

Logs for Mitchell fish

Contractors for the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (EGCMA) have recently installed large wooden structures to act as fish habitat on the lower Mitchell River.

Black bream, perch and luderick are among several local species making themselves comfortable in the new lodgings, located between Picnic Point and the Lind Bridge.

The project has seen 40 log structures placed over one kilometre of the river to create habitat, provide a safe refuge from predators and increase connectivity to existing fish habitats downstream between the Lind and Princes Highway bridges.

Working with the East Gippsland

Shire, the EGCMA has used approximately 50 redgum logs from the demolition of the Metung Marina for this project.

"This project builds on projects over the last 14 years to improve in-stream fish habitat in the Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Snowy rivers," EGCMA chief executive officer, Graeme Dear, said. "The snags not only benefit the environment, but also recreational fishing and tourism for the region."

The project is funded through Recreational Fishing Grants and contributes to the State Government's Target One Million plan for recreational fishing, which aims to grow participation to one million anglers by 2020.



The installation of 40 large wooden structures along the lower Mitchell River will act as habitat and protection for fish. (es)

VOX POP What is your favourite long weekend holiday destination?



Marjorie Cook

I'd have to say Warburton Caravan Park. Just the location, the peace, tranquillity it is a great spot. K277-13



Campbell Walker

Swifts Creek because of the serenity and there is also very few people there. K277-16



Charlene Mullen

I'd have to say Corringale due to the fishing. It is really family orientated there, perfect for a few beverages with family. K277-17



Justine Scott

My husband and son go to the back lake over The Grange every year. This year they are finally taking me. It's going to be great. K277-20



Lauren Woodward

Just going camping, where there is water. It is just so peaceful. You can stay nice and warm by the campfire. K277-23



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