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## Landholder support for Skull Ck

**Local landholders have shown their strong support for a plan to restore the wetlands of Skull Creek near Lindenow.**

The project, being undertaken by Greening Australia in collaboration with the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, runs through the upper reaches of Skull Creek, which have been identified as a priority area for restoration works within the 2016 Gippsland Lakes Hinterland Vegetation Plan.

New fences will be erected to keep stock off a 10-kilometre stretch of the waterway running through 11 adjacent properties, offering stock control and protection

to plant and animal life fostering biodiversity throughout the area.

The project will invite local schools to help plant important species including the endangered wetland plants swamp everlasting and the woolly waterlily. These plants have been recognised as important to return to the system and Greening Australia has been finding and collecting seed to raise the plants.

A number of key animals, such as the southern toadlet, call these waterholes home and efforts will be made to see numbers increase.

Old trees that remain along the creek line provide excellent hollows for woodland birds depend-

ent on these sites.

CMA chief executive officer, Graeme Dear, said bringing landholders together with delivery partners Greening Australia is vital to the success of a project like this.

“By working together, everyone will benefit from seeing key areas along Skull Creek revegetated and the wildlife habitat of the waterholes and creek improved,” he said.

The project is funded under the Victorian Government’s ‘Our Catchment, Our Communities’ plan with \$200,000 allocated for planning and revegetation works over the coming year.



The endangered species, swamp everlasting, will be replanted throughout the site. (PS)