

The East Gippsland CMA Works Update presents information about some of the works being undertaken to maintain and improve the health of the rivers and wetlands in the region.

Far East Catchment

River rehabilitation works have commenced on the Combienbar River. This year the focus will be planting more native seedlings along the banks of the river and controlling willows throughout the valley. The willow control program will work closely with landholders to control juvenile willows and target mature willows. This year the willow control program aims at controlling 20ha of willows, a target which aligns with the East Gippsland Waterway Strategy (treating 100ha of priority woody weeds by 2022).



Combienbar River revegetation site

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Snowy Catchment

Weed control and revegetation on the lower Snowy River commenced in early October and will continue until June 2016. This work is being carried out by a local Moogji indigenous works crew. The works include both banks of the river from Jarrahmond to the confluence with the Brodribb River.

Maintenance of sites on the Snowy River below Orbst to provide easy access to the river bank for recreational purposes will continue until June 2016. These include mowing, rubbish collection and minor fencing repairs.

A willow maintenance project on the Snowy River from the New South Wales border at Willis to the confluence with the Buchan River commenced this month and will continue until April next year. This project aims to control 102 ha of emerging willows and other weeds.

English Broom control on the Delegate River (2.5ha) is scheduled for December 2015. This project will be carried out by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and other agencies. English Broom is listed as a regionally prohibited weed and is a high priority for treatment.

Willow and weed control (50ha) has commenced in the upper Snowy River catchment. The area targeted includes the Bonang and Delegate Rivers as well as Boundary and Butchers Creeks and a section of the Deddick River (upstream of the confluence with the Snowy River for approximately 4km).

Rehabilitation of the Buchan River - from where the river emerges from the bush onto the floodplain downstream to the confluence with the Snowy River – is continuing. The works include planting of 30,000 new plants in autumn, as well as 75ha of weed control. The works will focus on freehold land under landholder agreements and will continue until May 2016.

Scheduled for a start in December is an interagency project on Martins Creek. The aim of this project is to treat an isolated infestation of Tutsan Bush of approximately 15ha. This project will help to reduce the risk of Tutsan Bush establishing along Martins Creek and downstream on the Brodrigg River. The works will be carried out by East Gippsland Rainforest Conservation Management Network and funded by the EGCMA.



Snowy River at Jarrahmond

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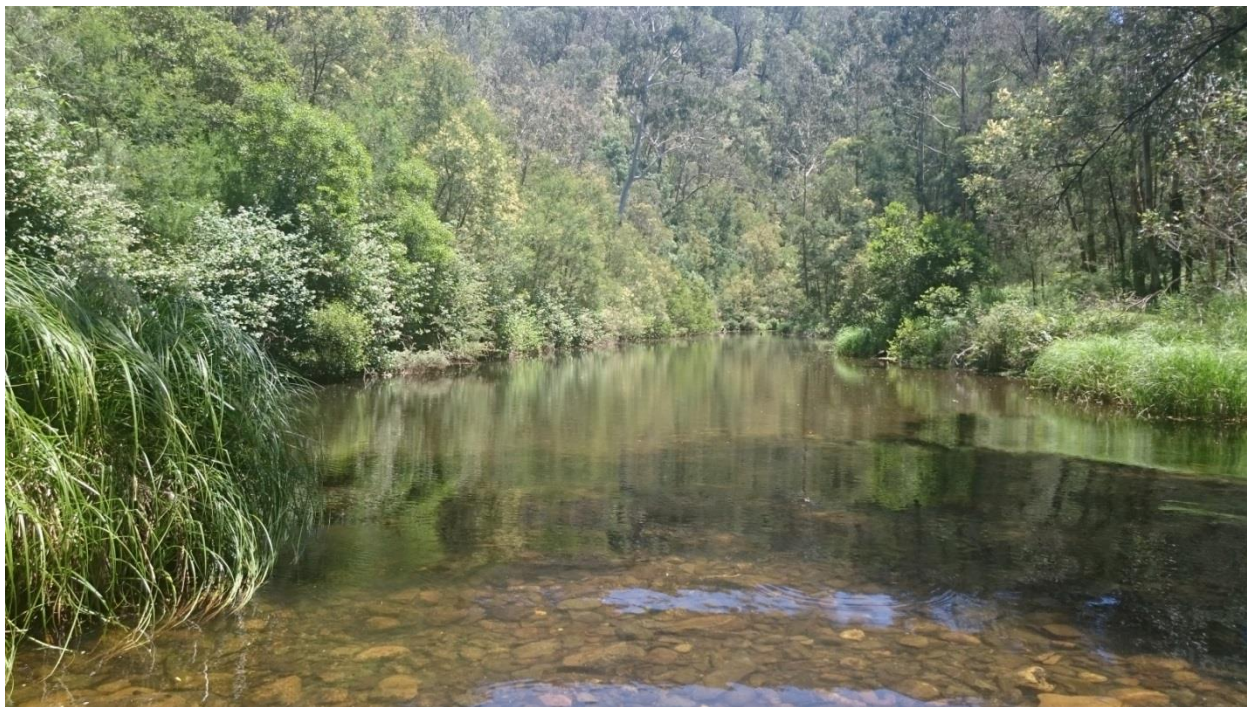
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Mitchell Catchment

Plant release and guard removal works have been completed along the **Dargo River**. The success rate of trees within these sites is quite high, but some infill planting will be conducted in autumn.

Cape Broom treatment and investigation has begun on the **Wentworth River** with the contractors finding further infestations at the Jones Road location. This project aims to treat 71 hectares of river frontage from Jones Road to the confluence of the Mitchell River. Cinerea will also be treated.



Wentworth River at Friday Spur Track

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Tambo/Nicholson Catchment

Approximately 20 hectares of willow control was completed on **Bluey Creek**, a large tributary of the south branch of the Tambo River. About 50 willows were found, several being large mature seeding trees.

About 46 ha of willow control will be completed on the **Tambo River**. The focus will be juvenile regrowth, particularly between Ensay and the Bruthen highway bridge. Below the Bruthen bridge exotic tree species encroaching in the channel will also be treated.

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