

# Culture & Healing Action Plan

Agency	Comments	Status
Overall summary	Face to face consultation and engagement with Aboriginal Organisations and agencies in East Gippsland and the Far East has been ongoing considering minor disruptions with COVID 19 / lockdowns	
GLaWAC	<p>Cultural heritage and Values surveys undertaken and continue to be undertaken to determine impact and condition of key totemic species and Cultural assets. These surveys may include best practice excavations, surveys, research and mapping , Employment and training opportunities for Traditional Owners, focus is to have Traditional Owners working On Country and supporting Community healing. Establishing robust processes and systems to embed into GLaWAC that will support emergency and other focus areas into the future</p> <p>Employment: GLaWAC have created 5 new part time jobs for Gunaikurnai people, these positions work on Country and with JM Rangers, NRM and RAP crews to undertake Cultural and biodiversity assessments within and around the fire foot print. This work has been very successful , has included significant training and experience for GLaWAC crews and has developed and practiced survey methods that combine Cultural and scientific perspectives.</p> <p>Buchan JMP work: GLaWAC JM Managers and crews have been heavily connected to almost all aspects of park regeneration works planning and delivery. This work commenced soon after the fire and the park was declared safe and is currently focusing on park strategic planning including future interpretation tools</p> <p>Research and Survey: Numerous research priorities were explored post fire, with GLaWAC's MOU with Monash Uni proving to be critical. Several sites have been excavated with work continuing. Finds have included Megafauna, numerous artifacts and the only physical evidence of Bogong Moth processing in Australia. GLaWAC's Bush Fire Recovery crew are contributing to research across the fire foot print through various means, one highlight was the recent recording of Potoroos within the fire foot print - in an area that has been surveyed several times by DELWP staff. One of the animals photographed had a joey in its pouch.</p> <p>Cultural Fire planning and Burning: GLaWAC are continuing to develop a Gunaikurnai Cultural Fire Strategy - engaging staff and Community members. GLaWAC crews have participated in several planned burns and other fire activity - including leading a Cultural burn at Forestec and further planning Cultural burns at other sites across the Settlement Area. GLaWAC is also leading discussions with other Traditional Owners about the best time to re-introduce fire into the 2019/20 fire foot print.</p> <p>Beyond the Fire doco: Gunaikurnai community members and GLaWAC staff were the focus of an episode of the series 'Beyond the Fire'. This episode focused on the views of Traditional Owners, showing a Cultural connection to Country and to fire, and also focused on the Cultural healing of both people and Country.</p>	On schedule
Moogji	Strong focus on Aboriginal Employment opportunities and community participation, Cultural safety and Healing through deep connection to country, Strengthen community through resilience and self worth, Elder engagement through activities, Ideas establishing Moogji Property	On schedule
GEGAC	Engagement through appointed Bushfire Recovery Officers, implementing supports for Trauma through the lens of art, social emotional and wellbeing through Therapy for Fire affect areas, upcoming Project Proposal titled "Gone Bush"	On schedule
LTAT	Improving community safety and preparedness for future bushfire events and employment opportunities, empowerment of LTAT community	On schedule
Ramahyuck	Employment opportunities through creating solar energy and expand their Medical facility to accommodate the Aboriginal community in the Wellington Shire.	On schedule
CRC	Actively engaging within the region e.g. Sarsfield in progressing towards projects that will enable the community to be Culturally aware and participate in Cultural Activities, Cultural awareness for members	On schedule
Hub	Introduction and Engagement re: Cultural Sensitivity and awareness ,Cultural safety and engaging with the Aboriginal community	On schedule
EGSC	East Gippsland Shire Council – Introduction and Engagement creating linkage with T/Os and Project managers within Council; building and strengthening employment opportunities for Aboriginal People	On schedule
FFMV	Engagement with Cultural Heritage Advisor in strengthening relationships between First Peoples and Forest fire Management re; Cultural mapping within the Fire affected Landscape, Data Collection and information, Upcoming Projects	On schedule
Envite	(Natural Resources Environmental services) Envite has attained funding through Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Program – Regional Economic Stimulus and Resilience Grants, which means that they will be advertising positions for young and Indigenous trainees in Orbost and Far East Gippsland (Mallacoota and Cann Valley) in the coming weeks, Projects and traineeships commencing in April.	On schedule