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Applications invited for new environmental grants scheme

East Gippsland Water has just launched the Native Vegetation and Habitat Creation Grants program, which is open to all educational and community groups across the region.

The new grants follow extensive community engagement undertaken to help shape the organisation's business plan for 2018-23, with customers saying they want East Gippsland Water to do more for the local environment, including supporting community initiatives.

Grants are available for new and existing projects that focus on native vegetation planting or habitat creation. More information, including the eligibility criteria and an application pack, is available from the website www.egwater.vic.gov.au/grants, or by contacting East Gippsland Water's Community Engagement Team on 1800 671 841.

Bruce Hammond, East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, said, "We're delighted to be able to offer this grants program, which forms part of our ongoing commitment to enhance the liveability and bolster the resilience of this vibrant region of Victoria. We encourage educational and community groups seeking funding for a worthwhile project to get a grant application in."

Applications for the current round of grants need to be submitted by **4pm, on Friday 24 August, 2018**, with the successful grant recipients to be announced on East Gippsland Water's In the Flow Page in the East Gippsland News on 19 September, as well as on the organisation's website.

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Cobblers Creek revegetation project



Laying weed matting



A new frog habitat at a local kindergarten