

Case Study: Development and implementation of a vegetation management plan for Parks Victoria, including a set of priority management zones & actions

Image: Revegetation of Strathallan Creek corridor within the Gresswell Habitat Link. Planted by Acacia Environmental and the Friends of the Wildlife Reserves inc.

Company Name
Acacia Environmental Management

Service Provided
Ecological consultancy, GIS mapping, on ground service delivery

Acacia Environmental Management deliver strategic planning and service delivery in partnership with primary land managers. Acacia can assist agencies tasked with land management understand their regulatory requirements, site values and threatening processes impacting their site/s. A tailored plan can be developed to suit the specific needs of your organisation – we can even deliver the on-ground works.



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Situation

Gresswell Nature Conservation Reserves (NCRs) is a suite of reserves that was previously managed by La Trobe University between 1980 – 2012. Parks Victoria assumed management responsibilities for these reserves in 2012 and, due to high levels of staff turnover, spent the first few years after assuming management responsibilities without a consistent strategic approach or a general understanding of the reserves they were responsible for managing. Capturing and retaining institutional knowledge had become a major issue despite a wealth of written and community-based knowledge being available – they just had to capture and retain it.

Brief

Acacia was engaged to develop a vegetation management plan for their client, Parks Victoria, containing a set of priority management areas and actions that collated previous research, community-based knowledge and regulatory requirements into a single document. This was to cover all three reserves within the local cluster of open space under single management. This document could then be used as a touchstone to guide future land management actions

in the event that the loss of institutional knowledge was repeated.

Solution

Acacia are currently developing the management plan for these reserves and, being a holistic organisation, are also able to offer our client access to field crews with the technical skills to deliver much of the prescribed work. This breadth of service makes the business transaction with Acacia convenient for primary land managers as we are able to assist with multiple elements of their often complex responsibilities.

Result

Acacia were able to offer their client a service that extended from consultancy to on-ground service delivery. This convenient breadth of services coupled with a reputation for high-quality service delivery made the partnership with Acacia the choice partner - Acacia specialises in assisting land managers with multiple elements of their often complex responsibilities. The development of a management plan, written in plain language, which summarises a multitude of technical reports and provides guidance regarding future strategic land management options has become a valuable asset for Parks Victoria now and into the future.