



The East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority Board toured flood-hit areas of East Gippsland last week to inspect impacts and discuss the recovery program. The group visited the Bluff at Buchan Reserve, and also discussed the recovery works program. (PS)

CMA inspects Buchan flood damage

The impacts of recent floods and planned recovery works were the focus of an East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (EGCMA) staff and board tour last week.

Craig Parker, EGCMA acting chief executive officer, and Becky Hemming, program manager, led the trip, which covered several

sites along the Buchan River.

Ms Hemming said the group looked at the different ways areas are managed along the river, including in private land zones and public spaces. They saw examples of different methods of reducing flood impacts.

"These included looking at how wooden piles slow a flood down and the importance

of river bank vegetation and the protection it provides during flooding events," she said.

"For landowners with river frontage, EGCMA staff provide the opportunity to protect and revegetate their river front. After a flood, they contact landholders who are under agreement regarding the potential to support fence reconstruction along rivers.

The tour included Lake Tyers to discuss the roles and responsibilities of various agencies in estuary management. The group visited the Nowa Nowa boat ramp, Lake Tyers boat ramp and the Lake Tyers estuary entrance. The heavy rainfall had opened the lake naturally to the sea on July 7.