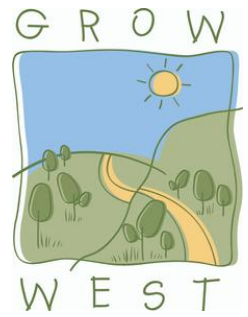


Protecting and connecting species and communities in Melbourne's west

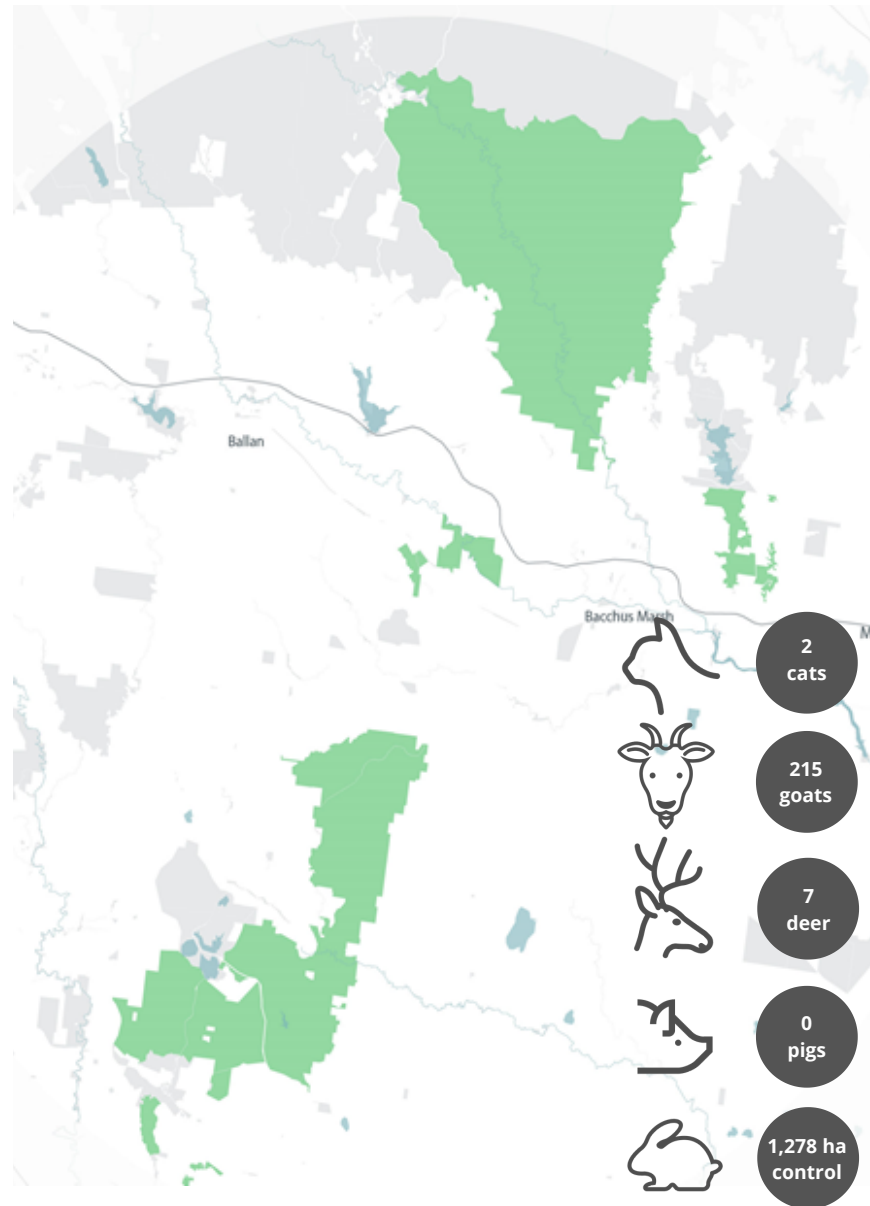


This four-year project covered an area of 30,000 hectares across four park reserves in the Upper Werribee Catchment: Brisbane Ranges National Park, Werribee Gorge State Park, Lerderderg State Park and Long Forest Conservation Nature Reserve. In addition, the project engaged with landholders, adjoining the Brisbane Ranges National Park who assisted with identification of pest plant and animals, and the Traditional Owners, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, undertook essential weed control in the Werribee Gorge and Long Forest reserves.

The large-scale pest plant and animal threat mitigation activities undertaken in the four reserves provided a large boost to the works that had previously been carried out by groups and landholders to protect and enhance threatened species and communities.

The project targeted goats, deer, rabbits, pigs, and cats along with pest weed species; Sallow Wattle, Gorse, African Weed Orchid and Serrated Tussock.

The project has achieved great onground environmental outcomes through a collaborative multi-stakeholder approach. By working together, both private and public land managers can have a positive and lasting impact on the landscape with the support of organisations such as; the catchment management authorities (PPWCMA), government agencies (DELWP) and non-for-profits (Trust for Nature).



Parks Victoria
Trust for Nature
Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung
Friends of Brisbane Ranges
Port Phillip & Westernport CMA

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS 2017-20



Werribee Gorge State Park



Areas treated

858 ha Serrated Tussock
1,281 ha rabbits

Lerderderg State Park

Areas treated

34,600 ha goat control
21,628 ha cat control
42,248 ha pig control



Brisbane Ranges National Park

Areas treated

3,666 ha Gorse
5,180 ha Sallow Wattle
22,086 ha deer control
28,309 ha goat control
14,971 ha cat control
1,970 ha African Weed Orchid surveyed



Landholder engagement

34 properties assessed

1,651 ha assessed
19 species of weeds observed

Long Forest Conservation Nature Reserve

Areas treated

1,278 ha Serrated Tussock

