



East Gippsland CMA leading the way on river health

Bec Hemming, Program Manager with the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (CMA) was recognised for her leading role in developing healthy rivers in East Gippsland by co-authoring the key note presentation at the International River Symposium in Brisbane recently.

The presentation by Professor Jane Doolan from the Institute of Applied Technology at the University of Canberra, outlined a framework piloted by East Gippsland to explain the stages of helping shape healthy rivers through long term strategic planning, monitoring and effective communication with governments and the community

Chair of the East Gippsland CMA, Dr Peter Venkeer said: “It is significant that Bec’s hard work and the framework developed from experience in our region is being highlighted on the international stage. It’s fantastic recognition for East Gippsland, the work of the CMA and Bec’s contribution to this field.”

Recently, the work undertaken on the Buchan River Rehabilitation Project by the CMA was also acknowledged as an outstanding waterway project at the River Basin Management Society (RBMS) awards event held in Melbourne. The RBMS is a representative body for professionals working with land, water and natural resource management in Australia and the aim of the continuing project is to improve the stability of the bed and banks of this heritage listed river, working in conjunction with landowners of the Buchan Valley.



Bec Hemming with Professor Jane Doolan at the 2015 International River Symposium held in Brisbane.



Rehabilitation on the Buchan River