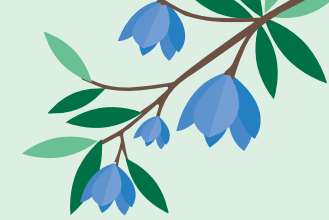


WEEDS AND PESTS ON PUBLIC LAND

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2018-19



The Weeds and Pests on Public Land (WPPL) program delivers landscape-scale, collaborative weed and pest projects, to reduce the threat to Victoria's native biodiversity on public land.

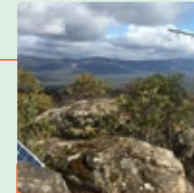
WPPL contributes to Biodiversity 2037's vision of stopping the decline of Victoria's native plants and animals and ensuring our natural environment is healthy and resilient.

Weeds and pest animals are one of the biggest threats to Australia's biodiversity and are driving more than 80% of threatened native plants and animals towards extinction. Weeds compete with native plants for space, nutrients and sunlight, while pests kill native animals and destroy habitat.



MALLEE BOUNCEBACK

Reduced rabbit numbers to less than one rabbit per kilometre across 96% of project area



GRAMPIANS ARK

Smoky mice detected at two new sites in the Mount William range



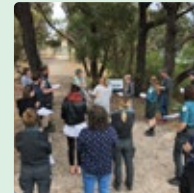
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS ARK

Increased community awareness and understanding of fox baiting program



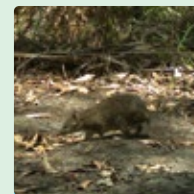
BARRY MOUNTAINS

10 fox bait runs completed at over 150 bait station locations



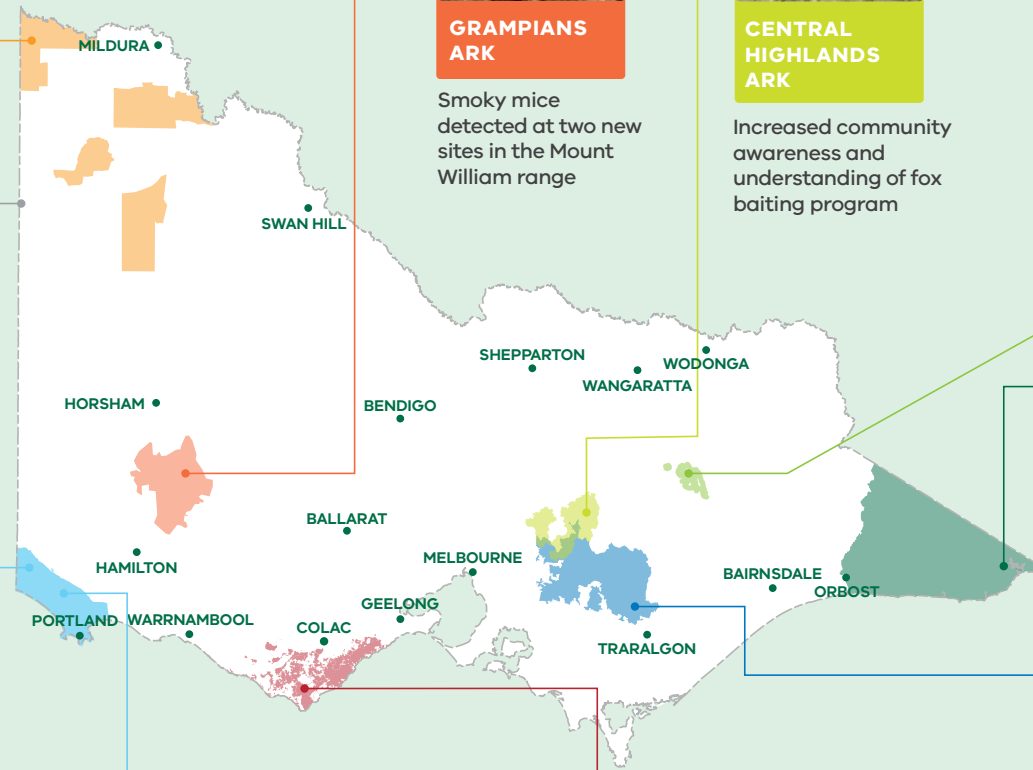
WEEDS AT THE EARLY STAGE OF INVASION

66 people trained in early invader weed identification



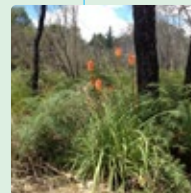
GLENELG ARK

Long-Nosed Potoroos found at 67% more sites in fox control areas



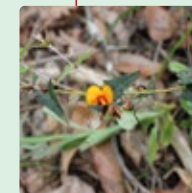
SOUTHERN ARK

100 students trained in wildlife trapping and handling at Cape Conran



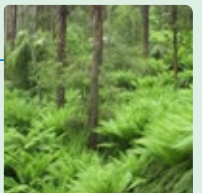
GLENELG EDEN

Treated 98% of new and emerging weed infestations



OTWAY EDEN

Successful initial treatment of Blue Spur Flower across 60 hectares of the Western Otways



CENTRAL HIGHLANDS EDEN

Released Tutsan rust (biological weed control) at Walhalla community day

10 PROJECTS

**\$4.1 MILLION
IN FUNDING**

(INCLUDING \$1 MILLION FROM PARKS VICTORIA)



Contributing to achieving Biodiversity 2037 vision through weed and pest management



775,000
HECTARES OF WEED CONTROL



1,415,000
HECTARES OF PEST PREDATOR CONTROL



335,000
HECTARES OF PEST HERBIVORE CONTROL

Improving awareness of threats of weeds and pests



22,000+
PEOPLE EXPOSED TO INFORMATION ABOUT INVASIVE WEEDS AND PESTS



753
VOLUNTEER HOURS



35
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Building partnerships, including with Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians



27+
DELIVERY PARTNERS ACROSS THE STATE



4 ABORIGINAL GROUPS INVOLVED IN ON-GROUND PROJECT DELIVERY

Improving management of weeds and pests through research and monitoring



FOXNET MODEL SHOWS
65%
REDUCTION IN FOX DENSITY IN ARK PROJECT AREAS



MONITORING SHOWS POSITIVE INDICATORS OF RECOVERY OF THREATENED NATIVE SPECIES IN PROJECT AREAS



4 UNIVERSITY PROJECTS INVOLVED IN RESEARCH, MONITORING AND CAPABILITY BUILDING

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