

Farmer survey report and actions





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Agriculture is East Gippsland Shire's third-largest employer and second-largest exporter and plays a significant role in the community.

In 2020, to better understand the industry's needs, aspirations and priorities, Council created an Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee comprising 11 farmers and representatives from partner agencies Agriculture Victoria, East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and Food and Fibre Gippsland.

In addition, a survey was conducted in 2021 to establish the point-in-time status of farming in the shire, to understand issues needing advocacy and better enable informed decision-making. The survey was sent to 1,200 landowners (property size greater than 40 hectares) with 435 detailed responses received. Findings were presented in the "2021 EGCS Farmer Survey Key Themes and Directions"* report, which forms the basis of this booklet.

In response to the feedback, Council partnered with relevant lead agencies, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, farmers and producers to advocate, support and fund a wide range of tailored programs. Outlined in the report are some of the actions Council and other agencies are undertaking, however, there are many more specific programs being delivered across the region that have not been individually identified here.

Council recognises the concerted and collaborative efforts of the multiple partnerships that underpin this highly valued sector and sincerely thanks all those actively supporting the agriculture sector of East Gippsland.

A copy of the 2021 EGSC Farmer Survey raw data*can be accessed at eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/community/agricultural-assistance or by contacting Council directly.



There is an increased focus on productivity, with a growing of number farm visits, opportunities for peer-to-peer learning, face-to-face meetings and online sessions. The actions below reflect a list from many agencies collaborating in the agriculture sector.

Survey inputs: Age of farmers, size of farms, employment, off-farm income, irrigation, planning and telecommunications.

WHAT THE SURVEY TOLD US

The average age of farmers is 65



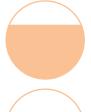
The average farm size of respondents was 100 to 400 hectares

These findings are consistent with those of the Rural Land Use Background Report which noted: 'the number of farm enterprises has been decreasing and farm businesses are increasing in scale'.

Fodder produced on farm



123 farmers produce **all** the lucerne, hay, cereal hay, grain and silage they require.



60 produce **two thirds** of their requirements.



113 produce **half** of their needs.

Many commented that needing to purchase fodder during the drought was a drain on their finances.

DIRECTIONS

Workforce housing, staffing, recruitment



Completed

The Big Victorian Harvest. Lead agency: Ag Vic



In progress

Social and Affordable Housing Strategy. Lead agency: Council

Informed Supported Workers Program (ISW). Lead agency: Jobs Victoria Employment Services

Accommodation solutions project. Lead agencies: DJPR, KPMG

Visa 491 session Connect 2 Employment and DAMA. Exploratory discussions with Department Home Affairs. Lead agency: Food & Fibre Gippsland

Horticulture Traineeship Pilot Lindenow. Lead agency: Food & Fibre Gippsland

Pacific Islands seasonal labour. Under the Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) and Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS). Lead agency: Australian Government

Job Ready horticulture sessions. Lead agency: Job Active

Being good employers, careers in dairy, workforce support and school careers education programs. Lead agency: GippsDairy

Youth Agritech Expo May 2023. Connecting students to agriculture through technology and hands on learning and farm visits. Lead agencies: Council, GELLEN, RACE GAgG, TAFE

Farm practices for continual improvement



Completed

Summer fodder options Pasture trial research. Funding and lead agencies: Council, GAgG **GAgG Education Facility Feasibility study.** Funding agency: Council



In progress

BetterBeef and Bestwool/Bestlamb producer groups. Lead agency: Ag Vic

Producer demonstration site farm walks/field days. Lead agency: Ag Vic

GrazFert soil testing and workshops. Lead agency: Ag Vic

Livestock Farm Monitor project. Lead agency: Ag Vic

ProGraze courses. Lead agency: Ag Vic

Talk Podcast series. Lead agency: Ag Vic

Increasing natural assets on farm for continual improvement. Lead agency: Landcare

Drought Hub (several projects). Lead agency: Food & Fibre Gippsland

Agriculture Innovation Hub. Lead agency: Food & Fibre Gippsland

VegNET project for horticulture. Lead agency: Food & Fibre Gippsland

Future Drought Fund Natural Resource Management – Irrigation. Lead agency: Food & Fibre Gippsland

Smart Specialisation Orbost. Lead agencies: Latrobe Valley Authority

Sowing the Gap. Trialing cropping for fodder purposes as a means of drought resilience. Lead agencies: EGCMA, GAgG, Topsoils, Council

Research trials. Plant varieties (cereals and fodders); increased soil water and nutrient holding capacity; soil carbon retention, dung beetles. Lead agencies: GAgG, Topsoils, Ag Vic

Communication to enable practical application. Through field days, workshops, farm walks and ute drives, research dinner and conferences. Lead agencies: GAgG, Topsoils, Ag Vic and other industry specific groups

Soil nutrient research, focus groups and demonstration sites (Swan Reach and Ensay). Lead agency: SFS

Focus groups for young farmers and women. Extension on pasture, nutrition, animal health, reproduction, land and carbon. Lead agency: Dairy Australia and Far East Victoria Landcare



To be started

Utilising weather stations and SMMP. Installation and education to inform decision making. Funding agency: Council, MLA, Ag Vic

Telecommunications infrastructure upgrades to support internet of things



Completed

Digital Connectivity Gaps and Priorities. Report commissioned. Lead agency: Council



In progress

Enhanced telecommunications connectivity. To 7-8 sites with work commencing December 2022. Lead agency: Connect Well

Connecting Victoria program. Lead agency: Telstra

- New towers: Combienbar, Noorinbee, Wairewa, Wingan River / Stony Peak
- Upgrades to 5G: Lake Tyers Beach, Marlo, Orbost
- Mallacoota: Funded by Vic Gov and Telstra to increase mobile 4G capacity, estimated completion May 2023
- Other towers progress and estimated completion date: Cabbage Tree Creek (mobile tower, April '23): Eastern Vic / High Country Link (mobile tower, August '23; Gipsy Point (mobile tower / 4G requires Mallacoota to be completed first, August '23); Monaro Highway, Buldah Road (macro cell, July '23); Angler's Rest (small cell, TBA); W Tree Creek (small cell, TBA); Pheasant Hill between Bruthen and Tambo Crossing (macro cell, TBA); Goongerah (small cell, TBA); Lindenow Food Bowl including Calulu and Woodglen (2 macro mobile towers, TBA); Bairnsdale Aerodrome (high-capacity Telstra macro mobile, TBA); Nicholson (high-capacity Telstra macro mobile, TBA)



To be started

Digital Innovation and Smart Agriculture Conference March 2024. Lead agency: Council

Rural Land Use Planning



In progress

Rural Land Use Strategy. To strengthen the protection of agricultural land from inappropriate subdivision or development and preserve the productive capacity of agricultural land. Second round of public consultation conducted and completed, November 2022 to February 2023. Next step proposed endorsement by Council.

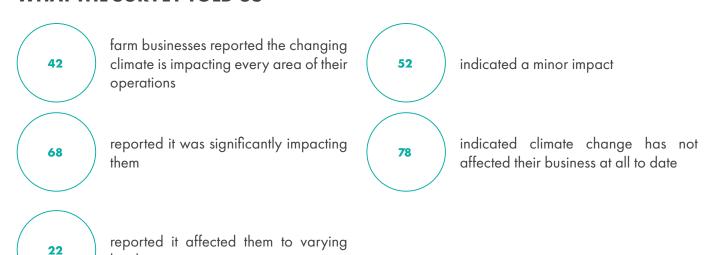


There are a range of research and development programs underway in Gippsland to ascertain correct information and relevant data for farmers to be able to make informed decisions about adaption methods. The actions below reflect the collaboration of agencies active in the agriculture sector. There will be more happening in this space that is not reflected on this list.

Survey inputs: Climate change, water security, natural disasters.

WHAT THE SURVEY TOLD US

levels



Four priority views emerged about climate change:

- 1. There is a naturally occurring cycle
- 2. Something is changing

- 3. Climate change is something we are still learning about
- 4. Climate change is affecting usnext drought.

Understanding risks, opportunities and planning for a changing climate



Completed

Carbon workshops online series. Lead agencies: Strengthening Businesses Entrepreneurs Program, Landcare, Council

Submission for Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy. Lead agency: Council in consultation with Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee



In progress

Sowing the Gap. Includes case studies on drought resilient strategies. Lead agencies: EGCMA, GAgG, Council

Natural resource management irrigation and water use projects. Lead agency: Drought Hub - Food and Fibre Gippsland

'Networks to build drought resilience' project. Growing perennial pastures in a variable climate to build organisational capacity and network farmers. Lead agency: GAgG

Online dashboard development. Assistance in estimating dry matter production and decision making on farms with relevant data, commodity prices and satellite imagery. Lead agencies: SFS and Federation University

Focus on Land, Water and Carbon and delivery of strategic climate priorities. Lead agency: Diary Australia

Submission to establish risk exposure of climate change on households and infrastructure. To assist landowners to create risk response plans with a possibility of reducing insurance premiums. Lead agency: Council

Research on impacts of extreme events. Focus on agricultural producers in East Gippsland, Australia, Skane, Sweden and Montana United States. Lead agency: Lund University

Information, education and awareness programs to build understanding about carbon and climate change to best position farmers for the future



Completed

Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2022-2032 - identifies climate change information and awareness campaigns. Lead agency: Council



In progress

Land Health program, climate risk and preparedness farm walks / workshops:

- On-farm Emissions Action Plan Pilot (next 3 years)
- Fact sheet of questions to ask before farmers sell their carbon
- Making Sense of Carbon and Emissions booklet
- Soil Carbon Science Snapshot booklet
- Climate webinars and newsletters. Lead agency: Ag Vic

Delivery of sessions and webinars on carbon with speakers including Richard Eckard and conducting trials on farms. Lead agencies: GAgG, SFS and Landcare

Education programs on climate change and the establishment of the Carbon Club. Lead agency: Landcare (Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator)

Increase soil carbon on farm with Smart Specialisation and a carbon assets and liabilities register. Lead agency: Topsoils

Understanding Carbon Series Workshops. Lead agencies: Far East Victoria Landcare, Entrepreneurs' Programme, Council





Agencies are supporting farmers when needed and working together to deliver workshops in different towns to reach all communities. The actions reflect the collaborative efforts of many agencies active in the agriculture sector. Survey input: Age of farmers.

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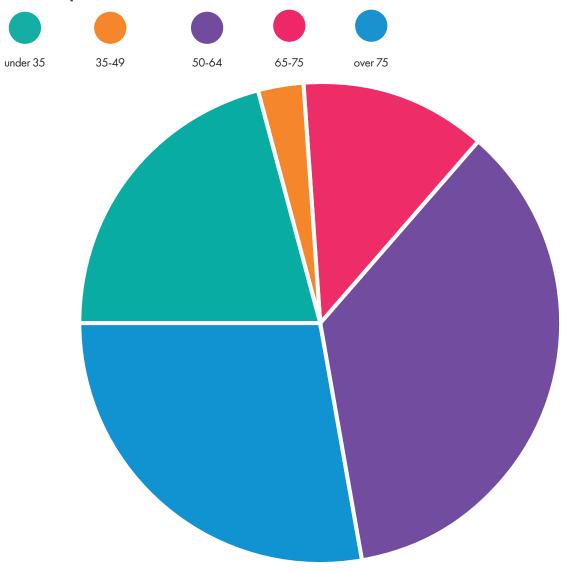
The survey confirmed East Gippsland's farming community is aging.



In relation to succession planning, 42% of farm businesses reported having a succession plan in place.

Age of farm manager / property owner who manages the farm

Question options



Percentage of farms with a succession plan.

57.7% (224)



42.3% (164)



Support for succession planning programs



Completed

RFCS succession planning workshops. Business planning. Support for making the emotional decisions regarding exiting and letting go of identity associated with farming. Lead agency: RFCS, Centrelink, Ag Vic

Series of 3 online seminars/workshops. Topic: farm succession planning including one-on-one coaching early 2022. Lead agency: RFCS

Succession planning workshops in 6 smaller communities 2021. Lead agencies: BRV, East Gippsland Legal Service, Connect Well



In progress

Orbost Smart Specialisation. Succession planning workshop. Lead agency: Orbost Futures

Delivery Farm Family Finance Future workshops in Buchan and Omeo February 2023. Lead agencies: Council, RFCS, Connect Well, Ag Vic and Gippsland Community Legal Service. All advocating for further funding to deliver similar elsewhere.

One-on-one consultations. Lead agency: RFCS

Succession planning programs in regions. Lead agencies: Diary Australia, Landcare

Understanding succession factors and/or barriers and incentives for new entrants



In progress

Agencies investigating best approaches with farmers. Lead agencies: RFCS, Gippsland Community Legal Services, Ag Vic, Connect Well

Publication of 'Backbone'. Lead agency: RFCS

Ongoing advocacy and a priority for the Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee.

Presentation on Aging on Farms was held by Cultivate Farms in February 2023



The Third Progress report of the East Gippsland Bushfires 2019/2010 was published. Details actions delivered and the support required to strengthen the recovery of the regions impacted by multiple the effect of cumulative stresses. The actions below reflect the collaboration of many agencies active in the agriculture sector.

Survey inputs: Effects of natural disasters.

WHAT THE SURVEY TOLD US

Drought

Half the farmers reported that the latest drought had impacted every area of their operations.

131

indicated that it had a significant effect on them

9

reported they were hardly affected

58

indicated it impacted them to a moderate degree

Key themes that emerged were:

- » Lack of water and feed
- » Cost to rebuild herd after heavily destocking during the drought, needing time to breed, or money to purchase
- » Limited cash flow due to having reduced numbers of stock to sell and outstanding debts
- » Cost to rebuild assets
- » Need for on farm water security to prepare for next drought.

Bushfire

reported bushfire impacted every aspect of their business

reported a far lesser impact reported a far lesser impact reported a far lesser impact reported not being affected reported not being affected degree

Key themes that emerged were:

- » Long-term impacts were severe
- » Loss of assets, stock, money and time
- » Increased workload
- » Pasture damage and weed control
- » Trauma, stress and increased anxiety

- » Cost to rebuild assets, including internal fencing placing further restrictions on cash
- » Property access
- » Repeated trauma
- » Limited access to assistance; when ready to seek support many programs were no longer available

COVID-19

farm businesses indicated being impacted in every area of their operations

129 reported moderate effects

Key themes that emerged were:

- » Separation from livestock due to lockdowns
- » Restricted access to products and services
- » Loss of business
- » Isolation and stress

Flooding

farmers majorly impacted by flooding

farmers reported not being impacted by flooding

significantly impacted

moderately affected

Key themes that emerged were:

- » Loss of fencing
- » Loss of time managing the farm

- » Pasture damage
- » Property access

Encourage preparedness and self-reliance



Completed

Community developed Local Incident Management Plans. Lead agency: Council and CRC's

Static water tanks. 40 installed in communities. Lead agency: Council

Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disaster (STAND) satellite telecommunications facilities. 37 installed in community halls and buildings. Lead agencies: Council, DPJR, Telstra, NBN

Online whole-farm planning courses. Lead agency: Ag Vic



In progress

Farm Business Resilience program workshops and seminars. Lead agency: Ag Vic **Landcare initiatives** underway have moved from recovery to preparedness and resilience. Funding being sought to deliver the Green Firewalls and improving and protecting farm dams for water retention projects.

Drought Hub preparedness projects. Lead agency: FFG

Funded projects. Rural Minds workshops, community group membership drive, High Country youth group, agriculture shows and community-led projects. Funded: Council, RDV, GAgG, Landcare

On-farm support service project 2020-2022 funded community initiatives and infrastructure. Lead agency: Victorian Government



To be started

Preparing for the future and increasing self-reliance for farmers. Work underway at the Gippsland Research Farm and will be strengthened by the soon-to-be constructed Research Agricultural Centre. Lead agency: GAgG



Diversity of income sources for farms while maintaining core focus



Completed

Agribusiness Program - diversification and value adding. Undertaken by 45 farming enterprises. Lead agency: Council

Straight to the Source Meat Valued Workshop. Workshop held in Bairnsdale March 2022. Lead agency: Council with Straight to the Source



In progress

Business adaption agribusiness mentoring. Program underway with 20 participants. Lead agency: Council

Grown Caught Made program. Connecting farm gates to the visitor economy. Lead agency: Council

Programs relevant to communities. Community Recovery Committees and place managers implementing programs relevant to their community. Lead agency: Council

Research programs. Hemp fibre, insect farming and vertical farming. Lead agency: Food and Fibre Gippsland

Straight to the Source Grains Value+d Workshop. March 2023. Lead agencies: Council, Straight to Source

Support for farmers over a longer period (5 years), as time spent on recovering sets other farm priorities behind. Advocate for support to invest in resilience (planning, infrastructure) during 'good times' when farmers have the capacity to co-invest



Completed

Bushfire recovery and community resilience Advocacy to Rural Assistance Commissioner and National Emergency Management Agency. Lead agency: Council



In progress

Advocacy to funding bodies for longer term projects and funding. Includes working with farmers to support their ongoing priorities. Lead agency: Landcare

Advocacy for recovery funding extension. To extend beyond initial funding dates, noting a short-term funding model will not meet community recovery needs. Lead agency: Council

Many agencies, Not for Profit agencies and organisations are advocating for ongoing or longer support for the shire's residents.

Include agriculture in planning for emergency response (e.g. access to care for animals)



Completed

Local Incident Management Plans. Include suitable arrangements to identify the correct allocation of fodder and donated foods to those in most need. Lead agency: Council



In progress

Advocate for safe access for farmers to animals. Lead agency: Council

Continue to support the removal of animals from property to livestock exchange. Lead agency: Council

Cost and role of insurance



Completed

On-farm Financial Risk Management. Project report completed. Lead agency: NFF



In progress

Risk exposure of climate change. Applied to engage consultants to establish risk exposure of climate change on households and infrastructure. Provide landowners the ability to create risk response plans with a possibility of reducing insurance premiums. Lead agencies: Council, EGCMA, NEMA





All agencies reported being mindful of the need to continue to support the agriculture sector over the long term, in practical ways and ongoing through advocacy and responsive programs designed to address needs as they arise. The actions below reflect the collaboration of agencies active in the agriculture sector.

Survey inputs: Effects of natural disasters

WHAT THE SURVEY TOLD US

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farmers reported their wellbeing was impacted and 34 sought personal health support during the drought



As a result of bushfire, farmers repeatedly highlighted the effect of repeated trauma

"We had six weeks where we lived on high alert with it burning only a couple of kilometres from boundaries making us highly vulnerable. The trauma of this six weeks far outweighs anything COVID-19 has brought on."

"The ongoing stress in the community and slow recovery was made worse by COVID-19."

"It was highly stressful."

"It impacted my stress levels when I could not return to my farm my mental health suffered terribly."



Support wellbeing programs, outreach and social connection over the long term in farming communities



Completed

Support programs. Farming Family break programs, rural movie nights, CWA women's weekend, community dinners, small infrastructure and wellness in action workshops and other community-based initiatives. Funded: Council, RDV, GLCH

Communicating with communities under stress. Train the trainer recovery workshops delivered to Council staff. Lead agency: Red Cross

Community outreaches. Eight communities supported through wellbeing and support initiatives. Lead agency: Council, NRRA, Rotary, RFCS, RFDS, BRV, Connect Well, GLCH, Red Cross, Australian Business Volunteers, Landcare, Ag Vic, DEWLP, NECMA, SBV

Backbone Publication. Booklet shares stories, knowledge, strategies and tools, highlighting benefits of programs, grants and services to help through crisis, recovery, start-up, growth, transition or sale. Lead agency: RFCS



In progress

Building business resilience and a viable financial future. Options analysis, business planning support, budgeting and cash flow, grant assistance, wellbeing, training and skills connections, and/or planning for exit via succession and retirement. Lead agency: RFCS Gippsland

Rural Agency Network Support Services. Not-for-profit services meet quarterly to address wellbeing needs as they arise. Lead agency: Council

Local health and wellbeing initiatives. Being delivered in towns. Lead agencies: Connect Well, GLCH, RFDS

'Wellbeing benefits of participating in Landcare' study (2021). Lead agency: KPMG

Targeted events. Social events, citizen scientist projects, 'Women in Agriculture' and 'Small Property Network' programs. Lead agency: Landcare

Farmer driven research. To support community connectivity and social connection events. Lead agency: GAgG

Extension activities and events. To support and connect young farmers to remain in the industry. Lead agency: Gippsdairy

Critical health and wellbeing services for bushfire affected communities. Advocated for continued Health organisations services for a further two years beyond 30 December 2022. Lead agency: Council, RFCS, GLCH and many others

Social wellbeing and resilience programs. Advocacy for events that will increase disaster preparedness and resilience strengthening for agriculture. Lead agency: Council

Social connections. Ongoing opportunities provided to increase social connections through community events managed through Community Recovery Committees. Lead agency: Council





Each agency has an independent approach to weed management and increased coordination across the region is required. Survey inputs: Effects of natural disasters, weed management

WHAT THE SURVEY TOLD US

Farmers indictiated what priorities were important to them ranging from most important to least important

	10 most important	1 least important
Weed control	234 64 51 22 16 17 8	4 2 2
Animal diseases	181 52 51 22 17 21 11 1	0 5 15
Pest control	174 50 58 26 13 40 11	11 12 8
Roadside weeds	141 30 39 28 19 36 8	6 15 29

Farmers also sought information on water retention, soil health and fertility, pasture management and animal health. The survey results were forwarded to Agriculture Victoria who is the lead agency in many of these areas.

"Weed growth management post drought and fires has been time consuming and costly."

"Roadside weeds cost producers time."

Funding advocacy



Completed



Natural disaster funding for exclusion fencing construction grants. Lead agency: Victorian Government

In progress

Continued advocacy for further funding for roadside weed management. Lead agency: Mulitiple agencies

Develop a co-ordinated approach to weed and pest management



Completed

NRM values (Ethos NRM Pty Ltd report) on Council-managed land. Lead agency: Council, EGRCMN



In progress

Landcare developing local weed management partnerships. Weed management on the public/private land interface, coordinating, developing and implementing recovery programs after natural disasters. Lead agency: Landcare (funded by EGCMA)

Good Neighbor Program and collaborative vertebrate pest events, field and industry days with community. Lead agencies: DELWP, PV, CMA, Landcare, Vic Pol, fencing and bait suppliers

Community baiting programs. Project Advisory Group (PAG) auspices community baiting programs, training events (i.e. ACUP/1080 accreditation), grant applications for trap kits and other wild dog management tools. Lead agency: DELWP

Develop a co-ordinated approach to weed management



Completed

African Lovegrass forums. Delivered for community and contractors. Lead agencies: Council, Landcare **Annual Wild Dog Management Zone workshops and field days.** Focus on wild dogs, feral pigs, foxes. Lead agency: DEWLP



In progress

Training sessions. One-on-one producer identification of weeds.

Taking Control newsletter and information sheets and general wild dog/vertebrate pest media.

Weed education roadshow.

Signage/roadside posts to alert landholders and contractors to the presence of African Lovegrass.

Undertake over 200 hectares of weed control in 2021-22 on private land.

Purchase of washdown unit available for contractors after spraying.

Produce Weeds after fire and What's my pasture telling me booklets.

The Small Property Network and the Healthy Equine Practices have a weed management component.

Biological control of weeds booklet (NSW) and **Caring for your rural property** reprinted. Lead agency (all of above): Landcare



A Road Safety Strategy is currently being developed by Council which will address some of the concerns raised. Survey inputs: Feedback to council, effects of natural disasters

WHAT THE SURVEY TOLD US



(11%) of farmers raised concerns about roads.

There were two primary concerns:

- Road maintenance (safety)
- Roadside maintenance (vegetation management and fire suppression).

Prioritise roads of importance to agriculture



Completed

Strategic firebreak roads have been identified with 3 categories noted:

- 1 for heavy suitable to moved heavy trucks with loaders, large buses
- 2 for medium suitable for tankers and light tankers and
- 3 for light suitable for slip on 4wd units, utilities

These roads align with DELWP roads and reflect the function/expectations of the road and the width and level of vegetation management required. Lead agency: Council

Farmer feedback. Survey forwarded to relevant departments and agencies. Lead agency: Council



In progress

East Gippsland Road Safety Strategy. Consultation has closed and the final strategy is expected to be finalised by June 2023. Lead agency: Council

Roadside Vegetation Management brochure. Created and available on Council website. Lead agency: Council

Additional roadside vegetation funding secured. Lead agency: Council

Roadside slashing. October to January each year. Lead agency: Council

Fireweed strategy. Currently in draft form. Lead agency: Council

Advocate for improved telecommunications to support the agricultural sector and programs to support effective use and uptake



Completed

Digital Connectivity - Gaps and Priorities. Report commissioned. Lead agency: Council

Advocacy for improved connectivity and more resilient telecommunications through projects the Federal Government's Mobile Blackspot Program. Lead agency: Council

Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters (STAND). In 45 locations across the municipality. Lead agency: Council



In progress

Tower upgrades. Further advocacy underway. Lead agency: Council

Digital Innovation and Smart Agriculture Conference March 2024. Lead agency: Council

Please see Productivity section (page 4) for further telecommunications infrastructure actions.

More information

Find out about more programs by chatting to local and regional agencies, being added to newsletter lists and / or looking up the following on-line.

East Gippsland Shire Council

My Council My Community: https://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/council/my-council-my-community-newsletter.

Business Connect: Business econnect through Council's Economic Development Officer

Agricultural assistance: Agricultural Assistance eastgippsland.vic.gov.au

Agrinews: Emailed monthly. Contact Council's Agribusiness Development Officer to receive a copy

Key partner organisations for the Ag sector

Agriculture Victoria agriculture.vic.gov.au

Food and Fibre foodandfibregippsland.com.au

Gippsland Agriculture Group gippslandag.com.au

Landcare landcarevictoria.org.au

National Centre for Farmer Health www.farmerhealth.org.au

Rural Financial Counselling Service ruralfinancial counselling.org.au

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