



Monaro Grasslands Program (Regional Project)

Project Summary: The Monaro Grasslands Program (MGP) was established in 2002 to provide support to landholders managing native grasses for productivity and conservation in the Monaro region. The objective of the MGP is to guide the investment of resources in achieving a new model for native grassland management that combines sustainable grazing and biodiversity conservation. The MGP consists of a number of projects:

Monaro Grassland Research and Demonstration Project
 Monaro Grassland Conservation Management Network
 Purple Patches Program

The project has negotiated management agreements on 5,208 hectares of native grasslands. Fifty landholders have undertaken training to improve weed control outcomes, soil health and grassland flora identification. The project continues to support activities for improved weed management with local government across the region.

Partners: NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Snowy River, Bombala and Cooma-Monaro Shire Councils, local landholders and the local community.

Funding: Commonwealth and NSW Governments
Value of Project: \$2,100,000





Snowy River Rehabilitation Project

Project Summary: This project aims to improve the health of the Snowy River and maximise the ecological, social and economic benefits that will result from the planned release of environmental flows. SRCMA has completed 186 kilometres of willow control (the NSW section of the Snowy River from Jindabyne Dam to the Victorian border) and 135 kilometres of willow follow-up treatment. Fourteen in-stream structures have been constructed along an 8 kilometre reach of the River to assist channel scouring and to improve fish habitat. Fish habitat surveys have been conducted on major Snowy River tributaries the Pinch, Jacobs and Delegate Rivers. Blackberry control has been undertaken along 72 kilometres of riverbank and 70,000 native riparian plants have been established to improve the condition of the streamside vegetation.

Partners: NSW Premier's Department and local communities.

Funding: Commonwealth and NSW Governments

Value of Project: \$4,698,000

Bombala Rehabilitation Project

Project Summary: The Bombala River Rehabilitation Project aims to protect and improve the integrity of waterways in the Bombala River catchment, in particular remnant swamps. Many waterways in the catchment have suffered degradation from agricultural activities, vegetation clearing and artificial draining. Swamps that once dominated the landscape and stored large volumes of water are now restricted to the upper catchment. Since 2005, SRCMA and project partners have been working to improve the condition of remnant swamps. Also, a rehabilitation plan has been completed to identify high priority areas for conservation activities and to provide management recommendations. Key issues identified in the plan that threaten waterway health in the catchment are incision through nick point retreat (or small moving waterfalls), artificial draining, weeds and poor riparian vegetation condition. Project works will include construction of rock/log ramps and fencing, revegetation and weed control, which will assist in halting erosion points and improve the water storage capacity of the catchment.

Partners: Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee, Bombala River Catchment Focus Group, local communities and landholders.

Funding: Commonwealth and NSW Governments

Value of Project: \$220,000



Working with local people to achieve healthy, natural ecosystems and sustainable productive landuse.