



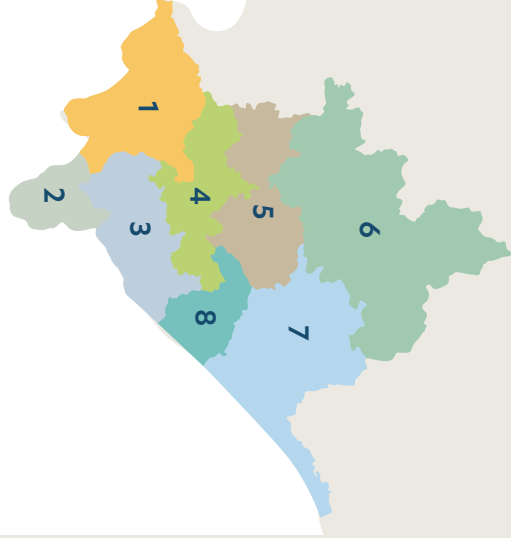
"We actively encourage our community to take the step of joining us and taking action."



*\* Visit Merriman Creek estuary, Woodside and 90 Mile Beach*

*\* Visit Tanna Bulga National Park*

**Discover the 6 catchment zones we work across to improve the rivers, estuaries, lakes, inlets and wetlands.**



*Welcome*  
**to the West Gippsland catchment**

**1. Bunurong Coastal**

On Bunurong Country, rivers run through farmland to meet the rugged Bass Strait coast. Communities are passionately working to enhance their patch and care for threatened species like Hooded Plovers.

*\* Visit Kegerungmame/Powlett River and Yallock-Bullock Marine and Coastal Park*

**2. Wilsons Promontory**

On the southern-most tip of mainland Australia, this is a precious haven for biodiversity. It is home to over 20% of Victoria's native plants and half the state's bird species.

*\* Visit Derby and Tidal Rivers in Wilsons Promontory National Park*

**3. Corner Inlet & Nooramunga**

This world renowned Ramsar wetland is crucial for the survival of seagrass, mangroves, fish and migratory birds. Enhancing water quality along the rivers that flow into the inlet is key.

*\* Visit Corner Inlet bird hide, Agnes Falls and Silcocks Hill lookout*

**4. Strzelecki**

This range features ancient rainforests home to threatened plants and animals including Gippsland koalas. The lower foothills provide rich farmland where locals are working together to restore rivers and improve water quality.

**5. Latrobe Durt'Yowan**

Decades of coal mining/power generation have impacted the river's health but we're working with the community to revive the river and keep it alive and flowing.

*\* Visit Blue Rock lake*

**6. Great Dividing Range and foothills**

The mountains are where our rivers begin. Headwaters support waterfalls, precious peatlands, lyrebirds and pygmy possums. We are working to protect peatlands and remove willows to keep these areas pristine.

*\* Visit Mt Baw Baw, Toorong Falls and Noojee*

**7. Gippsland Lakes and Hinterland**

Three rivers of Carran Carran (Thomson), Durt'Yowan (Latrobe) and Wirn windlook Yeeerung (Maccalister) meet to flow through wetlands and into the Gippsland Lakes Ramsar site at Lake Wellington. These rivers are supported by water for the environment and fishways so fish can migrate and breed.

*\* Visit the Lower Latrobe Wetlands and Heyfield Wetlands*

**8. Gippsland Plains**

Merriman Creek flows east from the Strzelecki Hills and out to sea near Seaspray. The estuary is ever changing and has significant natural values and deep cultural significance. 90 Mile Beach stretches east separating Gippsland Lakes from Bass Strait.

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*For river*  
**Map**  
*your*  
**Catchment**

*We*  
**love**  
*our*

*They connect with people  
of stories and places  
the life and spirit of the  
people who live there*

**Easy ways to become a river lover**

- Read and observe any signs when you enter an area
- Reduce, reuse, recycle



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*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the region, the Gunaikurnai, the Bunurong, the Boonwurrung and the Wurundjeri Noi Wurrung peoples, their rich culture and spiritual connection to Country.*

*We also acknowledge the responsibility of First Peoples to care for Country and pay respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.*



# Your guide to the West Gippsland catchment

From the mountains to the sea, West Gippsland CMA proudly works with Traditional Owners, partners and community to create a healthy catchment and better future for everyone who lives and visits.



## Water for the environment

is carefully released from reservoirs with flows delivered in the Durt 'Yowan (Latrobe), Carran Carran (Thomson), Wirn wirndook Yeerung (Macalister) rivers and Lower Latrobe Wetlands.



## Fishways

at Horseshoe Bend and Cowwarr Weir reconnect rivers helping native fish to survive by completing their migration along rivers and out to sea.



## Landcare groups

are a powerhouse of change in West Gipps. With five networks, there is one near you.

**Get involved - join today!**

## Corner Inlet Ramsar Wetland

This unique system of barrier islands and tidal mudflats has the most southerly population of White Mangrove in the world and largest area of broad-leafed seagrass in Victoria. It is a feeding, nesting and breeding area for thousands of resident and migratory birds. The inlet is fed by fresh water from the Franklin and Agnes rivers and creeks.



## Lakes Entrance

## Lower Latrobe Wetlands

On the western edge of the Gippsland Lakes Ramsar site, these important wetlands filter water as it enters Lake Wellington and are home to precious wildlife.

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