

Rangers win prize for environmental work



THE Budj Bim rangers have been recognised with a Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Award for their ongoing environmental work in the lower south-west.

The rangers have been involved in ongoing weed management and pest control measures within the 3000 hectares of the Budj Bim national heritage landscape which stretches from Mt Eccles to Tyrendarra.

They have also been involved in tree planting and collecting native seeds.

Land management co-ordinator Matthew Butt said the rangers had done a lot of work in the past eight years.

"They work in all weather conditions in a fairly harsh landscape ... there's been a lot of crawling through dense scrub on hands and knees, tiger snakes and so on," he said.

"The DSE, Parks Victoria and Greening Australia have also provided a fair bit of assistance along the way," Mr Butt said.

"They (the rangers) also gain qualifications along the way including a Certificate 3 in Land Management from RMIT University."

The regional awards ceremony was held in Hamilton recently.

LEFT: Improving the landscape ... Budj Bim rangers achieve a Glenelg Hopkins CMA environmental award, from left, Harry Saunders, Adam Walker, Debbie Rose, Brad Williams and Michael Day.

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