

BUCHAN - BOUNCING BACK



The East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (EGCMA) is working together with landholders, the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC), Moogji Aboriginal Council and partner agencies to deliver the Buchan River recovery works. Funded by the Victorian Government as part of the \$2.7 billion Building Works stimulus package, we are replacing burnt fences along the river, controlling weeds and planting native seedlings. Landholders have quickly got behind the recovery along the river and we would like to thank them for the cooperation they have shown. Below is a snapshot of the works we've been undertaking recently.

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Community

Working together is a key step towards recovery from significant events such as fire. The EGCMA has been working with all affected landholders along the rivers in Buchan to ascertain damage and begin repair. Further, the EGCMA hosted a community event at Buchan Reserve to talk through issues and just relax and help each other through a difficult time. The community has begun discussions regarding longer term recovery and the EGCMA is involved in discussions with the Community Recovery Committee about new ideas for recovery that relate to our rivers.



Riparian Works

Australian plants are fairly durable when faced with fire, often re-shooting from the base or branches within weeks. The first important step is to replace damaged riparian fencing that protects the riverside plants from overgrazing. Grasses respond quickest, shooting as soon as some rainfall has begun. Already we are seeing significant natural responses in the plants along the river.



Bushfire Recovery

Waterway recovery works are now well underway in the Buchan area. Farmers are working with the EGCMA to replace damaged fencing along the river where partnership agreements are in place. Steps are in place to undertake planting and weed control in the coming months. There are some sites where erosion control structures have been burnt. These structures reduce the risk of the river cutting new channels in floods. The EGCMA will complete design and repair works on these sites over the next two years.