

Landcare in East Gippsland



Nungurner Landcare volunteers finishing a hard day's work at Nungurner Jetty

Landcare – Great people doing great things!

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. Importantly it also 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 84,300 seedlings, revegetated and protected over 600 hectares of bush and waterways, erected 4 kilometres of fencing to protect vegetation and improve grazing management, and controlled 805 hectares of weeds and 5,000 hectares of pest animals.

Some examples of Landcare projects are described below with a link to where the full report card information can be found.

Graeme Dear, CEO



Geoff Williams of Bruthen and District Landcare standing proudly in front of the fantastic growth of vegetation planted by Bruthen Primary School students in 2014 (insert) along the East Gippsland Rail Trail loop.

Improving where we live, work and play

Landcare is all about working together, improving where we live, and having a bit of fun too. Last year was no exception. The Landcare community in East Gippsland has been working to improve recreational areas, farm land and our bush.

Bruthen and District Landcare has completed a multi-year project enhancing the Bridge to Bridge Rail Trail link. Local residents and tourists can now walk an entire loop from the Information Centre along the Tambo River and back to the main street of Bruthen.

Landcare farmers supported by the East Gippsland Landcare Network and Far East Victoria Landcare are improving their bottom line as well as restoring the environment. Land class fencing and shelter belts assist in more productive and efficient grazing management, improve ground cover and soil health, and provide habitat and protection for animals and plants.

Jarramond Landcare continues a long term project linking the Yalmy State Forest to the Snowy River by creating wildlife corridors through the largely agricultural landscape.

Snowy West Landcare has supported farmers to protect areas on the Snowy River escarpment by fencing off from stock and revegetating erodible and fragile soils. This also reduces run-off into the Snowy which helps to improve water quality.

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

To see the full report on Landcare activities in East Gippsland go to www.egcma.com.au/what-we-do or www.EGLN.org.au

You can visit these websites for information on how to become involved in Landcare, or you can contact Amanda Bartkowski (EG Regional Landcare Coordinator, 03 5150 3851), Mark Chaplin 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).



Jarramond biolinkages project continues to show the benefits of fencing, revegetation and time.



Snowy West Landcare volunteers (four legged too!) planting seedlings on the Snowy River escarpment that has been fenced off to prevent further erosion.