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ON-GROUND WORKS KEY TO HEALTH OF GIPPSLAND LAKES

The first \$3.15 million in funding from the Victorian Government was today announced for 16 projects to help improve the Ramsar listed Gippsland Lakes.

Victoria's world famous Gippsland Lakes are home to native and migratory birds, seals and rare fauna including the Burrunan Dolphin.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing MP today visited the Lake Wellington Yacht Club at Marlay Point to announce the successful projects.

The \$3.15 million is part of \$10 million in funding from the Andrews Labor Government over four years to support work to protect and improve the health of the Gippsland Lakes. The funding was allocated in the 2015-16 Victorian Budget as part of statewide funding to improve the health of waterways and catchments.

Funding has been allocated to projects to protect wildlife, maintain and restore habitats, manage nutrients and sediments and manage water regimes. These projects align with the Gippsland Lakes Priorities Plan and the Gippsland Lakes Ramsar Site Management Plan.

The Ramsar Convention or 'Convention on Wetlands of International Importance' aims to promote and protect wetlands throughout the world.

For details of all the projects, visit www.loveourlakes.net.au

Quotes attributable to Harriet Shing MP

"Funding has been allocated to a range of projects that will make a real and ongoing difference to the health of the Gippsland Lakes and the abundance of flora and fauna that can be found here."

"We all have a role to play in a healthy Gippsland Lakes, and this funding builds on past works as well as investigating emerging environmental issues such as monitoring of the Northern Pacific Sea Star."

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