

PARTS: **Soprano** **Alto** **Tenor** **Bass** All

KEY: **bold** = first beat of bar     ^ = rest     Underline = triplet     backing vocal = [text]

## **205 - Oh Gippsland**

Tempo = 130 bpm

### INTRO

### VERSE 1

To-day it hurts. It will still hurt tomorrow.

What was lost, took so long to make.

But what's more important is we have each other

To help and hold and heal.

### CHORUS

Oh Gippsland, Oh Gippsland

Ev'ry now and then you show us the forces that

shaped you, Gippsland, with your forests and rivers.

Land of fires and floods.

### VERSE 2

Don't want to think about what it will take to get back to what we enjoyed yesterday. But

I know we'll do it; together we'll do it.

Gippsland you grow us strong.

### CHORUS

Oh Gippsland, Oh Gippsland

Ev'ry now and then you show us the forces that

shaped you, Gippsland, with your forests and rivers.

Land of fires and floods.

### INSTRUMENTAL →

### VERSE 3

Thank you to Neighbours. Thank you to Services.

Thanks for donations of dollars and time.

Thank you to Members. Thanks to the Volunteers.

We will persevere.

### CHORUS x 2

Oh Gippsland, Oh Gippsland

Ev'ry now and then you show us the forces that

shaped you, Gippsland, with your forests and rivers.

Land of fires and—

floods. Gipps land, Oh Gippsland

Ev'ry now and then you show us the forces that

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### TAG

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*This song was written in response to the flooding event in Gippsland in 2021. It didn't feel so very long since East Gippsland had been ravaged by fire in the summer of 2020, and communities in West Gippsland district were hit by fires in 2019. Other storm events had seen severe damage from falling trees and landslips. The stories of hardship, loss and resilience were all around me. Listen and watch on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OS2DXdRyjTY>*