



A work crew from Moogji Aboriginal Council will be planting along the Snowy River near Orbost for the next fortnight. (RS)

Revegetation benefits

The lower Snowy River floodplain continues to benefit from revegetation works being undertaken by the State Government.

Graeme Dear, chief executive officer of the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, said the authority has engaged Moogji

Aboriginal Council work crews to river-bank rehabilitation work for more than a decade.

A crew of six is currently planting 12,500 plants at a number of sites along the Snowy River close to Orbost, including the Marlo Road.

The plants have all

been grown locally at Newmerella, with seed sourced from the local area, and will help protect the waterway from the impacts of future flood events and encourage biodiversity along the iconic river.

Please take care when you see their work vehicles.

Input for flood strategy

The East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (CMA) has been holding public forums to gain input on the draft East Gippsland Floodplain Management Strategy (EGFMS).

The strategy is a 10-year plan for the management of floods and floodplains across the region.

The meetings, held in Orbost and Bairnsdale last week, discussed planning schemes, minimising damage to valuable agricultural land and the need to raise community awareness of

floods.

Large-scale actions across the region, such as improving telecommunications and road linkages to facilitate movement of locals and tourists out of flood affected areas were also areas of focus.

CMA chief executive officer, Graeme Dear, said the key to the success of the strategy is working with communities and agency partners, such as the East Gippsland Shire Council and VICSES to implement actions that help minimise the impacts from flooding.