

LIST OF BUSHLAND RESERVES IN MAROONDAH

NAME: Alto Flora Reserve

SIZE: 2 ha

LOCATION: Alto Ave Croydon

CONDITION: High weed infestation, Rehabilitation taking place by Council and volunteers

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Friends of the Alto Reserve.

NAME: Birt's Hill Reserve

SIZE: 1.2 HA

LOCATION: Alice St., Croydon

CONDITION: Significant weed infestation. Good progress with bush regeneration works achieved by Maroondah Branch of the Wilderness Society.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance. Two regionally significant species.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Yes (maybe somewhat dated and in need of revision)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Maroondah Branch of the Wilderness Society

NAME: Canterbury Gardens Reserve

SIZE: 4.52 ha (only a small portion of this is remnant vegetation)

LOCATION: Allambanan Drive, Bayswater North

CONDITION: Fair. Weed infestation threatens species loss.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance. At least one Regionally Significant species.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Some maintenance and regeneration work by Greening Australia, which uses the nursery facility on the site.

NAME: Cherry Tree Reserve

SIZE: .17 ha

LOCATION: Rear of Cherry Tree Retirement Village, Maroondah Hwy., Croydon.

CONDITION: Fair to good

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local to Regional Significance. At least four Regionally Significant species.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil. Janine Nechwatal, who has just moved to 40 Highland Ave., is interested in befriending the site.

NAME: Cheong Wildflower Sanctuary

SIZE: .84 ha

LOCATION: Eastfield Rd., cnr The Pass

CONDITION: Fair, but large numbers of seedling tree weeds present, requiring urgent control.

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance. Some Regionally Significant species present.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil, despite several attempts at forming a Friends Group. Has had school involvement, but this is just about impossible to maintain given the disinterest of new teachers at these schools. Croydon Conservation Society is the 'defacto' Friends Group.

NAME: Crestview Court Reserve

SIZE: .83 ha

LOCATION: Crestwood Crt/Baringa Rd/Palmer Ave

CONDITION: Fair. Progress made recently by local resident and Burnley student on work experience

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: One resident (Greta Fuller) working on weed eradication and planting.

NAME: Eastfield Park

SIZE: 25.6 ha (Only a small portion of this is bushland.)

LOCATION: Eastfield Rd., Croydon.

CONDITION: Severe weed infestation, particularly in the northern section. Remarkable regeneration in southern areas where weeds have been removed.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance. Nine Regionally Significant species present.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Yes

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil, despite a number of attempts.

NAME: Eskdale Drive/Greengable Court Reserve

SIZE: 1 ha

LOCATION: Eskdale Dr., Croydon Hills.

CONDITION: Severely degraded, although some good tree canopy present.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil

NAME: Grandfill Flora Reserve

SIZE: 1.5 ha

LOCATION: Fair. Excellent work within the last three years has reclaimed about 25% of the area but urgent weed removal required to consolidate advances. LEAP program work in progress.

CONDITION: Some parts poor, others good.

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Yes

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Friends Group holding regular working bees.

NAME: Hochkins Ridge Flora Reserve

SIZE: 18.6 ha

LOCATION: Exeter Rd/Holloway Rd

CONDITION: Fair to good

CONSERVATION VALUE: High State Significance. 44 Regionally Significant and 2 State Significant species present.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Yes

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Friends Group, occasional action by DCNR

NAME: Jennings Road Reserve

SIZE: .49 ha

LOCATION: Jennings Rd., Bayswater North

CONDITION: Good tree canopy, understorey poor

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil currently, although a couple of local residents are interested.

NAME: Landau Drive Reserve

SIZE: .5 ha

LOCATION: Landau Drive, Warranwood

CONDITION: Fair to poor due to runoff from surrounding properties.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil

NAME: Little John Reserve

SIZE: .38 ha

LOCATION: Little John Rd, opp. Wellington Park Drive

CONDITION: Good shrub regeneration suffering intense weed competition.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No. It is difficult to work out where our reserve starts and Melb. Water's finishes. We have not been sure of who manages what.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: Mulgrave Way Reserve

SIZE: .4 ha

LOCATION: Mulgrave Way (but Rated to Baringa Rd), Croydon.

CONDITION: Fair to good but fragile with strong weed invasion.

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil

NAME: Narr Maen Drive Reserve

SIZE: 5.64 ha

LOCATION: Narr Maen Drive (both sides), Croydon Hills

CONDITION: Mostly cleared. Some good tree canopy present. Rabbit infestation severe.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil

NAME: Prue Court Reserve

SIZE: .19 ha

LOCATION: Prue Crt., Warranwood

CONDITION: Fair to poor due to dumping of fill and consequent weed invasion

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Graeme Argall (2 Prue Crt) has done quite a lot of planting for us and does almost all the necessary maintenance. We have to do virtually nothing but supply plants and advice.

NAME: Warranwood Reserve

SIZE: 11 ha

LOCATION: Bemboka Rd., Croydon Hills

CONDITION: Some parts poor, mainly creek areas, other parts very good.

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Yes

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Very active Friends Group and Committee of Management (walks conducted regularly to increase and maintain public interest).

NAME: Warriën Reserve

SIZE: 6.2 ha

LOCATION: Warriën Rd., Croydon

CONDITION: Fair. Drainage lines poor, but vastly improved by recent LEAP program works

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Very active Friends Group and Committee of Management.

NAME: Yarrunga Reserve

SIZE: 7.97 ha

LOCATION: Croydon Hills Dr., Croydon Hills

CONDITION: Fair to poor

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil currently, but the community house committee is interested and is represented at Maroondah Bushlinks, through which they have received information. Schools studying the area - Luther, Good Shepherd and Croydon Hills Primary.

NAME: Tereddin Drive Reserves (Bungalook Conservation Reserves)

SIZE: 2.5 ha

LOCATION: Tereddin Drive, Kilsyth.

CONDITION: Good

CONSERVATION VALUE: State Significance. More than 30 Regionally Significant species.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Yes

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Montrose Environment Group very active in maintenance of the three reserves - ours, Melbourne Water and VCT.

NAME: Power Street Reserve

SIZE: .39 ha

LOCATION: Power St., Croydon North

CONDITION: Good, diverse canopy; fair ground flora but several insidious grass weed require control.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Friends of Power Street Reserve - need to help these people a little more, since they are new to this activity.

NAME: Pinetree Close Reserve

SIZE: approx. .5 ha

LOCATION: Pinetree Close, Croydon

CONDITION: Poor - mainly Eucalyptus sp. but some *Microlaena stipoides* and *Danthonia racemosa* present. Pines and *Pittosporums* have been removed in recent years, so management practices are crucial now. Potentially an extremely low maintenance reserve.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: Yanggai Barring (Black Cockatoo Path)

SIZE: 1.83 ha

LOCATION: Wonga Rd./Sorrel Cres., Warranwood.

CONDITION: Poor, but has great habitat value, with a lake for permanent water and many old Swamp Gums and Candlebarks, some with hollows. A colony of Sugar Gliders is known to occupy one of these trees. Only known location in the municipality of *Eleocharis sphacelata*.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: A 'Friends Group' of at least 150 people.

NAME: Forest Court Reserve

SIZE: .086 ha

LOCATION: Forest Crt., Croydon

CONDITION: Fair, but with some species uncommon in the greater metropolitan area. One very uncommon species, *Chiloglottis reflexa* is not found in any other reserves in Maroondah. This species is present in Dexter's Bush and Harper's Bush, both private properties. The reserve is under threat because of the development of the Monastery site, for which it is apparently to become an 'access'. Any such access must be located with extreme care (fence the edges of the path).

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: No

NAME: Cecil Circuit Reserve

SIZE: .13ha

LOCATION: Cecil Circuit, corner of Vasey Concourse, Croydon

CONDITION: Fair, with good quality vegetation fronting Vasey Concourse.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Was maintained by Graeme Mitchell who lived at 38-42 Vasey Concourse, but Graeme recently left the district.

NAME: Barngeong Reserve

SIZE: 15.03ha

LOCATION: Bambra Street, Croydon

CONDITION: Mainly provides sporting facilities, but has a fenced bush area and other remnant vegetation close to its western boundary, in fair condition. Some interesting species.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: No

✓ NAME: Wombolano Reserve

SIZE: 7.5 ha

LOCATION: Canterbury Rd, East Ringwood

CONDITION: Very degraded at south end. North end better. Main weeds are Pittosporum, Ivy and exotic grasses such as Ehrharta erecta and Anthoxanthum odoratum. Concern expressed by locals about the large mosquito problem, which originates in the small lake near the Braewood Ave. car park.

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No. 1979 Site Investigation and Landscape Master Plan was done by Scot and Furphy Engineers.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Committee of Management 1981, 'Friends of' struggling since Tim Rowe left the area.

NAME: Loughies Bushland

SIZE: 1 ha+ (Do we add the Glenvale Rd Reserve?)

✓ **LOCATION:** Kubis Dr, Ringwood North

CONDITION: Good, and some species uncommon in Maroondah. Boneseed, Pine and Pittosporum mostly under control. Blackberries encroaching on boundaries.

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Friends of Loughies Bushland, very active.

NAME: B.J.Hubbard Reserve

SIZE: 6.2 ha

✓ **LOCATION:** Evelyn Rd., Ringwood North

CONDITION: Under restoration, some high quality material off Debbie Pl., including a Plantago sp. which the National Herbarium is currently debating.

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Friends Group (new)

✓ **NAME:** F. J. C. Rogers Reserve

SIZE: 1.1 ha

LOCATION: Campbell St., Heathmont

CONDITION: Mostly just upper storey indigenous species remaining. Some ground flora present. Some good understorey including orchids and lilies.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: S.G.A.P., Maroondah Chapter

NAME: Bedford Park

SIZE: 4.8 ha

LOCATION: Bedford Rd., Ringwood

✓ CONDITION: Fair to good

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance, with some interesting, uncommon species, such as *Hibbertia stricta*. Also recently found is *Brachyscome cardiocarpa* (two plants), not recorded for any other reserve in Maroondah.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Committee of Management

NAME: Ringwood Lake

SIZE: 8.5 ha

✓ LOCATION: Maroondah Hwy., Ringwood

CONDITION: Fair, some good regeneration. Excellent habitat value because of permanent water.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: H.E. Parker Reserve

SIZE: 15 ha

✓ LOCATION: Heathmont Rd., Heathmont

CONDITION: Mainly sports grounds, but some understorey vegetation present along Heathmont Road and adjacent to Dandenong Creek.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Committee of Management

NAME: Monterey Park

SIZE: 4 ha

LOCATION: Tortice Dr., Ringwood North

CONDITION: Degraded, but some good Eucalyptus sp. canopy and also understorey from kinder north to Gillard Pl.. including Lomandra multiflora, which is uncommon in Maroondah.

✓ CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: Jull Parade Reserve (Hans Reserve)

SIZE: 4 ha

LOCATION: Jull Pde., Ringwood.

✓ CONDITION: Poor. Some indigenous Eucalyptus sp. present, merely because they are the longest lived indigenous species and have not yet died out. Mentioned here only because it has been referred to in other informal reports on Ringwood's bushland reserves. Would benefit from selective replanting. Used to be of high quality, with a good cover, in parts, of Adiantum aethiopicum.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: Quambee Reserve

✓ SIZE: 12.6 ha

LOCATION: Wonga Rd., Ringwood North.

CONDITION: Mainly sports grounds and Pony Club, but some good Eucalyptus sp. present. These are suffering die-back due to runoff from oval and other factors.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Committee of Management

NAME: Apex Park

SIZE: .4 ha

LOCATION: Great Ryrie St., Heathmont

CONDITION: Good Eucalyptus sp., but little or no understorey. Maintenance (mowing) not allowing any regeneration, so tree canopy will die out over time.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

✓ MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil

NAME: Jubilee Park

SIZE: 19.5 ha

LOCATION: Greenwood Ave., Ringwood

✓ CONDITION: Mostly sporting facilities. Some good flora between Aquinas College and oval, in a fenced area. Much potential for regeneration works.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil at present

NAME: Proclamation Park

SIZE: 7.1 ha

LOCATION: Sylvia Grove, Ringwood

✓ CONDITION: Poor, mostly sporting facilities, with only Eucalyptus sp. remaining, apart from the occasional Lomandra and Dianella nestled in at the base of trees so safe from mowing. Mowing has otherwise all but destroyed by indiscriminate mowing.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Committee of Management

NAME: Bungalook-Danielle Crescent Reserve

SIZE: .4 ha

LOCATION: Danielle Cres., Heathmont.

CONDITION: Poor, with indigenous Eucalyptus sp., but no understorey. Pittosporums should be removed.

✓

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil. (Not needed, just needs a change in maintenance procedures.)

NAME: Herman Pump Reserve

SIZE: 1.9 HA

LOCATION: Royal Ave., Ringwood East

CONDITION: Poor, just Eucalyptus sp., no understorey. Has been some indigenous planting.

✓

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: Walhalla Drive Reserve

SIZE: .4 ha

LOCATION: Walhalla Dr., Ringwood East.

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CONDITION: Poor - Euclyptus sp. only.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: Ringwood Civic and Cultural Centre

SIZE: 4.0 ha

LOCATION: Braeside Ave., Ringwood

✓
CONDITION: Mostly developed, but the Convention Centre car park contains some interesting species. There are also two species of orchid in front of the yellow sculpture 'Cassini' - *Thelymitra* (?pauciflora) and *Chiloglottis* species A, which is, theoretically, not found in the area. It may be necessary to move the orchids because of illegal collection by members of the public.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Eva Buchanan, with assistance by 4th Ringwood Venturers and other local residents.

NAME: East Ringwood Reserve

SIZE: 5.0 ha

✓
LOCATION: Mt Dandenong Rd., Ringwood

CONDITION: Mostly sporting facilities, but scattered indigenous *Eucalyptus* sp., particularly in north-west corner. Some *Pterostylis nutans* on site, which should dictate an immediate change in management policy to ensure that they are not destroyed by mowing.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Not needed - only requires a change in management practices.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Committee of Management.

NAME: Maroondah Hwy-Dublin Road Reserve

SIZE: .8 ha

LOCATION: Maroondah Hwy., Ringwood.

✓
CONDITION: Poor, with only *Eucalyptus* sp. (mainly *E. cephalocarpa*) remaining, except for the odd *Dianella* growing at the base of trees and therefore not mown. A change in the mowing regime would allow regeneration of other species.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Not needed - only requires a change in management practices.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: Evelyn Road Reserve

SIZE: 1.0 ha

LOCATION: Evelyn Rd., Ringwood

CONDITION: Poor - mature Eucalyptus sp. only, so management changes could improve it.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

✓ COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: Glenvale Rd.-Oban Rd. Corner Reserve

SIZE: .108 ha

LOCATION: corner of Glenvale and Oban Rds., Ringwood North

CONDITION: Spectacular, with a range of species, including *Lyperanthus suaveolens*, *Astroloma humifusum*, several *Danthonia* species and *Gompholobium huegeli*. Developer Ian Hudson is seeking to buy this reserve for development. It is much too significant to be sold.

✓ CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Ex owner still maintains it (weeding only) at the moment.

NAME: Heathmont Park

SIZE: 1.8 ha

LOCATION: Canterbury Rd., Heathmont (cnr Sunset Dr.)

✓ CONDITION: Mainly sporting facilities, but, fronting Canterbury Rd., is possibly the only stand of *Allocasuarina littoralis* in the area. This species is scarce within Maroondah and only occurs as scattered specimens in other reserves and roadsides. Also *Hakea ulicina* present and possibly still some orchids along Cuthbert St., towards Sunset Drive.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Committee of Management, Heathmont Bushlink.

NAME: J.W. Manson Reserve

SIZE: approx. 12 ha

LOCATION: Knox - Selkirk Ave.

CONDITION: Mostly sports grounds, but good riparian vegetation. This reserve is mentioned because City of Ringwood used (for some unknown reason) to mow the oval. The riparian vegetation is under the management of City of Knox, and its fate depends entirely upon their management practices.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance.

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil.

NAME: Poynton Avenue Reserve

SIZE: .2 ha

LOCATION: Poynton Ave., Ringwood.

CONDITION: Mostly degraded, but some outstanding fairly intact vegetation near the Mullum Creek, including a variety of *Danthonia* sp.. Quite outstanding, but threatened by proposed Eastern Freeway and Ringwood By-pass.

CONSERVATION VALUE: High Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Nil

NAME: Scott Street Reserve (Lots 19, 20, 21)

SIZE: 1.199 ha

LOCATION: Scott Street, Heathmont (off Marlborough Rd.)

✓
CONDITION: Degraded with a large amount of *Watsonia meriana* and other exotic ground flora, but many fine specimens of *Eucalyptus viminalis* and several *E. ovata* with habitat hollows. A billabong with lots of *Triglochin procera* and *Carex appressa*, and a single plant of *Carex fasciculatis* is sited towards the south-western corner. It is not visible from the road because of the growth of exotic grasses, but it provides invaluable habitat for amphibians and water birds. Its potential for development as a wetland, picnic area, playground and passive recreation area is enormous. A very valuable area.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Local Significance

MANAGEMENT PLAN: Nil

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Some planting by local schools and CCRISPP Nursery.

Other areas of remnant vegetation

Dexter's Bush, 46 Dickasons Rd., Heathmont - In 1956, Liz & Mick Dexter bought 5 acres between Dickasons Rd. and Dandenong Creek. In 1980, they sold about .6 ha to Council for public open space, and leased it back so they could maintain it. In 1988, they gave 2.5 acres to the Victorian Conservation Trust. In 1992, VCT took over the lease of the public open space.

✓ In 1993, Dexters took on another piece of Council land along the creek, adjacent to the leased area. Council removed the major weeds. The VCT land and Dexter's remaining property are separately classified as Land for Wildlife.

✓ Harper's Bush, 200 Canterbury Rd., Heathmont - Harpers purchased 14 acres just before WW2 and in 1988 gave 10 acres of this to the VCT. Joan Harper and her son manage this land and on behalf of the VCT, as well as maintaining their own section.

✓ Dandenong Creek - some very good, some very degraded areas.

✓ Mullum Mullum Creek - including Mullum Mullum Reserve - some good tree canopy, but little remaining understorey. Some small pockets in fairly good condition. There is a 'Friends of Mullum Mullum' group.

✓ Heathmont Station and railway line - some quite significant areas and species, including *Banksia marginata*, which is uncommon in Maroondah. Also along Heathmont Rd., from Canterbury Rd. to H E Parker Reserve. Separate report has been completed on Lot 17, which the Scout Association leased some years ago for the construction of a car park. This proposal prompted enormous public consternation because of the value of the flora on the site - which includes at least 11 orchid species and the exceedingly uncommon *Sphaerolobium minus*. The Scout Association did not proceed with the proposal and is now willing to relenquish the lease. Council is considering leasing the area as a flora reserve. It is maintained by Heathmont Bushlink, which also assists with Harpers, Dexters and the Dandenong Creek.

Brushy Creek Wetland - includes part of the grounds of the Village School (Holloway Rd., Croydon North) - tree canopy present, and some understorey species not found elsewhere in the municipality - *Calystegia sepium*, for example. Has 'Friends of the Brushy Creek Wetlands' group.

Mt Dandenong Road median strip - the Croydon end, particularly from the old Ringwood boundary to Ross Rd. contains a variety of eucalypts and understorey species, and some restoration work has been carried out by the Croydon Conservation Society. This area requires very little maintenance, just being slashed a couple of times per year. By contrast, the Ringwood end is very degraded, with only mature eucalypts surviving. This is a result of the constant quest for neatness and an 'English style' appearance.

The area has been mown frequently and, therefore, needs frequent mowing, since it is now dominated by exotic grasses. Mowing also prevents the growth of young eucalypts which are needed to replace the older ones as they die out. Considerable damage has been done recently during the installation of new street lighting. Root damage through trenching will cause a number of the trees to die within the next two years.

A small area of interesting wetland vegetation exists behind the Manhattan Hotel, towards Cadburys.

Scott Street - 3 blocks which back onto Dandenong Creek. This site is not designated a reserve, but it has importance as part of the Dandenong Creek corridor and some planting has been done in the past by Southwood Primary School students.

Several schools within the municipality have small areas of remnant bushland. Many are starting to appreciate the value of such sites for study. Schools with bushland include:

- Croydon Primary School
- Croydon Secondary College
- ✓ Heathmont Secondary College
- Marlbrough Primary School
- ✓ Parkwood Secondary College (area proposed for purchase by Council)
- ✓ Ringwood Heights Primary School
- Rudolf Steiner School
- Yarra Road Primary School
- ✓ Yarra Valley Anglican School

There are several other areas which justify consideration for their significant vegetation. The Healsville freeway reserve, particularly between Bayfield Rd and Dorset Rd, contains several locally and regionally rare species, such as *Bracteantha bracteata*, *Amphibromus archeri* and *Brachyscome cardiocarpa*. Such plants should be propagated and planted in other suitable areas, such as the Bungalook Conservation Reserves, to expand their range and ensure their long term survival.

There is some good quality vegetation in Merrill Cres. in front of 57-69 which has been recognised as 'Significant Roadside Vegetation' and also some interesting species at the corner of Merrill Cres, and Kerry Rd. The main problem here is an infestation of *Hypericum perforatum*, a species which was considered 'Noxious' under previous legislation, and is an extremely serious threat to the flora on public and private property in the area. Kerry Rd, particularly the eastern side, has valuable remnants. Among the species present are *Cassytha glabella*, *Astroloma humifusum* and *Daviesia leptophylla*.

Glenvale Rd, between Barnsdale Way and Oban Rd has some remarkable vegetation, and some species present do not occur elsewhere in the municipality. These include *Pomaderris prunifolia* and *Solenogyne* sp. (not yet positively identified to species level yet). This area is classified 'Significant Roadside Area'.

Lincoln Rd has some interesting vegetation and its current maintenance regime should be re-examined. The eastern corner of Caromar St is particularly interesting for its small population of *Bulbine bulbosa*, which has nearly been annihilated by slashing. There are also many *Arthropodium strictum* present on the embankment on the southern side of Lincoln Rd at this point. A more thorough vegetation survey is required to determine what is present and where.

The southern side of Tereddin Drive has some excellent vegetation, including *Patersonia occidentalis*, *Commesperma ericinum*, *Goodenia lanata*, *Thelymitra* sp. and others. Any spraying of the open unformed drain at the road edge should only be done under close supervision.

The northern end of Dorset Rd, with its *Eucalyptus melliodoras* is also of value, and should not be disregarded. Considerable damage has been done to these trees by Council, Melbourne Water and private contractors during trenching and road works. Replanting should be considered.

The railway embankment along Sherlock Rd also has some significant species, including *Prasophyllum pyriforme*, and should be surveyed to determine precisely what is present. Graeme Lorimer has done some work on the site and may well suggest fencing some sections to prevent further slashing.

Brysons Rd has some good tree cover, and would be worth assessing for any special maintenance needs.

Knee Lane used to have virtues, but most of its values have been destroyed by residents clearing understorey illegally and without prosecution or recompense.

The western side of Bayswater Rd, between Tintern Avenue and Canterbury Rd contains some valuable remnants which we continue to slash, we could at least wait until the grasses, *Dillwynias* etc have set seed before we behead them.

Canterbury Rd, west of Dorset Rd, (Significant Roadside Area) is in dire need of weed control work and some replanting, but we will have to know the status of the De Felice development first. We may lose this piece of swamp gum - silver-leaf stringybark community for access ways if we are not careful.

Gibson Rd still has some understorey species and a reasonable upper canopy.

Cecil Circuit/Vasey Concourse/Montana Parade/Cheong Street/Ruthven Way/Angus Avenue area deserves not just to be maintained at status quo, but, with the help of local residents, to be revegetated where practical. Although Ruthven Way and Angus Avenue are private streets, Council has been known to spray the unformed drain at the road edge and, in the process, spray out a band of indigenous grasses and herbs on the nature strip more than a metre wide. This irritates the residents considerably.

Cecil Circuit road reserve, a closure of the road not considered a reserve as such, and its boundaries are ill-defined. A concrete path and rock retaining wall have been installed on the eastern boundary to allow access from Montana Parade. One public planting has been held, several years ago. Vegetation quality is not high.

The all-purpose trail around Dorset Golf course is just over 3 kilometres in length and harbours some good overstorey, particularly along the northern boundary of the golf course, where the trail passes Larissa Court and Edward Court. This area is slashed and, as a result, is losing understorey species. If slashing was reduced, good regeneration would result, including *Microlaena stipoides*, which, in shaded and relatively undisturbed areas, will out compete exotic grasses.

DEXTER'S BUSH

46 Dickasons Road, Heathmont (729 5231)

In 1956, we bought 5 acres running down to Dandenong Creek and, over the years, we maintained the bush by the creek.

In 1980, we were obliged to sell to the Council the "Proposed Public Open Space" by the creek (about 0.6 acre), but we immediately leased it back and continued to look after it.

In 1988, we gave 2.5 acres to the Victorian Conservation Trust as a nature reserve; part was mature bush next to the Council land, part had pine trees on it. The pines were removed (80 of them), the area fenced and we have had wonderful regeneration of indigenous species, some significant to the Heathmont area. We are managing this on behalf of the Trust.

In 1992, we agreed with the Council and the Trust that it would be better if the lease on the bush by the Creek were transferred from us to the Trust. This was done and again we are managing this on behalf of the Trust (and Council).

Just on two years ago, we agreed informally with Ringwood Parks and Gardens to look after a further piece of Council land on the creek adjacent to the leased area. This was in a terrible mess. Undesirable species were removed by Council staff at our direction and the area was fenced. Natural regeneration is occurring, Council staff have given great support by way of indigenous plants and chemicals and the area is looking good. We have just finished planting a further 100 shrubs and trees.

All the land - the two council areas, the Trust area and our home block of just under two acres have been approved individually by "Land for Wildlife". Our birds are back, including blue wrens.

Liz and I would like to invite Steve Goble to look at the whole area, including the land next door which we all hope can be preserved.

HARPER'S BUSH

200 Canterbury Road, Heathmont

The Harpers purchased 14 acres in the centre of Heathmont just before World War II. In 1988, they gave 10 acres of this to the Victorian Conservation Trust and Joan Harper and her son David manage the area on behalf of the Trust.

This is a very significant area of bush with some wonderful species including orchids. There is a weed problem and Heathmont Bushlink works on it on a regular basis.

There is now a wildlife corridor along Dandenong Creek from Alexander's (next to ours), through our bush and the Council areas, along Dandenong Creek to the Parker Reserve, through this to the railway line and so to the Harpers.

Surname	First Name	Group	Street	Suburb	State	PCode	Phone h	Phone b	Phone mob.	Fax
Adair Black	Pat	Yanggai Barring Reserve	18 Sorrel Crescent	Warranwood	Vic	3134	9879 0769			
Anderson	Gavin	Warrien Reserve	27 Warrien Road	Croydon	Vic	3136	9725 9460			
Assman	Coral	VCAH Burnley	3 Eric Street	Croydon North	Vic	3136	9726 8985			
Baber	Margaret	Warranwood Reserve	57-69 Merrill Crescent	Croydon Hills	Vic	3136	9876 3094	9879 0351		9876 1003
Black	Laurie	Hochkins Ridge Flora Reserve	68 Neuparth Road	Croydon North	Vic	3136	9726 0714			
Bower	Graham	Grandfill Flora Reserve	19 Columbia Avenue	Croydon	Vic	3136	9725 3996			
Bridson	Gyles	Alto Flora Reserve	74-76 Alto Avenue	Croydon	Vic	3136	9723 7896			
Brown	Moya	Grandfill Flora Reseweve	15 Columbia Avenue	Croydon	Vic	3136	9725 0623			
Buchanan	Eva	Bedford Park, CCRISPP	310 Maroondah Highway	Ringwood	Vic	3134	9870 5201			
Carr	Geoff	Ecology Australia Pty Ltd	69 Spensley Street	Clifton Hill	Vic	3068		9489 4191		9481 7679
Cassidy	Paul	Alto Flora Reserve	92 Alto Avenue	Croydon	Vic	3136	9723 2525			
Clarke	Carol	Loughies Bushland, BJ Hubbard	47a Summit Crescent	Ringwood	Vic	3134	9870 8126			
Dexter	Liz&Mick	Dexter's Bush	46 Dickasons Road	Heathmont	Vic	3135	9729 5231			
Duncan	Claire	Croydon North Primary School	Maroondah Highway	Croydon	Vic	3136		9726 6042		
Dunn	John	Luther College	Plymouth Road	Croydon	Vic	3136		9723 6155		
Elliot	Rodger	SGAP Maroondah Chapter	PO Box 665, 35 Royal Ave	Heathmont	Vic	3135	9879 1427			
Falkingham	Cecily	Cheong Wildflower Reserve	27 Chippawa Avenue	Mitcham	Vic	3132	9874 1227			
Fitzgerald	Mike	Candlebark Community Nursery	2 Jennings Road	Bayswater North	Vic	3153	9720 5222		018 386 733	9720 5848
Fletcher	Stephen	Yarra Valley Tree Group	PO Box 319	Yarra Glen	Vic	3775				
Fuller	Gretta&Roy	Candlebark Community Nursery	17 Baringa Road	Croydon	Vic	3136	9725 0594			
Goorden	Ruth	Candlebark Community Nursery	6 King Street	Croydon	Vic	3136	9725 5823			
Gray	Marilyn	SGAP Maroondah Chapter	PO Box 33	Ringwood	Vic	3134				
Grinlington	Jennie	Rudolph Steiner School	213 Wonga Road	Warranwood	Vic	3134		9876 2633		
Harper	Joan	Harper's Reserve	'Uambi' Canterbury Road	Heathmont	Vic	3135	9729 4543			
Hawthorne	Mary	Village School	9-13 Holloway Road	Croydon North	Vic	3136	(059) 68 5431			
Jackson-Wite	Denise	Croydon Primary School Sanctuary	1 Grandview Avenue	Croydon	Vic	3136	9723 2614			
Kaufman	Anne	Cheong Wildflower Sanctuary	32 Ruthven Way	Ringwood East	Vic	3135	9879 5228			
Lord	Roger	Heathmont Bushlink	14 Leoni Avenue	Heathmont	Vic	3135	9870 5262	9703 3333		9480 7277?
Lorimer	Graeme	Montrose Environment Group	42 Gratten Road	Montrose	Vic	3765	9728 5841			9728 5841
McGrath	Debbie	Candlebark Community Nursery	41 Day Crescent	Bayswater North	Vic	3153	9720 6141		0419 362 254	
McInnes	Ken	CCRISPP	53 Aurum Crescent	Ringwood	Vic	3134	9870 2541			
MacDonald	Caroline		12 Edwina Court	Croydon Hills	Vic	3136				
McNally	Jeanette	Yarunga Community House	90 Merrill Crescent	Croydon Hills	Vic	3136	9879 9682			
Meeuwesen	Tony	Hochkins Ridge Flora Reserve	1 Manuela Street	Croydon North	Vic	3136	9726 9530			
Mensch	Lola	FJC Rogers Reserve	6 Balmoral Road	Ringwood	Vic	3134	9870 1492			
Nechwatal	Janine	Cherry Tree Reserve	40 Highland Avenue	Croydon	Vic	3136	9722 9970			
Niewenhuis	Robert	Yanggai Barring Reserve	18 Sorrel Crescent	Warranwood	Vic	3134	9879 0769			
Peel	Warwick	Vic Roads	11 Gairns Court	Croydon	Vic	3136	9725 2008	98756055	018 104 456	9894 3215
O'Shaughnessy	Patrick	Croydon Conservation Society	28 Stirling Road	Croydon	Vic	3136	9723 4173			
Phillips	Ann	Power Street Reserve	1 Kyle Place	Croydon North	Vic	3136	9723 7843			
Phillips	Sylvia	FOMMV, CCRISPP	18a Unsworth Road	Ringwood	Vic	3134	9879 4814			
Riley	Mark	DCNR	49 Spring Street	Melbourne	Vic	3000		9651 3159		
Roper	Keith&Astrida	Warrien Reserve	35 Bonnie View Road	Croydon	Vic	3136	9723 4410	9697 7203		
Ruffle	Annette	Power Street Reserve	21 Barnard Crescent	Croydon North	Vic	3136	9723 7373			
Sanzaro	Liz	Croydon Conservation Society	82 Longview Road	Croydon	Vic	3136	9879 2247			
Savio	Roslyn	Croydon Conservation Society	19-21 Mulawa Street	Croydon	Vic	3136	9725 1467			9725 1465
Thompson	Peter	Warranwood Reserve	24 Kardinia Crescent	Warranwood	Vic	3134	9876 2636			
Todd	James	Victorian Conservation Trust	49 Spring Street	Melbourne	Vic	3000		9651 4040		
Vine	Kay	Friends of Brushy Creek Wetlands	9-13 Holloway Road	Croydon North	Vic	3136	9727 2771			