

Events and field days

90 field days and events were run by the region's five Landcare networks. Landcare groups hosted a further 163 events including tree planting with schools, maintenance works and workshops.

Working with everyone

316 community groups, agencies, corporates and schools partnered with Landcare groups and networks. Local partnerships help to achieve mutually beneficial goals.

Social benefit

For every 1 dollar spent on a Landcare project there is \$3.41 in social benefit that flows through to the Landcare group, its members and the local community. These results were found via a study on the Merriman Creek Landcare Group Riparian Action Plan Project.

Healthy groups

The average group health ranking (out of five) has gone up every year in the last five years. Nearly 50% of West Gippsland's 72 Landcare Groups score themselves either a 4/5 out of 5/5 for group health.

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Landcare in West Gippsland

Sharing what we do

The five Landcare networks produced 49 newsletters and e-news sharing stories, events and successes to the over 1,700 Landcare members and community volunteers in the region.

Protecting our bush

213.88 hectares of remnant bush was protected, restored and enhanced by Landcare groups and networks through methods such as fencing bush off from stock and managing weeds.

Contributing volunteer labour

Landcare volunteers spent 33,410 hours volunteering with the region's 72 Landcare groups. This provided \$1,202,760 in value to the West Gippsland community. Volunteering activities included administration or communications, attending meetings, reporting, recruitment, or volunteering at workshops and working bees.

Controlling our pest plants and animals

Landcarers treated 749.69 hectares of private property for pest plant and animals using best practice management in accordance with a management plan.

Increasing vegetation

182,900 indigenous tubestock were planted and 15.65 kilograms of seed was sown to revegetate a total of 204.23 hectares of land. This will create biolinks for biodiversity and shade and shelter for farms.