowy West	Rail trail restoration at Newmerella
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Revegetation site, Tambo Bluff Landcare.



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