

East Gippsland Landcare  
Network Inc.

# Annual Report 2019-2020

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## What is Landcare?

Landcare is a unique community driven organisation that strives to 'do something practical' about protecting and repairing our environment. All sorts of people take part in Landcare projects and activities – farmers, small landholders, schools and their students, professionals and visitors from Australia and around the world.

The East Gippsland Landcare Network was officially established on the 15th of October 1996. The Network formed with a purpose to act as a support body for the then 14 Landcare groups which at the time covered an area from Perry Bridge in the west to Cann River in the east. The Network would also become responsible for directly employing its own Landcare support staff.

Today, the East Gippsland Landcare Network is incorporated and 3 support staff are employed to support 22 Landcare groups. The groups cover an area from Perry Bridge in the west, Lake Tyers Beach in the east and the foothills of the Great Dividing Range in the north and have a combined total of over 900 memberships, including family and property memberships

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## President's Report 2019-2020

As I reflect on this past year I feel it has been one of adaptation, flexibility and nimbleness for our organisation.

The EGLN Committee has continued to work hard at reducing our deficit and returning our books to balance. This has required some difficult decisions including opting not to apply for some grants that just weren't financially viable for the Network to run. We also terminated a long relationship with local business, Accounting Solutions, as we brought our accounting functions back in house.

I am, as always, deeply indebted to my Committee colleagues who offer their time freely and diligently to keep EGLN running, and working towards better environmental and volunteering outcomes for East Gippsland. My thanks in particular to Russ Peel and Louise Avery for stepping up and providing strong leadership when I briefly stepped aside as President to temporarily fill Evan Miller's Landcare Facilitator role when he took on a new job.

It was inspiring to see the hard work of some of our Landcare Groups showcased at a Landcare Week event held on Raymond Island. Members of Paynesville, Raymond Island, Romawi and Tambo Bluff Landcare groups each gave a presentation on recent Landcare projects, illuminating the benefits it has provided them and their communities. The excellent presentations highlighted how much goodwill and positive energy there is among Landcare folk, and the huge advantages of sharing knowledge.

We are excited to be partnering with Greening Australia, Trust for Nature, and others on the multi-year Lungs of the Lakes project funded by the Ian Potter Foundation and the Ross Trust – a landscape level project that will have some significant environmental benefits for our region. Keep your eyes peeled for progress reports, with a final report to be included in a subsequent annual report once the project is completed. Closer to home, local business Sergio Automotive has committed to donating funds to support tree planting in our area.

The Topsoils Project continues to be a flagship project for the EGLN farming community. Throughout the year the project has, under the guidance of Natalie Jenkins, delivered workshops, information, seminars and even dung beetles to farmers interested in improving their farming practices. To enable this project to continue seamlessly, EGLN brokered a deal with its Topsoils partner, Southern Farming Systems (SFS), to enable Natalie to become a full-time employee of SFS, but still deliver Topsoils on behalf of EGLN. It's a 4-way win: for Natalie, East Gippsland farmers, SFS and EGLN.

We also established the Landcare Farming Sub-committee during the year. This Sub-committee will ensure our relationships with a range of other farming programs and projects in the broader region are strong, and will facilitate collaboration and partnerships that benefit adaptive management practices for sustainable agriculture.

During the second half of the year we were faced with the impact and devastation of the bushfires in East Gippsland. And then, along with the rest of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic. Needless to say both of these events create on-going challenges. Never before has EGLN needed to be so flexible.

The EGLN Committee was invited to participate in the Natural Environment Bushfire Recovery Working Group for East Gippsland. This was a significant acknowledgement of the Landcare community expertise and perspective that we could bring to the discussion and planning for recovery of natural resources in the region. Our Facilitators 'pulled out all stops' to make contact



*Pelicans on the Gippsland Lakes*



*Wiry Buttons (Leptorhynchus tenuifolius)*



*Bushfire impacted land*

## President's Report 2019-2020 Cont'd



Native Passionfruit (*Passiflora cinnabarina*)



Tasman Flax Lily (*Dianella tasmanica*)

with Landcare members to check how they were going following the fires and to see how we could best help them and their communities. This effort has helped inform both the Natural Environment Recovery Plan for East Gippsland and Network grant applications.

Additionally, the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program (VLFP) provided a Fire Recovery Officer to share his knowledge and past experience of Landcare bush fire recovery activities, and to assist us in the development of a revegetation resource. We are also grateful to the VLFP for additional funding that allowed us to employ a project officer to work with Landcare and other natural resource management groups in developing bushfire recovery grant applications.

Solid plans that included fire recovery working bees and partnering with others to enlist additional volunteers from beyond the region suddenly changed with the emergence of COVID-19. Like many other workplaces, our Facilitators have been working from home and doing an amazing job from there, continuing to keep in contact with Landcare groups, partner organisations and delivering projects.

The cancellation of the East Gippsland Field Days lost a major opportunity to profile Landcare, but our improved presence on social media is hopefully covering that gap. Thank you to all of our Landcare groups who have submitted photos and articles about their activities.

The end of the financial year saw us conclude our hosting arrangement with the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (EGCMA) for the provision of employment and human resources services. This was a purely financial decision, as EGLN sought to reduce its overheads. We thank the EGCMA for their support throughout, including during the transition away. From July 2020, EGLN staff will be hosted by Goulburn Murray Landcare Network.

The people who make up our 22 Landcare groups are the backbone of our organisation. This year has been a most difficult year for many, as people have dealt with personal losses from the fires, group activities have been curtailed due to the impacts of fire on their local patch, events have been cancelled and COVID-19 restrictions change what and how we do things. But despite it all, we have still seen our volunteers continue in their Landcare activities, from planting in isolation to participating in on-line meetings, and many other activities within COVID-19 constraints.

As we move into the new year, we know it will bring more changes and challenges. With the amazing people that make up this Landcare community we will continue to work with you, and to be adaptive in our efforts to bring about excellent environmental outcomes.

Peter Reefman.

President, EGLN.

## EGLN Committee (as at 30 June 2020)

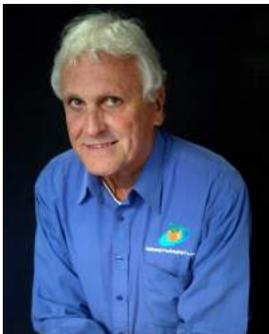
The EGLN Committee consists of 7 members who are annually elected from the list of Landcare group representatives. The 2019-2020 Committee members are:



**President:**  
Peter Reefman (Flaggy Creek)



**Vice President:**  
Louise Avery (Nungurner)



**Secretary / Public Officer:**  
Russell Peel (Paynesville)



**Treasurer:**  
Vicki Vuat (Nicholson)



**Committee Member:**  
Les Gilbert (Lower Tambo)



**Committee Member:**  
Jenny Robertson (Bengworden)



**Committee Member:**  
George Neophytou (Romawi)

**Additional Committee Members (Part Year Only):**

Treasurer: Peter Pauwels (Toms Creek)

Committee Member:

Dave Mundy (FUNCi)



*A touch of colour among bushfire affected trees*



*Spring Snowflake (Leucojum Vernum)*

The Committee ensures that the EGLN Inc. is operating within its own rules and policies.



*Mitchell River Silt Jetties*



*Chocolate Lily (Arthropodium strictum)*

## EGLN Staff



**Administration Officer / Network  
Support Facilitator:**  
Caroline McGuinn



**Project Officer/Facilitator :**  
Erin Weir



**Project Coordinator/Facilitator:**  
Evan Miller (July 2019—April 2020)



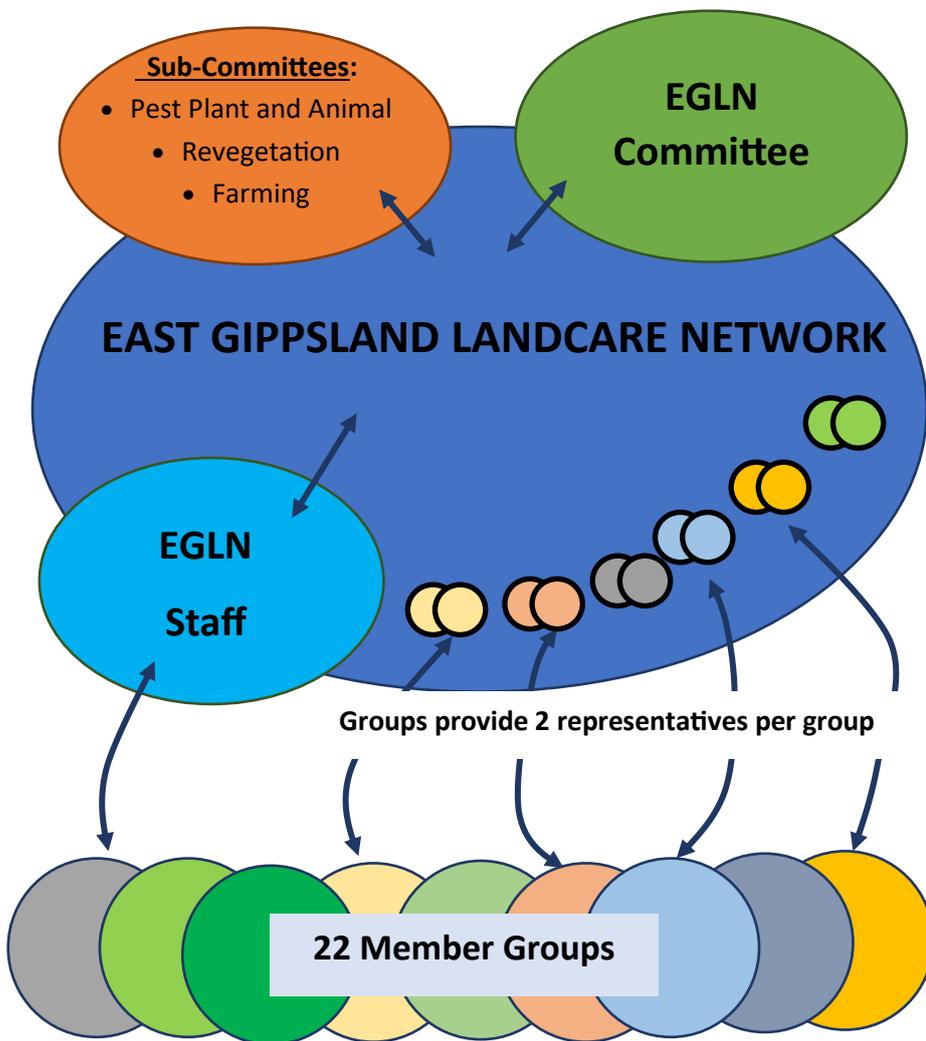
**Project Officer TopSoils:**  
Natalie Jenkins (July —Dec 2019)  
Jan—June 2020: Hosted by Southern  
Farming Systems (SFS)

## Governance Arrangements

### Organisation Chart

The EGLN Inc. acts as a support body for the 22 Landcare Groups and assists them to meet their goals. The EGLN Inc. is governed by its own rules, which were developed at the time of Incorporation (4th November 2007 and amended April 2019) as well as policies and procedures.

The EGLN Inc. maintains several sub committees, which have specific delegated duties that are documented in approved Terms of Reference.



*Native Flax (Linum marginale)*



*Purple Beard Orchid (calochilus robertsonii)*

## Governance Arrangements

### East Gippsland Landcare Network Inc. (EGLN Inc.)

The members of EGLN Inc. are the 22 Landcare Groups in the East Gippsland region that have joined EGLN. Each member (group) is represented by up to two persons nominated by the group to represent the group. The 2019-2020 Group Representatives are:

Group Name	Representative 1	Representative 2
Bengworden	Jenny Robertson	Rose Maher
Bruthen	Matt Pearce	
Buchan	Denise Free	Jack Free
Clifton Creek Community	Ron Cornell	Ken Stuart
Eagle Point	Richard Bennett	Tom Crook
Eastwood	Bob Hindle	Lance Cruickshank
Flaggy Creek & District	Donna Trewin	Peter Reefman
Friends of Picnic Point	Colyn Sanderson	-
Friends of Upper Nicholson	Dave Munday	Angus Howlett
Gelantipy	Judi Sykes	-
Glenaladale	Geoff Webb	Mathew Stephenson
Lakes Entrance Community	Chris Jacobsen	Peter Johnstone
Lower Tambo	Les Gilbert	Tim O'Donnell
Nagle College	Andrea Savage	-
Nicholson River	Marion Dawson	Vicki Vuat
Nungurner	Louise Avery	Clive Bury
Paynesville	Russell Peel	Mike Beazer
Raymond Island	Pamela Williams Wright	Rob Wright
Romawi	George Neophytou	Alistair Mailer
Swifts Creek - Ensay	Jamie Johnson	-
Tambo Bluff	Alan Maloney	Marion Dawson
Toms Creek	Martin Blennerhassett	Craig Bush



Clustered everlasting (*Chrysocephalum apiculatum*)



Blue Grass-lily (*Caesia calliantha*)

## EGLN Sub-Committees

### EGLN Pest Plant & Animal Sub-Committee

The Pest Plant and Animal Sub-Committee members are:

Ken Stuart (Clifton Creek Community)

James Rose (Flaggy Creek)

Marion Dawson (Nicholson River & Tambo Bluff)

Ron Cornell (Clifton Creek)

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Pest Plant and Animal Sub-Committee is to provide advice and act as an information base for both information on control techniques and potential funding sources for EGLN Landcare Groups' Pest Plant and Animal programs and projects.

#### Roles and Responsibilities

The Pest Plant and Animal Sub-Committee will:

- Collect information on Pest Plant and Animal programs and projects currently being undertaken within the region.
- Develop inter-network and inter-agency partnerships in relation to Pest Plant and Animal management.
- Provide Pest Plant and Animal information on both control techniques and funding opportunities/avenues to EGLN Landcare Groups.
- Oversee and be involved with EGLN Pest Plant and Animal programs and projects

### EGLN Landcare Farming Sub-Committee

The Landcare Farming Sub-Committee members are:

Jenny Robertson (Bengworden)

Rose Maher (Bengworden)

Neil Stringer (Romawi)

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Landcare Farming Sub-Committee is to work collaboratively to identify and support adaptive management practices for sustainable agriculture in the East Gippsland area. It will report to the EGLN Committee of Management.

#### Roles and Responsibilities

The Landcare Farming Sub-Committee will:

- Collect information on Landcare Farming programs and projects currently being undertaken in the region.
- Develop inter-network and inter-agency partnerships in relation to Landcare Farming.
- Provide Landcare Farming information and funding opportunities to/avenues to EGLN Landcare groups.
- Liaise with East Gippsland Regional Landcare Farming programs and projects, such as Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator, Far Eastern Victorian Landcare, Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee, Gippsland Agricultural Group and Southern Farming Systems.
- Meet with the Project Manager(s) in regard to future planning and reporting of EGLN funded projects on a quarterly basis.



*Showy Violet (viola betonicifolia)*



*Bower Bird bower*



Tall Bluebell (*Wahlenbergia stricta*)



Billy buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*)

## EGLN Sub-Committees

### EGLN Revegetation Sub-Committee

The Revegetation Sub-Committee members are:

Angie Stefanatos (Lakes Entrance)

Rob Wright (Raymond Island)

Angus Howlett (FUNCI)

Lance Cruickshank (Eastwood)

Ivan Knight (Nungurner)

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Landcare Revegetation Sub-Committee is to provide advice and recommendations on Landcare revegetation projects to the East Gippsland Landcare Network Inc. (EGLN) and staff. The Sub-Committee will assist EGLN, Landcare members and staff in making informed decisions towards running effective revegetation programs that align with the EGLN Revegetation Strategy (May 2013).

#### Roles and Responsibilities

The Revegetation Sub-Committee will:

- Review and approve project applications from landholders and groups, after they have been ranked by the Project Officer using an approved matrix scoring system.
- Be informed by the Project Officer of all funding applications made that contain a revegetation component.
- View the annual report of revegetation projects as presented to the EGLN Committee.
- Annually review revegetation project specifications (i.e. rebates, minimum widths).
- Understand how Landcare revegetation projects operate, receiving updated project reports at each meeting.
- Develop ideas, discuss issues as they arise and make recommendations to seek funding for revegetation projects.
- Annually review the Terms of Reference of the Revegetation Sub-Committee.

## EGLN Projects

The following pages detail projects that were concluded in the 2019-2020 financial year. This ensures that full project outputs can be included in this report. Projects that remain ongoing will feature in future EGLN Annual Reports.

## Beating Back The Browsers 2018-19

### FUNDED BY:

Sure Gro & Landcare Australia

### AIMS:

This project aimed to increase the survival rates of newly planted native seedlings on Landcare member's revegetation sites, by utilising specially designed 'Beast Guards'. The guards are 90 x30cm, made of durable materials and designed to reduce browsing pressure from animals as they simply cannot reach inside the guard to eat the plants.

### APPROACH:

To reduce the pressure of browsing animals (particularly sambar deer) on newly planted Landcare revegetation sites, (as the current levels of browsing pressure are resulting in very high mortality rates of new seedlings), specially designed 'Beast Guards' were used across a selection of project sites. Sites were identified through an Expression of Interest process, followed by sites visits and assessments culminating in a selection process to identify the sites which would benefit most from the use of 'Beast Guards'.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Activity	Output
Plant and guard 1 hectare of land to improve on traditional survival rates of 75%	1 hectare protected. A median 89% survival rate was achieved.

### PARTNERS:

Landcare Groups and their members and landholders.



*Beast Guard display at the East Gippsland Field Days (alongside a traditional tree guard)*



*Raymond Island revegetation protected by Beast Guards*



*Inside a Beast Guard.*



*Emu Creek with completed riparian fencing*



*Attendees gathered at Eagle Point Bluff lookout for cultural heritage session*



*Peter Reefman, Russ Peel, Russell Mullett (GLaWAC) and Evan Miller at the cultural heritage*

## A Little Green around the Blue: Revegetation around the Gippsland Lakes

### FUNDED BY:

Gippsland Lakes Coordinating Committee, Community Grants Program Round 3

### AIMS:

This project aimed to improve the health of the Gippsland Lakes through stock exclusion and revegetation of 9 ha. of riparian land within the Gippsland Lakes region. The project aims were to:

- Increase site specific flora species diversity
- Increase localised fauna diversity (predominately birds)
- Reduce nutrient and erosion sourced sediment loads entering the Gippsland Lakes

### APPROACH:

Works involved the construction of 2km of stock exclusion fencing and the planting of 15,000 native local providence seedlings across riparian land surrounding the Gippsland Lakes. The on-ground works were focused on improving two adjoining areas of land that had been identified as being among the highest risk areas for the introduction of increased sediment and nutrient run-off into the Gippsland Lakes. The project areas included private and public land .

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Activity	Output
Construct 2km Stock Exclusion Fencing	1.48km fencing constructed
Revegetate 9 hectares	7.84 hectares revegetated
Conduct 1 workshop engaging 20 participants	17 participants attended a Wyanga Park Littoral Rainforest Walk— November 2018
Conduct 1 presentation engaging 20 participants	45 participants attended a Cultural Heritage Introduction Talk at Eagle Point November 2019
Produce 1 written publication	1 media release published November 2019

### PARTNERS:

East Gippsland Conservation Management Network, Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, Landcare Groups and their members.

## Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program

**FUNDED BY:**

Victorian Government’s Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program

**AIMS:**

The Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program enables the effective participation of Landcare groups and networks, landholders and the wider community in natural resource management activities that protect, enhance and restore our natural environment, and improve agricultural productivity.

**APPROACH:**

The East Gippsland Landcare Network was the proponent for one facilitator position to support the Network and is assisting Toms Creek and Glenaladale Landcare Groups to host two facilitators to support the 22 Landcare groups within the East Gippsland Landcare Network.

Facilitators work within a framework that covers 7 key work areas. Notable achievements in 2019-20 include:

Activity	Output
Building local capacity	Local volunteers contributed over 7500 hours of project assistance as well as attending capacity building workshops.
Undertake Community Engagement	Multiple workshops and events undertaken to over 1400 participants
Assist with Planning and priority setting	Facilitators assisted with the development of 8 plans and strategies
Support on-ground projects	Constructed 46km fencing Completed over 30 ha. revegetation
Securing Project Grants	Assisted the Network and it’s Groups to secure over \$1.35m in project funding across the region over the next three years.

In response to the 2019-20 bushfires, additional funding was received in order to provide facilitator assistance specifically to bushfire impacted areas. The funds enabled employment of an additional short-term facilitator who worked closely with a number of Landcare groups and individuals. The focus of the work was on developing partnerships with other NRM agencies and assistance with funding application for bushfire recovery projects.

**PARTNERS:**

Landcare Groups and their members, East Gippsland Shire, Department of Environment, Land , Water & Planning, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Far East Victoria Landcare Inc, Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee, East Gippsland Conservation Management Network, Trust For Nature, Greening Australia Gippsland, Parks Victoria, Birdlife Australia and BirdLife East Gippsland.



*Evan Miller at the unveiling of the History Board in the Melwood Picnic Park, Flaggy Creek*



*EGLN facilitators join other facilitators from around Gippsland at the Wattle Point Forum*



*Erin Weir supporting a Group Working Bee.*

## Landcare Farming on the Red Gum Grassy Woodlands



Riparian Seedlings



Grazing Management Fencing



Participants at the Grazing Management event.

### FUNDED BY:

Federal Government National Landcare Program – Smart Farm Small Grants

### AIMS:

This project aimed to help landowners on the Red Gum Grassy Woodland protect remnant and riparian vegetation, as well as re-establish native vegetation on cleared land. Installation of Landclass and grazing management fencing assisted landholders to maintain a minimum of 70% ground cover.

### APPROACH:

An Expression of Interest process generated a list of interested landowners and potential sites. Each site was visited, assessed and a project site plan developed before being prioritised. High priority sites were selected to participate in the program, with the landowners signing a Voluntary Land Management Agreement, committing to future management of the site.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Activity	Output
Construct 8.0km of Landclass fencing	8.5km Landclass Fencing constructed by 10 landholders
Construct 0.3km of Remnant Vegetation Fencing	0.3km Remnant Vegetation fencing constructed
Construct 0.5km of Riparian Fencing	0.5km Riparian Vegetation Fencing Constructed
Plant 18,000 seedlings to revegetate 18ha.	18,000 seedlings planted over 18 ha.
Conduct Engagement Workshop with 49 participants over three events	6-8 <sup>th</sup> August 2019: Grazing Management Workshops with 49 participants

### PARTNERS:

Landcare Groups and their members and landholders.

## Landcare Sustainable Agriculture: High Country

### FUNDED BY:

State Government Victorian Landcare Grants Program

### AIMS:

This project aimed to support primary producers in the High Country to construct the necessary infrastructure to improve grazing management practices and therefore maintain ground cover above 70%. Land class fencing and remnant/riparian vegetation fencing would be constructed within the East Gippsland Landcare Network High Country areas with the majority of works taking place in Dargo, Gelantipy and Ensay.

The project also aimed to support sustainable farming practices through a series of capacity building workshops.

### APPROACH:

An Expression of Interest process generated a list of interested landowners and potential sites. Each site was visited, assessed and a project site plan developed before being prioritised. High priority sites were selected to participate in the program, with the landowners signing a Voluntary Land Management Agreement, committing to future management of the site.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Activity	Output
Construct 4km Grazing management fencing	4.034km of riparian and landclass fencing constructed
Change grazing regimes across 200 ha	273 ha of changed grazing regime
Conduct one engagement Event with 8 participants	11.9.18 Grazing Management Workshop with 11 participants

### PARTNERS:

Landcare Groups and their members, Trust for Nature, Greening Australia, and East Gippsland Conservation Management Network.



*Spring rains and new fencing improves ground cover*



*Participants at the grazing management workshop*



*Newly constructed fencing*

## Plains Grassy Forest: Landcare Revegetation



*Planted revegetation area and stock exclusion fencing*



*Fenced revegetation area deep ripped and ready for planting*



*Seedlings awaiting collection at the nursery.*

### FUNDED BY:

Victorian State Government: Victorian Landcare Grants Program

### AIMS:

This project aimed to engage with the community to raise the awareness of the significance of Plains Grassy Woodland, protect existing stands of remnant vegetation by stock exclusion and buffering plantings, and increase localised fauna diversity through species-rich, on-ground environmental revegetation works.

### APPROACH:

An Expression of Interest process generated a list of interested landowners and potential sites. Each site was visited, assessed and a project site plan developed before being prioritised. High priority sites were selected to participate in the program, with the landowners signing a Voluntary Land Management Agreement, committing to future management of the site.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Activity	Output
Construct 1km fencing	Constructed 0.969km fencing
Plant 6000 native seedlings over 5 hectares	6000 seedlings planted over 5 hectares
Conduct 1 training field day on plant ID and EVC 151 for 15 participants	Conducted 1 engagement event with 15 participants at East Gippsland Field Days

### PARTNERS:

Greening Australia, East Gippsland Conservation Management Network, Landcare Groups and their members and landholders.

## Plains Grassy Woodland: Landcare Remnant Protection

### FUNDED BY:

Victorian State Government: Victorian Landcare Grants Program

### AIMS:

This project aimed to engage with the community to raise the awareness of the significance of Plains Grassy Woodland, protect 5 hectares of existing Plains Grassy Woodland and increase localised fauna diversity.

### APPROACH:

An Expression of Interest process generated a list of interested landowners and potential sites. Each site was visited, assessed and a project site plan developed before being prioritised. High priority sites were selected to participate in the program, with the landowners signing a Voluntary Land Management Agreement, committing to future management of the site.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Activity	Output
Construct 2.5km riparian fencing	Constructed 2.5km fencing
Sign 3 Land management Agreements	3 Land Management Agreements signed
Implement 5 hectares of grazing regime change	7 hectares of grazing regime change implemented.

### PARTNERS:

Greening Australia, East Gippsland CMN, Landcare Groups and their members and landholders.



*Stock exclusion fencing protecting Emu Creek*



*Remnant woodland protected by stock exclusion fencing*

## Topsoils

### FUNDED BY:

Federal Government National Landcare Program

**AIMS:** A multi-partner, multi-year project promoting improved agricultural practices through enhanced soil management by East Gippsland farmers. The project utilises previously collected data sets of the chemical and physical properties of East Gippsland's farming soils including trends in soil characteristics and key indicators of soil asset decline. Targeted extension programs, including demonstration sites, will involve the expertise of five regional delivery partners to provide farmers with improved knowledge and skills, and address barriers to practice change to enable on ground adoption.

**APPROACH:** Utilising the three established farmer focused groups and continue soil health education to enable adopted practice change on farm.

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

#### Top Soils #2 2019-2020

Activity	Outputs to date
Hold 12 Community / Stakeholder events	<p><b>8 x Field Days held:</b> (Participant numbers in brackets)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High Country Farming with Neil Moss (30)</li> <li>● Resilient and Flexible Pasture Systems (26)</li> <li>● Colin Seis: Improving Soil Health by Cover Cropping (31)</li> <li>● High Country Top Soils with Declan McDonald (6)</li> <li>● Foothills Top Soils with Declan McDonald (10)</li> <li>● Plains Top Soils with Declan McDonald (19)</li> <li>● Impacts on soil and microbes with Nicole Masters (36)</li> <li>● First steps to rehydration and recovery with Nicole Masters (40)</li> </ul> <p><b>4 x Workshops held:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vic No Till Presentation Workshop (16)</li> <li>● Under Cover Down Under Expert Panel (16)</li> <li>● Dung Beetles (High Country) (15)</li> <li>● Dung Beetles (Plains) (42)</li> </ul>
Complete 20 Soil tests	20 soil tests completed
Produce 12 communication materials	16 Communication materials published including 14 flyers and 2 media releases



Participants at the Improving Soil Health Field Day



Dung Beetle



Participants at the High Country Farming Field Day

## Topsoils (Continued)

### Top Soils 2018-2020

Activity	Outputs to date
Hold 9 Community/Stakeholder events	<p><b>2 x Field Days held:</b> (Participant numbers in brackets)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charles Massy: Hydrology in the Landscape (30)</li> <li>Soil sampling and pasture monitoring techniques (during COVID restrictions of limited people gatherings) (2)</li> </ul> <p><b>2 x Workshops held:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andre Leu: Building resilience to a changing climate: Regenerative Agriculture (63)</li> <li>Dick Richardson: Grazing Management (29)</li> </ul> <p><b>2 x Conference/Seminars:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soils Master Class with Nicole Masters (29)</li> <li>The Biggest Little Farm DVD “Virtual Ute Drive” – during COVID restriction with no people gatherings (35)</li> </ul> <p><b>3 x On Ground Demonstrations:</b></p> <p>PLAINS GROUP: Assessment of changes in soil condition under each treatment: 1. Multi-species cover crop 2. Over sown kikuyu paddock 3. Business-as-usual control - under advice from Declan McDonald, Senior Agronomist from SESL Australia</p> <p>HIGH COUNTRY GROUP: Demonstrate impacts of surface liming acidic soils with crushed limestone and pelletised lime – under advice from Lisa Miller Research &amp; Extension Officer from Southern Farming Systems</p> <p>FOOTHILLS GROUP: Nutritional value of kikuyu grass over a 12 month period to inform on management – under advice from Agrifood Technology</p>
Complete 90 Soil tests	132 soil tests completed
Produce 6 communication materials	8 Communication materials published including 6 flyers and 2 advertisements – radio and newspaper



Dick Richardson speaking at the Grazing Management Workshop



Participants at the Dung Beetle Field ID workshop.

### PARTNERS:

Australian Government, East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Southern Farming Systems, Agriculture Victoria, Far East Victorian Landcare, Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee, and Charles Sturt University

## Western Snowy Wild Dog and Pig Control Group



*New Pig traps are explained at the Gelantipy Wild*



*Ground disturbance from Wild Pigs*



*Wild Pig*

### FUNDED BY:

Australian Wool Innovation

### AIMS:

This project aimed to reduce the impact of wild dogs and pigs on primary producers by providing baits to farmers and having pig traps built for use by the Western Snowy Wild Dog and Pig Control Group (WSWDPCG)

### APPROACH:

The Western Snowy Wild Dog and Pig Control Group formed from a group of 18 primary producers who wished to develop a nil-tenure approach to a wider area of land to enhance existing control activity. This project assisted landholders in key target areas to build knowledge and capacity in working together to control wild dogs and pigs.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

The Group has achieved a significant reduction in wild dog attacks and stock losses by maintaining monthly baiting programs carried out in Spring 2019 and Autumn 2020.

Activity	Output
Purchase, distribute and direct the application of 4,000 Wild Dog Baits and 100 bottles of attractant	Purchase of 3,350 Doginator Wild Dog Baits and 87 Bottles of attractant
Purchase and construction of 6 wild pig traps	Construction of 5 pig traps
	2 day wild dog and pig management forum held in conjunction with Parks Victoria and Agriculture Victoria

### PARTNERS:

Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning, Parks Victoria, Landcare Groups and their members and individual landholders.

## Annual Audit: Message from the Treasurer

Overall, the 2019-20 financial year, has proven to be a good year for EGLN, despite the bushfires and Covid-19 interruptions.

We have restructured costs and are operating within acceptable bounds.

We have successfully received Governmental and Philanthropic funding for important, annual and multi-year local environmental projects.

Please be advised that the surplus reported this financial year results from funding from Philanthropic donations, which have not been fully spent this financial year. However, these funds have been pre-allocated for works to be completed over the next year or two.

New Accounting standards came into effect this financial year, and like many not-for-profit organisations, we are unable to be fully compliant on short notice but we are working towards compliance as new projects commence.

Vicki Vuat

Treasurer, EGLN



*Lomandra Longifolia* seed head.



*Swamp Wallaby*

## Annual Financial Audit



Rainforest in the Den of Nargun, Mitchell River National Park



Running postman (*Kennedia prostrata*)

### REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE

Your committee present this report on the Association for the year ended 30 June 2020.

#### Committee Members

The names of each person who has been a committee member during the year and to the date of this report are maintained in a register at the principal place of business of the Association and can be reviewed upon written request to the committee.

The committee members have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

#### Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Association during the financial year was that of promotion of environmental outcomes in East Gippsland through support to local Landcare Groups and seeking funds to support the activities of those groups. No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### Objectives

The short-term objective of the Association is to provide sound governance and financial oversight to ensure the ongoing viability of the Association.

The long-term objective is to have a sustainable support for local Landcare Groups to provide ongoing environmental protection and enhancement of the local area.

#### Strategies for achieving the objectives

To achieve its stated objectives, the Association has adopted the following strategies:

- Engage with the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to source suitable resources to achieve its objectives.
- Continually review potential funding sources and submit high quality applications for funding.
- Engage with local Landcare Groups to determine their priorities and identify ways to assist them in achieving their objectives.

#### Performance measures

The Association measures its performance through the use of both quantitative and qualitative benchmarks. The benchmarks will be used by the Committee to assess the financial sustainability of the Association and whether the Association's short-term and long-term objectives are being achieved.

#### Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under subdivision 60.40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* is set out on page 4 of this financial statement.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.

Peter Reefman  
President

Vicki Vuat  
Treasurer

Dated this 7th day of October 2020

**EAST GIPPSLAND LANDCARE NETWORK INCORPORATED**  
**ABN: 98 434 926 368**

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

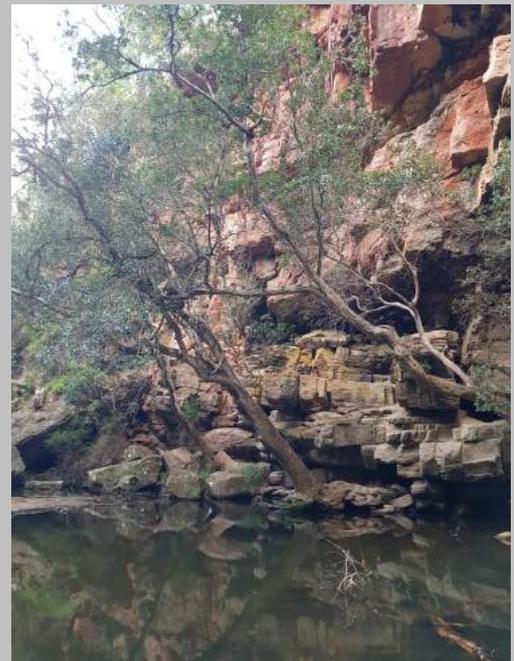
	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Continuing operations</b>			
Revenue	2	688,313	634,319
Other revenue	2	511,557	37,864
Administration expenses		(37,873)	(75,511)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	3	(774)	(1,475)
Direct project expenses	3	(614,273)	(269,792)
Employee benefits expenses		-	(17,138)
Legal expenses		-	(1,360)
Loss on sale of plant and equipment	3	(3,428)	-
Project operations		(338,448)	(357,411)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) before income tax</b>		<b>205,074</b>	<b>(50,702)</b>
Income tax expense	1(a)	-	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>205,074</b>	<b>(50,702)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income, net of income tax</b>			
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>205,074</b>	<b>(50,702)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to:</b>			
Members of the Association		205,074	(50,702)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>205,074</b>	<b>(50,702)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(deficit) attributable to:</b>			
Members of the Association		205,074	(50,702)
<b>Total comprehensive income/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>205,074</b>	<b>(50,702)</b>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	8(a)	821,788	589,068
Trade and other receivables	4	45,064	391,407
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>866,832</b>	<b>960,475</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	5	6,843	10,324
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>6,843</b>	<b>10,324</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>873,675</b>	<b>970,799</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	6	28,358	88,157
Income received in advance	7	372,573	614,972
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>400,931</b>	<b>703,129</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>400,931</b>	<b>703,129</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>472,744</b>	<b>267,670</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus		472,744	267,670
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>472,744</b>	<b>267,670</b>



*Epicormic growth in the Snowy River National Park*



*The Den of Nargun, Mitchell River National Park*

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2020**

	Retained surplus \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2018</b>	318,372	318,372
Deficit for the year	(50,702)	(50,702)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive deficit for the year	<u>(50,702)</u>	<u>(50,702)</u>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2019</b>	<u>267,670</u>	<u>267,670</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2019</b>	267,670	267,670
Surplus for the year	205,074	205,074
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>205,074</u>	<u>205,074</u>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<u>472,744</u>	<u>472,744</u>



Regrowth on bushfire affected land

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from grants		827,812	625,466
Receipts from donations		458,739	-
Receipts from other income		54,580	23,088
Interest received		7,747	2,787
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,030,558)	(732,157)
Net GST		<u>(64,899)</u>	<u>24,895</u>
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	8(b)	<u>253,421</u>	<u>(55,921)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		912	18,702
Payments for plant and equipment		<u>(1,633)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>		<u>(721)</u>	<u>18,702</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		252,700	(37,219)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>569,068</u>	<u>606,287</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	8(a)	<u>821,768</u>	<u>569,068</u>



Blond Bay Reserve

## NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements cover the Association East Gippsland Landcare Network, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

### Financial reporting framework

The Association is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Committee there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the requirements of section 60.40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 (ACNC Regulation) and meet the needs of the members. For the purposes of preparing the financial statements, the Association is a not-for-profit entity.

### Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the Committee's reporting requirements under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The Association has not assessed whether these special purpose financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards. The material accounting policies disclosed in note 1(i) that have not been assessed for compliance with Australian Accounting Standards include AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements, except the cash flow information, has been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement of fair value of selected noncurrent assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. Historical cost is generally based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

### Accounting Policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements, except as explained under changes in accounting policies.

#### a) Income Tax

As the incorporated Association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

#### b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and, if applicable, bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

#### c) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment



Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*) a toxic weed



Grass Tree (*Xanthorrhoea Australis*) in Blond Bay Reserve

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(CONTINUED)****(d) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Plant and equipment are brought to account at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts. The cost of plant and equipment constructed within the Association includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment including capitalised lease assets, are depreciated over their useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation method and rates used for each class of depreciable asset are:

<b>Class of Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>Depreciation rates</b>	<b>Depreciation method</b>
Motor Vehicles	12.5% - 25%	Diminishing value method
Plant and equipment	7.5% - 40%	Diminishing value method

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each statement of financial performance date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

**(e) Impairment of Assets**

At each reporting date, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and replacement cost, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.



The Snowy River Valley



Orange Tip Caladenia (*caladenia aurantiaca*)

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(CONTINUED)****(f) Trade and other payables**

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

**(g) Financial Instruments**

Financial instruments arise out of contractual agreements that give rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

**Financial assets at amortised cost**

Financial assets are measured at amortised costs if both of the following criteria are met and the assets are not designated as fair value through net result:

- The assets are held by the Association to collect the contractual cash flows, and
- the assets' contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interests.

These assets are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment.

The Association recognises the following assets in this category:

- cash and cash equivalents
- receivables

A financial asset is derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired.

**Financial liabilities at amortised cost**

Financial liabilities at amortised cost are initially recognised on the date they are originated. They are initially measured at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial instruments are measured at amortised cost with any difference between the initial recognised amount and the redemption value being recognised in profit and loss over the period of the interest bearing liability, using the effective interest rate method. The Association recognises the following liabilities in this category:

- Trade and other payables

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires.

**Offsetting financial instruments**

Financial instrument assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the balance sheet when, and only when, the Association concerned has a legal right to offset the amounts and intend either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**(h) Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to reporting date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made by the Association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred



*Plains Grassy Woodland, Glenaladale*

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(CONTINUED)****(i) Revenue**

All grant income has been deferred upon receipt and not recognised as revenue until the related expenses are incurred, and has not been assessed for compliance with the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

Other revenue is recognised when received, or when the right to receive payment is established.

Donations are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

**(j) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

**(k) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The Committee evaluates estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association.

**Key Estimates***i. Impairment*

The Association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the Association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

No impairment has been recognised in respect of property, plant and equipment at reporting date

**(l) Comparative Figures**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.



*Duck Arm, Banksia Peninsula*



*Pink Fingers (Caladenia carnea)*

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(CONTINUED)**

**(m) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards**

During the current year, the Group has adopted all of the new and revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations applicable to its operations which became mandatory, with the exception of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities .

The adoption of these standards would have significantly impacted the recognition and measurement of transactions and the presentation and disclosures of the financial statements.

**(n) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods**

Management assessment indicates that there are no new Australian Accounting Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective with an expected material impact on the Association's financial report in the period of initial application.



*Iguana Creek Gorge*



*Hornet Orchid (Diurus sulphurea)*



The Bluff, Eagle Point

Tall Sun Orchid (*Thelymitra media*)
**EAST GIPPSLAND LANDCARE NETWORK INCORPORATED**  
 ABN: 98 434 926 368

 Notes to the Financial Statements  
 For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>NOTE 2: REVENUE</b>		
<i>Revenue from operating activities</i>		
- Grants	688,313	634,319
	<u>688,313</u>	<u>634,319</u>
<i>Other revenue</i>		
- Interest income	7,747	2,787
- Donations	458,739	-
- Other income	45,071	23,088
- Profit on disposal of plant and equipment	-	11,789
	<u>511,557</u>	<u>37,664</u>
Total revenue and other revenue	<u>1,199,870</u>	<u>671,983</u>

**NOTE 3: SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE INCOME TAX**

Surplus/(deficit) before income tax is arrived at after taking into consideration the following charges:

<i>Direct project expenses</i>		
- Fencing revegetation	167,567	47,400
- Funds to be paid to other agencies	-	17,100
- Other project expenditure	104,430	32,765
- Project management	272,666	10,195
- Rebates	-	16,700
- Seedlings	34,991	78,399
- Tree guards/stakes	20,496	57,387
- Workshops	14,123	9,846
	<u>614,273</u>	<u>269,792</u>
<i>Depreciation and amortisation expense:</i>		
- Motor Vehicles	-	559
- Plant and equipment	774	916
	<u>774</u>	<u>1,475</u>
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment	<u>3,428</u>	<u>-</u>

**NOTE 4: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES****Current**

Trade receivables	-	381,898
Other receivables	-	9,509
Net GST receivable	45,064	-
Total trade and other receivables	<u>45,064</u>	<u>391,407</u>

**NOTE 5: PLANT & EQUIPMENT***Plant and equipment*

At cost	14,262	23,599
Accumulated depreciation	(7,419)	(13,275)
	<u>6,843</u>	<u>10,324</u>

**Movements in Carrying Amounts**

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Motor vehicles \$	Plant and equipment \$	Total \$
<b>2019</b>			
Balance at beginning of the year	5,998	11,240	17,238
Disposals	(5,439)	-	(5,439)
Depreciation	(559)	(916)	(1,475)
Balance at end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>10,324</u>	<u>10,324</u>
<b>2020</b>			
Balance at beginning of the year	-	10,324	10,324
Additions	-	1,633	1,633
Disposals	-	(4,341)	(4,341)
Depreciation	-	(774)	(774)
Balance at end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>6,842</u>	<u>6,842</u>

**EAST GIPPSLAND LANDCARE NETWORK INCORPORATED**  
 ABN: 98 434 926 368

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 6: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
<i>Unsecured liabilities</i>		
Trade payables	22,281	66,674
Other payables	6,077	1,648
Net GST payable	-	19,835
	<u>28,358</u>	<u>88,157</u>
<b>NOTE 7: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Unspent grants	<u>372,573</u>	<u>614,972</u>
	<u>372,573</u>	<u>614,972</u>
<b>NOTE 8: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
<i>(a) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents</i>		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:		
Cash at bank	821,095	568,626
Cash on hand	673	442
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>821,768</u>	<u>569,068</u>
<i>(b) Reconciliation of cash flows from operations with surplus/(deficit) for the year</i>		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	205,074	(50,702)
Non-cash flows in surplus/(deficit) for the year		
Loss/(profit) on disposal of plant and equipment	3,428	(11,789)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	774	1,475
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	346,343	(350,131)
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables	(59,799)	10,363
(Decrease)/Increase in income in advance	(242,399)	346,338
Decrease in provisions	-	(32,851)
	<u>253,421</u>	<u>(87,297)</u>
<b>NOTE 9: AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION</b>		
Remuneration (excluding GST) of the auditor of the Association for:		
- Auditing of the financial statements	4,140	4,020
- Other services	1,500	-
	<u>5,640</u>	<u>4,020</u>
<b>NOTE 10: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES</b>		
There are no contingent liabilities at reporting date (2019: \$nil).		



Dorper Sheep, Glenaladale



Wedge-Tailed Eagle Nest



*Kangaroo Grass (Themeda triandra)*

#### **NOTE 11: RELATED PARTIES**

Vicki Vuat, a Committee Member of East Gippsland Landcare Network Incorporated, is also a Director of Wildseed Nursery. During the year ended 30 June 2020, the business supplied goods and services to the value of \$24,561.

Jenny Robertson, a Committee Member of East Gippsland Landcare Network Incorporated received rebates of \$7,180 during the year in relation to her family farm

#### **NOTE 12: EVENTS AFTER REPORTING DATE**

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

#### **NOTE 13: ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

The registered office and principal place of business of the Association is:

574 Main Street  
Bairnsdale VIC 3875

## **STATEMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The members of the Committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements

In the opinion of the members of the Committee the financial statements set out on pages 5 to 17 present a true and fair view of the financial position of East Gippsland Landcare Network Incorporated as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date. The members of the Committee declare that:

1. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that East Gippsland Landcare Network Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
2. The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Reefman  
President

  
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Vicki Vuat  
Treasurer

Dated this 7th day of October 2020

## AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SUBDIVISION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012 TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST GIPPSLAND LANDCARE NETWORK INC.

I declare that, in relation to our audit of the financial report of East Gippsland Landcare Network Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2020, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



**CROWE VIC**



**GORDON ROBERTSON**  
Partner

Dated at Warragul this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020

*The title 'Partner' conveys that the person is a senior member within their respective division, and is among the group of persons who hold an equity interest (shareholder) in its parent entity, Findex Group Limited. The only professional service offering which is conducted by a partnership is the Crowe Australasia external audit division. All other professional services offered by Findex Group Limited are conducted by a privately owned organisation and/or its subsidiaries.*

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## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of East Gippsland Landcare Network Inc.

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of East Gippsland Landcare Network Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by the committee of management.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association has been prepared in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the financial reporting responsibilities of the committee of management under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and *ACNC Act*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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## Other Information

The committee of management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association's report by the committee for the year ended 30 June 2020, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of the Committee of Management for the Financial Report

The committee of management of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The responsibility of the committee of management also includes such internal control as the committee of management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee of management is responsible for assessing the ability of the Association to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee of management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The committee of management is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of those charged with governance's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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*G. Robertson*

GORDON ROBERTSON  
Partner

Dated at Warragul this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020



*Mitchell River Silt Jetties*



*Wax Lip Orchid (Glossodia major )*

# The EGLN thanks its Partners and Investors:



*Spotted Sun Orchid (Thelymitra ixioides)*



*The Buchan River in flood*

