

## Natural Resource Management Challenges

- Changing land use
- Threats from pest plants and animals
- Water use and protection of waterways for in streams health
- Urban fringe moving closer
- Climate change influencing weather patterns, sea levels and flooding
- Changing economics and politics of agriculture
- Ageing of the farming community

## Friends of the Strzelecki Koalas



Friends of Strzelecki Koalas - Habitat for Life is a community based three year project to increase habitat and the ecological resilience of landscape for Strzelecki Koalas and other important native species.

The project will involve identification of key remnant patches and revegetation areas to create biolinks. On ground works will be a key component of overall project, starting in year one and becoming a larger part of the project in years two and three.



## South Gippsland Landcare Fund



The South Gippsland Landcare Fund has been established to raise funds to protect and enhance the natural environment of South Gippsland.

**How Can You Help?**  
Make a tax deductible donation...

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible

## Key Theme: Caring for the Land

### OBJECTIVES

- Promote landscape change and sustainable farming through best land management practices
- Provide information services to all land holders so they can look after their land
- Facilitate weed and pest control in partnership with community, government and individuals
- Work to enhance the biodiversity of the region

## Key Theme: Landcare Groups & Membership

### OBJECTIVES

- Encourage, support and sustain member Landcare Groups to ensure their continued survival and growth
- Service the needs of the Landcare groups
- Identify priorities for on ground works
- Build South Gippsland Landcare Network memberships

## Key Theme: Funding

### OBJECTIVES

- Identify priority areas for funding across the SGLN area
- Seek funds for priority projects through government grants, corporate business, philanthropic organisations and other avenues



## Key Theme: Collaboration & Partnerships

### OBJECTIVES

- Work with other groups and organisations to enhance outcomes for the Landcare groups and Network priorities
- Deliver projects for partner organisations to achieve mutual aims

## Key Theme: Education, Communication & Promotion

### OBJECTIVES

- Communicate clear Landcare messages with the aim of increasing the profile of the Network
- Lobby political organisations to secure funding and recognition

## Key Theme: Governance

### OBJECTIVES

- Ensure Network staff and board members are clear on their roles, purpose and priorities
- Ensure the Network works within the rules of its constitution

## South Gippsland Landcare Network

- Two catchment ecosystems
- Bunurong
  - Corner Inlet

The Bunurong Catchment Ecosystem maintains important environmental values within this highly productive agricultural landscape. These values are contained within a diversity of physical habitat, including forests, waterways, wetlands, and coastal and marine areas.

Corner Inlet catchment is a beautiful and internationally significant place that supports vibrant communities and healthy economies. Corner inlet is a Ramsar wetland, renowned for its incredible coastal value as a site for international migratory birds.



*Aim:* Plant one million trees in South Gippsland over the next 5 years.

The outcome will be the protection of our valuable remnant vegetation by increasing the extent of vegetation across the area and improving the resilience of high value ecosystems to the ever changing environment we live in.



Above: Linda Whitaker from the Arawata Landcare Group with the results of her 500-seed propagation kit.