

# Ramblers say g'day to Red Gum locals

Local wildlife came out to say 'g'day' last week as the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (the EGCMA) led a community ramble around the Red Gum Plains.

Folk who attended had the opportunity to travel to sites in Skull Creek, Bengworden, Forge Creek and Cobblers Creek to see the progress of works being undertaken by the EGCMA partners including Greening Australia, Trust For Nature, Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corpo-

ration, Parks Vic, Gippsland Plains CMN and DELWP.

Wildflowers, a friendly echidna, birds and of course informative commentary from those in the know, were just some of the highlights of the tour. Project sites visited have been funded by the Victorian and Federal Governments to help maintain biodiversity of both plants and wildlife across the region.

EGCMA thanks the community members, landholders and partner organisations who helped make this day such a success.



Spotting a flush of Purple Diurus was a highlight of the ramble. (PS)



Parks Victoria Ranger, Jeremy Tscharke, got up close and personal with some of the local wildlife. (PS)



Martin Potts, from Greening Australia, spoke passionately about the cultural significance of sites amongst the Red Gum Plains. (PS)



Tom Crook, from the Gippsland Plains CMN, talks about identifying native gum species. (PS)



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