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Legend

* Introduced species.

CaLP *Catchment and Land Protection* Act 1994.

CAMBA China and Australia Migratory Bird Agreement.

ce Listed as Critically Endangered in Victoria on Advisory List of Threatened

Vertebrate Fauna in Victoria – 2003. Department of Sustainability and

Environment, East Melbourne, Victoria. (DSE, 2003).

E Listed as Endangered in Australia on the Federal Environment Protection and

Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

e Endangered in Victoria (DSE 2003).

JAMBA Japan and Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

L Listed on Victoria's Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (FFG Act).

M Listed as a migratory species on the EPBC Act 1999.

n new record.

N Nominated for listing on Victoria's FFG Act 1988.

nt Near Threatened in Victoria (DSE 2003).

r Regionally significant.

V Listed as Vulnerable in Australia on the EPBC Act 1999.

v Vulnerable in Victoria (DSE 2003).

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

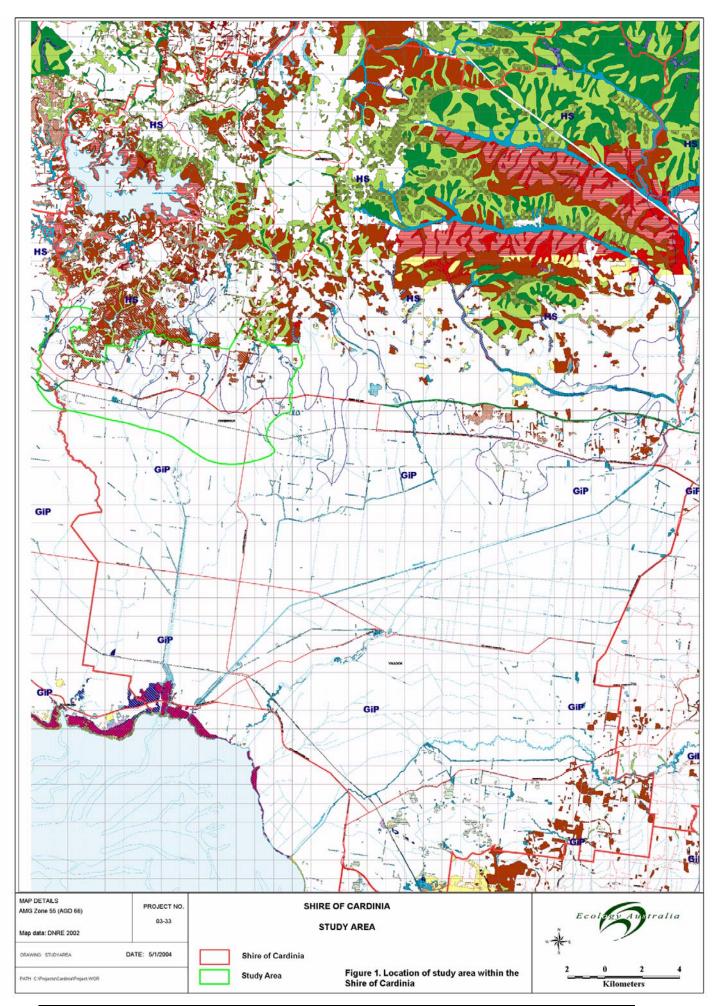
In May 2003 the Shire of Cardinia commissioned Ecology Australia to conduct an Indigenous Vegetation Survey of the Shire's growth corridor and areas to the north of potential rural residential development (see Figure 1 for study area). The aim of the survey is to document remnant terrestrial native flora and fauna, including significant communities, their condition and threats within the study area. This will be utilised by local government planners for consideration during the planning process and for environmental management purposes.

This information will be incorporated into the Shire of Cardinia's Geographical Information System (GIS) and Planning Scheme through appropriate overlays and schedules. The Survey will predominantly identify remnant vegetation; hence individual or stands of non-indigenous trees in urban areas which may have cultural, landscape or heritage significance have not been included in this report.

The results will be presented in two separate reports. Volume 1 provides an overview of the findings of the Indigenous Vegetation Survey. This section also outlines the legislative content and discusses guiding principles for native vegetation protection and management in the study area.

Volume 2 presents the Sites of Biodiversity Significance identified during the study. Each site is dealt with individually and may include:

- Vegetation Condition Field Assessment for each site;
- EVC classification of vegetation type/s present;
- assessment of the EVC significance at the bioregional scale;
- identification of threats and management issues for vegetation and fauna habitats e.g. weed invasions, revegetation, dieback, clearing, stock grazing, rabbits, urban development;
- GPS location (recorded as AMG suitable for Council's GIS); and
- a list of indigenous and exotic plant species.





2.0 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Site selection

Sites potentially supporting remnant vegetation, and thus warranting field inspection, were located by the following methods:

- aerial photograph interpretation (1:15,500 scale) provided by the Shire of Cardinia;
- literature (published and unpublished) that documents some sites of significance in the study area including; and
- personal communications from landholders, local naturalists, and Shire of Cardinia staff (information from interested parties was solicited via a workshop held for this purpose).

The majority of sites were assessed by viewing the site from public land, through existing knowledge of the area, and aerial photograph interpretation. A field inspection was conducted on sites occurring on public land and on some sites on private land where the vegetation/habitat quality was high. Sites were not visited without the knowledge or permission of the landholder. The Shire of Cardinia contacted landholders through a mail-out.

2.2 Flora

The vegetation of the study area was assessed on the basis of existing information as well as a site survey.

2.2.1 Literature and desktop review

The desktop review included a search of the Victorian Flora Information System (DSE 2003b), a Statewide database maintained by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE); this was conducted to access data previously collected from within the study area. Information from previous reports on the area have also been reviewed (e.g. Kern (2003), Beveridge Williams and Co. (2002), Oates and Taranto (2001), Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands (1989), Opie et al. (1984a), Opie et al. (1984b), see also References – Section 4.0).

2.2.2 Field work

Vegetation sampling was undertaken from August – December 2003 with additional opportunistic data acquisition early in 2004. Data were collected from public and private land and involved the collection of quadrat data, species lists and incidental records of native and exotic plant species.

Quadrat data collection involved recording all vascular plant species in c. 700 m² (either 30 m diameter circles or areas of equivalent size along creek banks or roadsides) and assigning a visually-assessed cover/abundance value from the Braun-Blanquet scale (Gullan 1978).

- + cover <5%, few individuals;
- 1 cover <5%, any number of individuals;
- 2 cover 5-20%, any number of individuals;
- 3 cover 20-50%, any number of individuals;
- 4 cover 50-75%, any number of individuals; and
- 5 cover 75-100%, any number of individuals.

Species lists were recorded from a site of any size and these lists are not necessarily comprehensive and the abundance of the plant species was not noted. Incidental records were used to record a small number of species (usually between 1-5) found at site (e.g. a weed, rare indigenous species or a remnant species in a degraded landscape); abundance was not recorded. Notes were made on the vegetation structure

and other features in the study area and in the vicinity of the survey site (e.g. soil type, slope, aspect and management issues).

Planted exotic trees and shrubs (i.e. not naturalised) were not recorded. Sites, which upon field inspection, were found to have no remnant vegetation and little or no faunal habitat were not included in the inventory.

2.2.3 Habitat Quality Rating

The habitat Quality rating was determined using the criteria set out in the Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI) Vegetation Condition Field Assessment Sheets (Appendix 1).

2.2.4 Taxonomy

Plant names in this report and the accompanying documents follow *The Census of the Vascular Plants of Victoria* (Ross and Walsh 2003) except for taxa with informal names recognised by Ecology Australia (unpubl. data). These are undescribed or taxonomically unrecognised species or infraspecific taxa (subspecies, varieties) as well as newly recorded naturalised taxa – most recorded during this study – but not yet formally recognised by the National Herbarium of Victoria which maintains the *Census* of the Victorian flora.

2.2.5 Mapping

Maps of vegetation remnants and otherwise significant sites for biodiversity across the study area were prepared using aerial photograph interpretation, field observations and information (including maps) from previous studies. The vegetation was categorised using Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs) which is now the standard typology for vegetation description and land use planning in Victoria. Where the vegetation was degraded, the former EVC (i.e. the pre-1750 EVC) was assigned. Polygons represented by the same EVC type can therefore have different vegetation qualities (e.g. an area of Grassy Woodland can contain intact, high quality vegetation while another area of the same EVC can be of disturbed, low quality vegetation). The maps were produced in hard copy form and will also be utilised through Council's Geographic Information System (GIS). Digital data is to be stored and maintained by the Shire of Cardinia.

A roadside vegetation layer has been included in the GIS package accompanying this report. This data has been incorporated in an attempt to provide a holistic picture of the vegetation coverage within the study area. The data has been sourced from the Cardinia Shire Council roadside vegetation map (Road-5000-Shire) which was produced in 1999. The data collection and production of this map was separate from the current study. Ecology Australia assumes no responsibility for its accuracy.

2.3 Fauna

A selection of sites within the Cardinia study area was visited. An assessment of the fauna values of the study area was conducted using the following methods:

Database and desktop review

The Victorian Fauna Display (DSE 2003b), a CD-ROM version of the Atlas of Victorian Wildlife (AVW) database curated by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) was searched for fauna records from in and around the study area. An area encompassing the study area was searched for fauna records and is referred to as the Data Review Area (DRA).

Previous reports (e.g. Andrew et al. 1984, LCC 1991, 1993 & 1994) documenting biodiversity assets in the area were resourced. Unpublished data supplied by land owners and community conservation groups during the workshop were also reviewed and supplemented data collected from the field and database searches.

Active Searching. The majority of sites were searched for signs of wildlife including: scats, tracks, nests, dreys, burrows. Where appropriate, rock and log rolling was employed to try and locate reptiles. All opportunistic observations of wildlife were recorded, including indirect observations (e.g. bird calls).

Habitat Assessment. Sites were assessed according to their ability to support native fauna, particularly threatened species (if appropriate). As well as scoring the vegetation quality (see Section 4.2.1), the presence of other habitat attributes were noted including:

- Stags and hollow-bearing trees.
- Microhabitat including fallen timber, hollow logs, rocks and leaf litter.
- Waterways, wetlands and/or dams.
- Continuity with other remnants or areas of suitable habitat.

Any threatening processes affecting the site's potential to support wildlife and/or habitat quality were also noted.

2.4 Database

Data collected during the project is stored within a Microsoft Access Database. The database has been designed to allow both use on personal computers and also for incorporation into council's GIS. The data are stored in a series of tables in the database, which will allow for the incorporation of new information in the future. A number of standard queries have been established to allow routine searches to be performed on the data.

The database contains an inventory of the flora and fauna data collected during the project. This includes specific details with regard to the source of the data, the sites from where the data were collected, significance of the site, species and Ecological Vegetation Classes recorded and management prescriptions.

2.5 Limitations

Access to all private properties containing potential remnant flora was not possible. In such cases attempts were made to assess the vegetation using aerial photograph interpretation and viewing the vegetation from the public roads. Remote assessment of the conservation values of vegetation is particularly difficult and remnants of some vegetation types such as grasslands would undoubtedly have been overlooked. The inventory may be therefore lacking in detail for these particular areas.

The field inspection was performed from August – December 2003. Spring/Summer is the best time to record most seasonal botanical species, however, given the dry conditions encountered this year and the time taken to cover an area the size of the study area some indigenous and exotic species may not be evident at the time of survey.

3.0 SITES OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Site Number: 1

Site Location: Desmond Court

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey and aerial photography

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 48

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Plains Grassy Woodland Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Riparian strip on Desmond Court; scattered trees on private property; highly disturbed. Part of this remnant is continuous with Site 2 which follows a drainage line. Moderate habitat values.

Fauna species recorded: Australian Wood Duck (Chenonetta jubata), Australian White Ibis (Threskiornis molucca), Masked Lapwing (Vanellus miles), Common Bronzewing (Phaps chalcoptera), Galah (Cacatua roseicapilla), Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (Cacatua galerita), Rainbow Lorikeet (Trichoglossus haematodus), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Fan-tailed Cuckoo (Cacomantis flabelliformis), Laughing Kookaburra (Dacelo novaeguineae), Superb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), Spotted Pardalote (Pardalotus punctatus), Brown Thornbill (Acanthiza pusilla), Red Wattlebird (Anthochaera carunculate), Bell Miner (Manorina melanophrys), Noisy Miner (Manorina melanocephala), New Holland Honeyeater (Phylidonyris-novaehollandiae), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Willie Wagtail (Rhipidura leucophrys), Grey Butcherbird (Cracticus torquatus), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), Little Raven (Corvus mellori), Red-browed Finch (Neochmia temporalis), *Common Blackbird (Turdus merula), *Common Starling (Sturnus vulgaris), *Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management. Dieback in the canopies is evident and some dead trees are present. Potential revegetation site.

Rece	s 39 Date	: 15 Au	g 2003 Location: 145°22'27" 38°03'28"	
+	25		Acacia dealbata	Silver Wattle
+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57		Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	100		Acacia verticillata	Prickly Moses
+	105		Acaena novae-zelandiae	Bidgee-widgee
+	8022		Agrostis s.l. spp.	Bent/Blown Grass
+	236	*	Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass
+	274	*	Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper
+	515		Bursaria spinosa ssp. spinosa	Sweet Bursaria
+	639		Carex gaudichaudiana	Fen Sedge
+	822		Coprosma quadrifida	Prickly Currant-bush
+	1029		Dianella revoluta s.l.	Black-anther Flax-lily
+	1110		Drosera whittakeri ssp. aberrans	Scented Sundew
+	1272		Eucalyptus dives	Broad-leaved Peppermint
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1395		Gahnia sieberiana	Red-fruit Saw-sedge
+	1489		Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	1692	*	Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire Fog
+	2046		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2147		Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	1616		Ozothamnus ferrugineus	Tree Everlasting
+	2497		Phragmites australis	Common Reed
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2602		Poa morrisii	Soft Tussock-grass
+	2608		Poa sieberiana	Grey Tussock-grass
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	3387		Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass
+	3421		Tricoryne elatior	Yellow Rush-lily
+	9072		Solanum spp.	Nightshade
+	3599	*	Zantedeschia aethiopica	White Arum-lily
+	179	*	Allium triquetrum	Three-corner Garlic
+	8194		Carex spp.	Sedge
+	2387	*	Oxalis pes-caprae	Soursob
+	2053	*	Lonicera japonica	Japanese Honeysuckle
+	8474		Geranium spp.	Crane's Bill
+	9094		Stellaria spp.	Starwort
+	3518	*	Vicia sativa	Common Vetch

Site Number: 2

Site Location: Desmond Court

Land Tenure: Melbourne Water

Data Source: On-site survey and aerial photography

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 28

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Plains Grassy Woodland Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Linear remnant with scattered old growth eucalypts following a drainage line. This is continuous with Site 1. Moderate habitat values.

Fauna species recorded: Pacific Black Duck (Anas superciliosa), Australian White Ibis (Threskiornis molucca), Straw-necked Ibis (Threskiornis spinicollis), Black-shouldered Kite (Elanus axillaris), *Spotted Turtle-Dove (Streptopelia chinensis), Galah (Cacatua roseicapilla), Little Corella (Cacatua sanguinea), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Superb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), Spotted Pardalote (Pardalotus punctatus), Striated Pardalote (Pardalotus striatus), Brown Thornbill (Acanthiza pusilla), Red Wattlebird (Anthochaera carunculate), Bell Miner (Manorina melanophrys), Noisy Miner (Manorina melanocephala), Grey Shrike-thrush (Colluricincla harmonica), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Willie Wagtail (Rhipidura leucophrys), Grey Butcherbird (Cracticus torquatus), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), Little Raven (Corvus mellori), *Common Blackbird (Turdus merula), *Common Starling (Sturnus vulgaris), *Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis), *European Rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera), Spotted Grass Frog (Limnodynastes tasmaniensis).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management. Dieback in the canopies is evident and some dead trees are present. Potential revegetation site.

Recs 19 Date : 15 Aug 2003 Location : 140°00'00" 40°00'00"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57		Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	100		Acacia verticillata	Prickly Moses
+	236	*	Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass
+	1029		Dianella revoluta s.l.	Black-anther Flax-lily
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1395		Gahnia sieberiana	Red-fruit Saw-sedge
+	1402	*	Galium aparine	Cleavers
+	1489		Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	2497		Phragmites australis	Common Reed
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	2942	*	Romulea rosea	Onion Grass

Site Number: 3

Site Location: End of Rix Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 5

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Plains Grassy Woodland Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Two remnants of scattered old growth eucalypts in grazed paddocks. There is dieback in the canopy and no recruitment due to grazing pressures. These remnants are in close proximity to Site 4 (Cardinia Creek riparian remnant). The smaller of the two habitats has artificial wetland areas in modified drainage lines.

Scattered trees on private land. Dam and modified waterhole provide good general frog habitat, and potential habitat for Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria reniformis*). Fauna species recorded: Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*), Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*), Superb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Striated Pardalote (*Pardalotus striatus*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculate*), Bell Miner (*Manorina melanophrys*), White-eared Honeyeater (*Lichenostomus leucotis*), Grey Shrikethrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*), Little Raven (*Corvus mellori*), *Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*), Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*), Eastern Banjo Frog (*Limnodynastes dumerilii*), Brown-striped Frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*), Spotted Grass Frog (*Limnodynastes tasmaniensis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Fence to encourage recruitment.

Recs 3 Date : 15 Aug 2003 Location : 140°00'00" 40°00'00"

+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum

+ 1313 Eucalyptus radiata s.l. Narrow-leaf Peppermint

Site Number: 4

Site Location: Cardinia Creek (from Rix Road to Old Princes Highway)

Land Tenure: Melbourne Water

Data Source: On-site survey and aerial photography

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 56

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Linear remnant confined to Cardinia Creek. Some old growth eucalypts along the creek (>60cm DBH). The creek appears to be unfenced in some areas and hence grazing is potentially occurring to the creek edge.

Potential habitat for Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria reniformis*). Fauna species recorded: Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*), Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*), Superb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Striated Pardalote (*Pardalotus striatus*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculate*), Bell Miner (*Manorina melanophrys*), White-eared Honeyeater (*Lichenostomus leucotis*), Grey Shrikethrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*), Little Raven (*Corvus mellori*), *Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*), Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*), Eastern Banjo Frog (*Limnodynastes dumerilii*), Brown-striped Frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*), Spotted Grass Frog (*Limnodynastes tasmaniensis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Protect the flora and fauna values of the creek from grazing and weed invasion; encourage recruitment.

Recs 6 Date : 15 Aug 2003 Location : 145°22'34" 38°03'56"

+	25		Acacia dealbata	Silver Wattle
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1323		Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8723		Melaleuca spp.	Honey-myrtle

Site Number: 5

Site Location: Officer South Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 4

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Plains Grassy Woodland Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts in a grazed paddock. Dieback in the canopy.

Principal Management Requirements:

Encourage recruitment.

Recs 1 Date : 15 Aug 2003 Location : 145°24'27" 38°04'13"

1307 Eucalyptus ovata

Swamp Gum

Site Number: 6

Site Location: Hickson Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 6

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Plains Grassy Woodland Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Small patch of intermediate-sized Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) following a drainage line in a grazed paddock.

Fauna habitat value low. Fauna species recorded: Flame Robin (*Petroica phoenicea*), Grey Shrikethrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*), Little Raven (*Corvus mellori*), *House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), *Common Blackbird (*Turdus merula*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Encourage recruitment.

Recs 2 Date : 15 Aug 2003 Location : 145°24'23" 38°04'06"

+ 57 Acacia melanoxylon
 + 1307 Eucalyptus ovata
 Blackwood
 Swamp Gum

Site Number: 7

Site Location: Station Street (opposite Officer Railway Station)

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 37

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Large patch of Swampy Woodland between the railway line and private properties on Gumleaf Lane. Death of most of the old trees has occurred, however there is substantial recruitment in the southern section of the site. A large area in the northern section has been cleared and there is evidence of horse grazing throughout the site.

Moderate - high fauna habitat values across site. Fauna species recorded: Brown Falcon (Falco berigora), *Spotted Turtle-Dove (Streptopelia chinensis), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Superb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), Striated Pardalote (Pardalotus striatus), White-browed Scrubwren (Sericornis frontalis), Brown Thornbill (Acanthiza pusilla), White-eared Honeyeater (Lichenostomus leucotis), New Holland Honeyeater (Phylidonyris novaehollandiae), Eastern Yellow Robin (Eopsaltria australis), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), Little Raven (Corvus mellori), *House Sparrow (Passer domesticus), Red-browed Finch (Neochmia temporalis), *European Goldfinch (Carduelis carduelis), Welcome Swallow (Hirundo neoxena), *Common Blackbird (Turdus merula), *Common Starling (Sturnus vulgaris), *Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis), Common Ringtail Possum (Pseudocheirus peregrinus), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera), Brown-striped Frog (Limnodynastes peronii), Spotted Grass Frog (Limnodynastes tasmaniensis).

Principal Management Requirements:

Bulbil Watsonia (*Watsonia meriana* var. *bulbilifera*) is prolific along the railway line. This should be managed to control its spread.

Recs 24 Date : 15 Aug 2003 Location : 145°24'36" 38°04'00"

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+	57		Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	72		Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle
+	100		Acacia verticillata	Prickly Moses
+	105		Acaena novae-zelandiae	Bidgee-widgee
+	236	*	Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass
+	666		Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1353		Exocarpos strictus	Pale-fruit Ballart
+	1422	*	Genista monspessulana	Montpellier Broom
+	1489		Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	1722		Hydrocotyle hirta	Hairy Pennywort
+	2046		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2147		Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2179		Microlaena stipoides var. stipoides	Weeping Grass
+	2497		Phragmites australis	Common Reed
+	2539	*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	3387		Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass
+	3471	*	Ulex europaeus	Gorse
+	8660		Leptospermum spp.	Tea Tree
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	5128	#	Acacia longifolia s.l.	Coast/Sallow Wattle
+	1856		Kunzea ericoides	Burgan
+	1076		Distichlis distichophylla	Australian Salt-grass

Site Number: 8

Site Location: Station Street (opposite Officer Railway Station)

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

This site appears to be contiguous with the Swampy Woodland vegetation of site 7.

Moderate - high fauna habitat values across site. Fauna species recorded: Brown Falcon Falco berigora, *Spotted Turtle-Dove Streptopelia chinensis, Eastern Rosella Platycercus eximius, Superb Fairy-wren Malurus cyaneus, Striated Pardalote Pardalotus striatus, White-browed Scrubwren Sericornis frontalis, Brown Thornbill Acanthiza pusilla, White-eared Honeyeater Lichenostomus leucotis, New Holland Honeyeater Phylidonyris novaehollandiae, Eastern Yellow Robin Eopsaltria australis, Magpie-lark Grallina cyanoleuca, Australian Magpie Gymnorhina tibicen, Little Raven Corvus mellori, *House Sparrow Passer domesticus, Red-browed Finch Neochmia temporalis, *European Goldfinch Carduelis carduelis, Welcome Swallow Hirundo neoxena, *Common Blackbird Turdus merula, *Common Starling Sturnus vulgaris, *Common Myna Acridotheres tristis, Common Ringtail Possum Pseudocheirus peregrinus, Common Eastern Froglet Crinia signifera, Brown-striped Frog Limnodynastes peronii, Spotted Grass Frog Limnodynastes tasmaniensis.

Principal Management Requirements:

Bulbil Watsonia (*Watsonia meriana* var. *bulbilifera*) is prolific along the railway line. This should be managed to control its spread.

Flora species recorded at Site 8				
No records				

Site Number: 9

Site Location: Bayview Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not applicable

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wetland (derived) Complex N/A N/A

Comments:

Well vegetated artificial wetland above larger open water body. This site is associated with Site 51. Many hollows in small Swamp Gum stand upslope from dams.

High potential for Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria reniformis*). Fauna species recorded: Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*), Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), Cattle Egret (*Ardea ibis*), Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*), Straw-necked Ibis (*Threskiornis spinicollis*), Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*), Dusky Moorhen (*Gallinula tenebrosa*), Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*), Galah (*Cacatua roseicapilla*), Little Corella (*Cacatua sanguinea*), Rainbow Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*), Striated Pardalote (*Pardalotus striatus*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculate*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Little Raven (*Corvus mellori*), Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 9				
No records				

Site Number: 10

Site Location: Tivendale Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 18

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Former Grassy Forest now comprised of scattered eucalypts with a grazed, mostly exotic understorey. Dieback in the canopies is evident and there are dead trees present. The Grassy Forest remnant on the adjoining road reserve has an intact understorey and should be protected and managed.

Grassy forest remnant with many large trees - good potential for hollow bearing trees now or in the future, and therefore high quality habitat for hollow dependant fauna (gliders, bats, owls, parrots, etc.). Fauna species recorded: Galah (*Cacatua roseicapilla*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Striated Pardalote (*Pardalotus striatus*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculate*), Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*), Little Raven (*Corvus mellori*), Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*), *Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Encourage recruitment of tree and shrub species. Protect and manage road reserve vegetation. Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*) should be controlled.

Recs 6 Date : 15 Aug 2003 Location : 145°24'44" 38°03'12"

+	25	Acacia dealbata	Silver Wattle
+	677	Allocasuarina littoralis	Black Sheoak
+	1313	Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	3733	Eucalyptus cephalocarpa s.s.	Mealy Stringybark
+	218	Amyema miquelii	Box Mistletoe

Site Number: 11

Site Location: Corner of The Grange and Fraser Court

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 21

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Stand of eucalypts on private property. There has probably been a history of grazing at the site. The site is part of a developing housing estate and may be lost due to development pressures.

Low - moderate quality grassy forest remnant. Fauna species recorded: Australian Wood Duck (Chenonetta jubata), Straw-necked Ibis (Threskiornis spinicollis), Crimson Rosella (Platycercus elegans), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Tawny Frogmouth (Podargus strigoides), Red Wattlebird (Anthochaera carunculate), Noisy Miner (Manorina melanocephala), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Grey Butcherbird (Cracticus torquatus), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), Little Raven (Corvus mellori), *Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis), *European Rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus)

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain eucalypts if possible.

Recs 5 Date : 27 Aug 2003 Location : 145°23'03" 38°02'56"

+	677		Allocasuarina littoralis	Black Sheoak
+	5175	r	Eucalyptus fulgens	Green Scentbark
+	1286		Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.1.	Bundy
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart

Site Number: 12

Site Location: O'Niel Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 29

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Large remnant of mixed eucalypts fringing a residential development. This site may be lost due to development pressures.

Low - moderate quality grassy forest remnant. Fauna species recorded: Crimson Rosella (*Platycercus elegans*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*), Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*), Spotted Pardalote (*Pardalotus punctatus*), Striated Pardalote (*Pardalotus striatus*), Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*), Striated Thornbill (*Acanthiza lineata*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculate*), Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*), Magpielark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike (*Coracina novaehollandiae*), Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Little Raven (*Corvus mellori*), Red-browed Finch (*Neochmia temporalis*), *Common Blackbird (*Turdus merula*), *Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Protect and enhance remnant and associated corridors from development pressures. Weed management.

Recs 9 Date : 27 Aug 2003 Location : 145°22'58" 38°02'48"

+	72		Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle
+	515		Bursaria spinosa ssp. spinosa	Sweet Bursaria
+	5175	r	Eucalyptus fulgens	Green Scentbark
+	1286		Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l.	Bundy
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1856		Kunzea ericoides	Burgan
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8200		Cassinia spp.	Cassinia

Site Number: 13

Site Location: Fraser Court

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Shrubby Gully Forest Vulnerable Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts on private property. There has probably been a history of grazing at the site. The site is part of a developing housing estate and may be lost due to development pressures.

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain eucalypts if possible.

Recs 1 Date : 27 Aug 2003 Location : 145°23'07" 38°02'46"

+ 1323 Eucalyptus viminalis Manna Gum

Site Number: 14

Site Location: Pakenham Railway line

Land Tenure: Rail reserve

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 7

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Linear patches of Melaleuca following drainage line.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Recs 2 Date : 27 Aug 2003 Location : 145°29'56" 38°05'04"

+ 2147 *Melaleuca ericifolia* Swamp Paperbark

+ 3471 * *Ulex europaeus* Gorse

Site Number: 15

Site Location: Deep Creek and associated drainage lines

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 7

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Linear patches of grazed Melaleuca scrub following water courses.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Recs 5 Date : 27 Aug 2003 Location : 145°30'07" 38°05'16"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	2147	Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	3471	* Ulex europaeus	Gorse
+	8936	* Prunus spp.	Prunus

Site Number: 16

Site Location: Racecourse Road (Fairway Waters development)

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey and literature

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/06/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Due to the proposed development for this site it is envisaged that some of the remnant vegetation will be lost. There is a potential for this to be compensated, through the Net Gain policy, via planting and habitat recreation elsewhere on the site.

Principal Management Requirements:

Refer to Moysey et al 2003.

Flora species recorded at Site 16			
No records			

Site Number: 17

Site Location: Pakenham and District Golfcourse

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Literature

Data Type: Literature

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Swampy Riparian Woodland probably with Black wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*), Burgan (*Kunzea ericoides*), Eucalypt (*Eucalyptus* sp.), Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) and other planted horticultural species.

Existing Growling Grass Frog (Litoria raniformis) records in DSE state database.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 17			
No records			

Site Number: 18

Site Location: Pinehill Drive

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Swampy Riparian Woodland possibly with Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*), Burgan (*Kunzea ericoides*), Eucalypt (*Eucalyptus* sp.), Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) and other planted horticultural species.

Dam present, but with little or no aquatic vegetation, and therefore relatively low habitat value. Fauna species recorded: *Spotted Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*), Galah (*Cacatua roseicapilla*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*), Superb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculate*), Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*), Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Red-browed Finch (*Neochmia temporalis*), *Common Blackbird (*Turdus merula*), *Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), *Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 18				
No records				

Site Number: 19

Site Location: Deep Creek - near Ryan Road crossing

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 22

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) over Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*). Some dead trees. Scattered large Swamp Gum in the nearby paddocks. Swampy riparian woodland along watercourse; narrow and degraded.

Fauna species recorded: Masked Lapwing (Vanellus miles), *Spotted Turtle-Dove (Streptopelia chinensis), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Superb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Willie Wagtail (Rhipidura leucophrys), Welcome Swallow (Hirundo neoxena), Tree Martin (Hirundo nigricans), *Common Blackbird (Turdus merula), *Song Thrush (Turdus philomelos), *Common Starling (Sturnus vulgaris), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 19			
No records			

Site Number: 20

Site Location: Deep Creek - near Princes Hwy

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Swamp Scrub along watercourse; narrow and degraded.

Fauna species recorded: Masked Lapwing (Vanellus miles), *Spotted Turtle-Dove (Streptopelia chinensis), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Superb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Willie Wagtail (Rhipidura leucophrys), Welcome Swallow (Hirundo neoxena), Tree Martin (Hirundo nigricans), *Common Blackbird (Turdus merula), *Song Thrush (Turdus philomelos), *Common Starling (Sturnus vulgaris), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 20			
No records			

Site Number: 21

Site Location: Fairway Court

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 14

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Woodland Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts in a grazed paddock. Some up to 50 cm (DBH). Sites 21 and 22 are contiguous, involving grassy woodland and swamp scrub.

Fauna species recorded (Sites 21 and 22 combined): *Spotted Turtle-Dove (Streptopelia chinensis), Rainbow Lorikeet (Trichoglossus haematodus), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Superb Fairywren (Malurus cyaneus), Noisy Miner (Manorina melanocephala), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Willie Wagtail (Rhipidura leucophrys), Grey Butcherbird (Cracticus torquatus), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), *Common Starling (Sturnus vulgaris), *Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 6 Date: 27 Aug 2003 Location:

+ 56 Acacia mearnsii Black Wattle Eucalyptus radiata Narrow-leaf Peppermint 1307 + + 2539 * Pinus radiata Radiata Pine 3471 * Ulex europaeus Gorse +

Site Number: 22

Site Location: Johanna Court

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Scattered remnants of Melaleuca in grazed paddocks; some areas with a Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) overstorey. Sites 21 and 22 are contiguous, involving grassy woodland and swamp scrub.

Fauna species recorded (Sites 21 and 22 combined): *Spotted Turtle-Dove (Streptopelia chinensis), Rainbow Lorikeet (Trichoglossus haematodus), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Superb Fairywren (Malurus cyaneus), Noisy Miner (Manorina melanocephala), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Willie Wagtail (Rhipidura leucophrys), Grey Butcherbird (Cracticus torquatus), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), *Common Starling (Sturnus vulgaris), *Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 22				
No records				

Site Number: 23

Site Location: Toomuc Creek (railway crossing)

Land Tenure: Council reserve

Data Source: Aerial photography and literature

Data Type: Literature

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 27/08/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Swampy Woodland following Toomuc Creek.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 23			
No records			

Site Number: 24

Site Location: End of Whiteside Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Quadrat and species list

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 68

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Large remnant on private property. High regional significance; possibly State significant site for fauna. The condition of this site improves moving from the road inward. Close to the road the site is dominated by Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) which in some cases has completely shaded out the understorey. A gas easement runs through the site which is being invaded by exotic species, spreading from the road reserve. This site includes the EVC Gully Woodland along a creek to the north east of the remnant.

Fauna species recorded: Common Bronzewing (Phaps chalcoptera), Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (Cacatua galerita), Crimson Rosella (Platycercus elegans), Pallid Cuckoo (Cuculus pallidus), Fantailed Cuckoo (Cacomantis flabelliformis), White-throated Treecreeper (Cormobates leucophaeus), Superb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), Spotted Pardalote (Pardalotus punctatus), Brown Thornbill (Acanthiza pusilla), Striated Thornbill (Acanthiza lineata), Red Wattlebird (Anthochaera carunculate), Bell Miner (Manorina melanophrys), Noisy Miner (Manorina melanocephala), Yellow-faced Honeyeater (Lichenostomus Chrysops), White-naped Honeyeater (Melithreptus lunatus), Crescent Honeyeater (Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera), New Holland Honeyeater (Phylidonyris novaehollandiae), Eastern Spinebill (Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris), Eastern Yellow Robin (Eopsaltria australis), Golden Whistler (Pachycephala pectoralis), Grey Shrike-thrush (Colluricincla harmonica), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Grey Fantail (Rhipidura albiscapa), Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike (Coracina novaehollandiae), Grey Butcherbird (Cracticus torquatus), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), Australian Raven (Corvus coronoides), Little Raven (Corvus mellori), Tree Martin (Hirundo nigricans), Silvereye (Zosterops lateralis), *Common Blackbird (Turdus merula), Short-beaked Echidna (Tachyglossus aculeatus), Common Wombat (Vombatus Ursinus), Koala (Phascolarctos cinereus), Eastern Grey Kangaroo (Macropus giganteus), *Red fox (Vulpes vulpes), *European Rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

Large, remnants in good condition such as this one require protection. The property owners appear to be sympathetic towards conservation objectives and requires support. Many exotic plant species are growing in the adjacent road reserve. These should be controlled to eliminate their spread into this remnant. Unless the exotic plant species within the remnant are managed the condition will continue to deteriorate.

Recs 27 Date: 04 Sep 2003 Location: 145°23'30" 38°02'49"					
1	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle		
2	72	Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle		
1	91	Acacia stricta	Hop Wattle		
+	1038	Arthropodium strictum s.l.	Chocolate Lily		
1	274	* Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper		
+	4291	Billardiera scandens var. scandens	Common Apple-berry		
1	440	Bossiaea prostrata	Creeping Bossiaea		
1	1165	Epacris impressa	Common Heath		
3	3732	Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.s.	Bundy		
2	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart		
3	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge		
+	8548	Hydrocotyle spp.	Pennywort		
+	1748	* Hypochoeris radicata	Cat's Ear		
1	1861	Lagenophora gracilis	Slender Bottle-daisy		
2	1956	Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree		
3	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum		
1	2580	* Poa annua	Annual Meadow-grass		
1	2584	Poa clelandii	Noah's Ark		
1	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble		
1	3129	Senecio tenuiflorus	Slender Fireweed		
+	3427	* Trifolium dubium	Suckling Clover		
1	5058	Viola hederacea sensu Entwisle (1996)	Ivy-leaf Violet		
1	1107	Drosera peltata ssp. peltata	Pale Sundew		
1	8491	Gonocarpus spp.	Raspwort		
1	2042	Lomandra filiformis	Wattle Mat-rush		
1	4710	Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis	Wattle Mat-rush		
+	4888	Chiloglottis valida	Common Bird-orchid		

Site Number: 25

Site Location: Brown Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey and literature

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This site appears to be contiguous with the Grassy Forest vegetation of site 24 and is probably dominated by Bundy (*Eucalyptus goniocalyx*). However, unlike site 24 the understorey appears to be grazed.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 25				
No records				

Site Number: 26

Site Location: Whiteside Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 25

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Highly fragmented Grassy Forest. In some areas the understorey has been cleared and replaced by mown grass, while in others a partially intact understorey persists.

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 8 Date : 04 Sep 2003 Location : 145°23'19" 38°02'56"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	72	Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle
+	274	* Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper
+	1286	Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l.	Bundy
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1956	Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum

Site Number: 27

Site Location: Beaconsfield Sanctuary for Flora and Fauna

Land Tenure: Council reserve

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 55

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Swampy Riparian Woodland streamside reserve, Beaconsfield - Emerald Road.

Many large trees; extensive ground cover vegetation; generally moderate - high habitat values. Fauna species recorded: Australian Wood Duck (Chenonetta jubata), *Spotted Turtle-Dove (Streptopelia chinensis), Common Bronzewing (Phaps chalcoptera), Little Corella (Cacatua sanguinea), Crimson Rosella (Platycercus elegans), Fan-tailed Cuckoo (Cacomantis flabelliformis), Laughing Kookaburra (Dacelo novaeguineae), Superb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), Spotted Pardalote (Pardalotus punctatus), White-browed Scrubwren (Sericornis frontalis), Brown Thornbill (Acanthiza pusilla), Red Wattlebird (Anthochaera carunculate), Bell Miner (Manorina melanophrys), Noisy Miner (Manorina melanocephala), Eastern Spinebill (Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris), Eastern Yellow Robin (Eopsaltria australis), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Grey Fantail (Rhipidura albiscapa), Grey Butcherbird (Cracticus torquatus), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), Pied Currawong (Strepera graculina), Little Raven (Corvus mellori), Red-browed Finch (Neochmia temporalis), *Common Blackbird (Turdus merula), *Common Starling (Sturnus vulgaris), *Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

The associated Friends Group appears to be active with weed management and new plantings in the Sanctuary.

Recs 18	B Date :	: 04 Sep 2003 Location : 145°22'12"	38°02'13"	
+	25	Acacia dealbata		Silver Wattle

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+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	72	Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle

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+	403	Billardiera scandens	Common Apple-berry
+	822	Coprosma quadrifida	Prickly Currant-bush
+	1030	Dianella tasmanica	Tasman Flax-lily
+	1323	Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
	1507		Han Caralania

+ 1507 Goodenia ovata
 + 1956 Leptospermum continentale
 + 2147 Melaleuca ericifolia
 Hop Goodenia
 Prickly Tea-tree
 Swamp Paperbark

+ 2312 *Olearia lirata* Snowy Daisy-bush + 2543 # *Pittosporum undulatum* Sweet Pittosporum + 2777 *Pteridium esculentum* Austral Bracken

+ 2916 Rapanea howittiana Mutton-wood + 8998 Rubus spp. Bramble

+ 3387 Themeda triandra Kangaroo Grass

Site Number: 28

Site Location: Beaconsfield - Emerald Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 29

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This site neighbours a recently developed residential estate. Grazed Grassy Forest remnant opposite Site 27.

Currently low habitat values, but trees are potentially hollow bearing and therefore have long term habitat potential. Fauna species recorded: Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*), Common Bronzewing (*Phaps chalcoptera*), Musk Lorikeet (*Glossopsitta concinna*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike (*Coracina novaehollandiae*), Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Pied Currawong (*Strepera graculina*), Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Any future developments proposed for this site should try to retain the remnant trees by incorporating them into the design.

Recs 16 Date : 04 Sep 2003 Location : 145°22'13" 38°02'18"

+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	105	Acaena novae-zelandiae	Bidgee-widgee
+	1210	* Erica lusitanica	Spanish Heath
+	1304	Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1313	Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1956	Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2431	* Paspalum distichum	Water Couch
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	2942	* Romulea rosea	Onion Grass
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3387	Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass
+	2387	* Oxalis pes-caprae	Soursob
+	1760	Imperata cylindrica	Blady Grass

Site Number: 29

Site Location: O'Niel Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Literature

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Some old growth eucalypts (possibly Mealy Stringybark (*Eucalyptus cephalocarpa*)) over a cleared and probably grazed understorey.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 29		
No records		

Site Number: 30

Site Location: Payne Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Shrubby Gully Forest Vulnerable Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts over a grazed understorey.

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 3 Date : 04 Sep 2003 Location : 145°23'28" 38°01'49"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1323	Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum

Site Number: 31

Site Location: Payne Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Lowland Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts over a grazed understorey.

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 3 Date : 04 Sep 2003 Location : 145°23'37" 38°01'45"

+ 56 Acacia mearnsii
 + 3733 Eucalyptus cephalocarpa s.s.
 + 3732 Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.s.
 Black Wattle
 Mealy Stringybark
 Bundy

Site Number: 32

Site Location: Mavis Avenue

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 15

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Fragmented remnant amongst residential dwellings and horticultural gardens. The understorey has been predominantly cleared but in some areas an indigenous understorey persists. Dieback in the canopy is evident.

Fauna species recorded: *Spotted Turtle-Dove (Streptopelia chinensis), Gang-gang Cockatoo (Callocephalon fimbriatum), Galah (Cacatua roseicapilla), Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (Cacatua galerita), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Laughing Kookaburra (Dacelo novaeguineae), Red Wattlebird (Anthochaera carunculate), Little Wattlebird (Anthochaera chrysoptera), Bell Miner (Manorina melanophrys), Yellow-faced Honeyeater (Lichenostomus chrysops), Brown-headed Honeyeater (Melithreptus brevirostris), New Holland Honeyeater (Phylidonyris novaehollandiae), Eastern Spinebill (Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris), Eastern Yellow Robin (Eopsaltria australis), Magpielark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Grey Butcherbird (Cracticus torquatus), Little Raven (Corvus mellori), Welcome Swallow (Hirundo neoxena), Silvereye (Zosterops lateralis), *Common Blackbird (Turdus merula), Brown-striped Frog (Limnodynastes peronii).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 8 Date : 04 Sep 2003 Location : 145°23'10" 38°01'58"

+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	72	Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle
+	677	Allocasuarina littoralis	Black Sheoak
+	1286	Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l.	Bundy
+	1313	Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1422	* Genista monspessulana	Montpellier Broom
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum

Site Number: 33

Site Location: Drainage line below Mavis Avenue

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Shrubby Gully Forest Vulnerable Vulnerable

Comments:

Shrubby Gully Forest following drainage line.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 33		
No records		

Site Number: 34

Site Location: Cardinia Creek - Beaconsfield - Emerald Road

Land Tenure: Council reserve

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Swampy Riparian Woodland streamside reserve, Beaconsfield - Emerald Road. Many large trees; extensive ground cover vegetation; generally moderate - high habitat values.

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management and encourage recruitment.

Flora species recorded at Site 34			
No records			

Site Number: 35

Site Location: Payne Road - drainage line

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Linear remnant of Melaleuca (Melaleuca ericifolia) scrub following drainage line on private property.

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management and encourage recruitment.

Recs 5 Date : 04 Sep 2003 Location : 145°22'48" 38°01'50"

+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	2147	Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2497	Phragmites australis	Common Reed
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
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+ 9018 * *Salix* spp. Willow

Site Number: 36

Site Location: Holm Park Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts over a cleared and grazed understorey.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 36		
No records		

Site Number: 37

Site Location: Holm Park Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 47

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Large remnant at the end of Holm Park Road. This remnant supports a healthy eucalypt overstorey, including old growth individuals and mistletoe; and a dense shrub stratum. The understorey appears to be in relatively good condition (Beveridge Williams and Co 2002).

Principal Management Requirements:

Protect from clearing and grazing; and manage for weeds. Refer to Beveridge Williams and Co (2002) for further recommendations.

Rec	s 19 Da	te: 04 Sep 2003 Location: 145°23'09" 38°02	'34"
+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	72	Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle
+	123	Acrotriche serrulata	Honey-pots
+	677	Allocasuarina littoralis	Black Sheoak
+	274	* Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper
+	1165	Epacris impressa	Common Heath
+	1210	* Erica lusitanica	Spanish Heath
+	1260	Eucalyptus cephalocarpa s.l.	Silver-leaf Stringybark
+	1286	Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l.	Bundy
+	1313	Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1422	* Genista monspessulana	Montpellier Broom
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3471	* Ulex europaeus	Gorse
+	9236	Wahlenbergia spp.	Bluebell
+	3523	Viminaria juncea	Golden Spray

Site Number: 38

Site Location: Holm Park Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 4/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This site appears to contain a large continuous remnant, which forms part of a corridor linking to Beaconsfield Reservoir.

Principal Management Requirements:

Protect from clearing and grazing; and manage for weeds.

Flora species recorded at Site 38		
No records		

Site Number: 39

Site Location: Princes Highway

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 10/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 9

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This isolated remnant is highly degraded and contains many exotic trees and shrubs. There is however some recruitment of eucalypts and the remnant is associated with two large dams, containing fringing vegetation. High weed infestation.

Two large dams with fringing reeds providing habitat for frogs and waterbirds. Potential Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria raniformis*) habitat, although low quality. Fauna species observed: Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Suberb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Raven (*Corvus* sp.), Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*), Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*), Australasian Grebe (breeding and non-breeding plumage) (*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*), Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Grey Shrike-thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*), Common Starling* (*Sturnus vulgaris*), Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*), Spotted Turtledove* (*Streptopelia chinensis*), European Rabbit* (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*), Red Fox* (*Vulpes vulpes*), Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Manage for weeds. Maintain dams and aquatic vegetation to support frog populations and water birds.

Recs	Recs 14 Date : 10 Sep 2003 Location : 145°24'04" 38°03'34"			
+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle	
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood	
+	236	* Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass	
+	255	* Arctotheca calendula	Cape Weed	
+	274	* Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper	
+	825	* Cortaderia selloana	Pampas Grass	
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum	
+	1422	* Genista monspessulana	Montpellier Broom	
+	2046	Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush	
+	2539	* Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine	
+	2942	* Romulea rosea	Onion Grass	
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble	
+	8033	Allocasuarina spp.	Sheoak	
+	179	* Allium triquetrum	Three-corner Garlic	

Site Number: 40

Site Location: Bayview Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 10/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 16

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Linear remnant following drainage line on private property. Linear remnant on farmland containing eucalypts of fairly young age.

Several trees old enough to provide hollows for fauna. When in flower, these trees provide a potential forage resource for locally common birds such as honeyeaters, parrots and lorikeets. Understorey absent and farm rubbish evident. Trees connected to larger remnant block behind dam at rear of the site, increasing its value as fauna habitat. Fauna species observed: Southern Bullfrog (Pobblebonk Frog) (*Limnodynastes dumerilii*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 6 Date : 10 Sep 2003 Location : 145°24'11" 38°02'45"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	1304	Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	9018	* Salix spp.	Willow
+	8936	* Prunus spp.	Prunus

Site Number: 41

Site Location: Bayview Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 10/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 16

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wetland (derived) Complex N/A N/A

Comments:

Linear remnant following drainage line on private property. Drainage line and pond with good aquatic vegetation. A number of weeds are spreading on the neighbouring road reserve which should be eliminated.

Good quality linear wetland with native aquatic species (e.g. Water-ribbons and Spike- sedge) providing habitat for locally significant frogs and breeding Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*). Potential Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria raniformis*) habitat. Fauna species observed: Straw-necked Ibis (*Threskiornis spinicollis*), Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*), Dusky Moorehen (*Gallinula tenebrosa*), Suberb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Raven (*Corvus sp.*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*), Common Froglet (*Crinia signifera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management on neighbouring road reserve. Maintain natural drainage into wetland. Install sediment traps at drains at the Bayview Road cross roads to protect wetland from sedimentaion and run off from the dirt roads.

Recs	7 Date:	10 Sep 2003 Location : 145°24'25" 38°02'5	52"
+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1139	Eleocharis acuta	Common Spike-sedge
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	8601	Juncus spp.	Rush
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	3524	* Vinca major	Blue Periwinkle

Site Number: 42

Site Location: End of Bayview Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 10/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 16

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

The understorey of this remnant is degraded in a broad area surrounding the house, however the quality may improve away from the house. Small woodland remnant with disturbed understorey and Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) invasion.

One stag providing hollows for arboreal mammals or nesting birds. Fauna species observed: Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*), Pied Currawong (*Strepera graculina*), Black-faced Cuckooshrike (*Coracina novaehollandiae*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain hollow-bearing old and dead trees and stags.

Recs 9 l	Date : 10 S	Sep 2003 Location: 145°24'29" 38°02'41"	
+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+ 5	5175 r	Eucalyptus fulgens	Green Scentbark
+ 1	1286	Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l.	Bundy
+ 1	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+ 1	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+ 2	2543 #	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+ 2	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+ 8	8936 *	Prunus spp.	Prunus

Site Number: 43

Site Location: Brown Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 10/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not applicable

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wetland (derived) Complex N/A N/A

Comments:

Farm dam. The adjacent road reserve contains degraded woodland remnant including; Bundy (Eucalyptus goniocalyx), Messmate (Eucalyptus obliqua), Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum), Coast Wattle (*Acacia longifolia var. sophorae), Prunus (Prunus sp.) and Black Wattle (Acacia mearnsii).

Limited fringing and aquatic vegetation, but providing habitat for amphibian species tolerant of disturbed sites. Common Froglet (*Crinia signifera*), 15 Cattle Egrets (*Ardea ibis*) (some in breeding plumage) observed foraging in inundated paddock adjacent to the dam.

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management

Recs 3 Date : 10 Sep 2003 Location : 145°24'58" 38°02'52"

+ 1286 Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l. Bundy

+ 1304 Eucalyptus obliqua Messmate Stringybark

+ 88 # Acacia longifolia ssp. sophorae Coast Wattle

Site Number: 44

Site Location: Dickie Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 10/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 31

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Damp Forest Endangered Least Concern

Comments:

This remnant is associated with some residential dwellings and associated horticultural plantings. The remnant follows a drainage line and includes farm dam providing habitat for frogs and water birds. Some larger hollow-bearing trees evident. Upslope the understorey is cleared and grazed. There is dieback in the tree canopies.

High density of Bell Miners (Manorina melanophyrs) throughout the remnant. Residents report observing Eastern Grey Kangaroo (Macropus giganteus), Common Wombat (Vombatus ursinus), Sugar Glider (Petaurus breviceps), Australian King Parrot (Alisterus scapularis) and Kingfishers, potentially the Sacred Kingfisher (Halcyon sancta) from description of observation (Local Resident, Dickie Road, pers. comm.). Other species observed: Eastern Spinebill (Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris), Brown Thornbill (Acanthiza pusilla), White-throated Treecreeper (Cormobates leucophaeus), White-browed Scrubwren (Sericornis frontalis), Bell Miner (Manorina melanophyrs), Pacific Black Duck (Anas rhynchotis), Little Pied Cormorant (Phalacrocorax melanoleucos), Red Wattlebird (Anthochaera carunculata), Grey Fantail (Rhipidura albiscapa), Superb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), Welcome Swallow (Hirundo neoxena), Eastern Rosella (Platycercus eximius), Grey Shrike-thrush (Colluricincla harmonica), Common Blackbird* (Turdus merula), Common Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management. Retain hollow-bearing old and dead trees and stags.

	Recs 12 Date:	10 Sep 2003	Location: 145°24'48"	38°02'26"
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+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	236	* Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1956	Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	88	# Acacia longifolia ssp. sophorae	Coast Wattle
+	8936	* Prunus spp.	Prunus
+	8723	Melaleuca spp.	Honey-myrtle

Site Number: 45

Site Location: Officer Water reserve

Land Tenure: Unknown

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 10/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 33

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Officer Water Reserve. Despite extensive weed invasion (e.g. Blackberry (*Rubus sp.) and Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum), a number of native species are present at this site. Evidence of acacia dieback. This site is continuous with Site 46.

Logs and leaf litter provide good ground cover and potential habitat for small terrestrial mammals such as Bush Rat (*Rattus fuscipes*) and Swamp Rat (*Rattus lutreolus*). The site contains some remnant Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*) which provides potential, although low quality, habitat for the State significant (FFG listed) Swamp Skink (*Egernia coventryi*). Evidence of the Common Wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*) throughout this site is common and tracks, scats and burrows were observed. There are several large hollow-bearing trees with active nests/dens in the hollows. Smaller bird nests (probably belonging to wrens or robins) and a Common Ringtail Possum (*Peudocheirus peregrinus*) drey were also observed. Other fauna species observed: Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*), Superb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Spotted Pardalote (*Pardalotus punctatus*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*), Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*), European Rabbit*(*Oryctolagus cuniculus*), Red Fox* (*Vulpes vulpes*).

Principal Management Requirements:

The understorey in relatively intact in some areas, however the spread of some highly invasive weeds within the remnant is cause for concern. Weed management is required.

Recs	27 Date:	10 Sep	2003 Location : 145°25'05" 38°02'51"	
+	25		Acacia dealbata	Silver Wattle
+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	72		Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle
+	677		Allocasuarina littoralis	Black Sheoak
+	236	*	Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass
+	274	*	Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper
+	1036		Dichondra repens	Kidney-weed
+	1165		Epacris impressa	Common Heath
+	1272		Eucalyptus dives	Broad-leaved Peppermint
+	1286		Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l.	Bundy
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1422	*	Genista monspessulana	Montpellier Broom
+	1489		Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	2046		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2147		Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8909		Poa spp.	Tussock Grass
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	2942	*	Romulea rosea	Onion Grass
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3387		Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass
+	3689		Drosera peltata	Pale Sundew
+	3562	*	Watsonia meriana var. bulbillifera	Bulbil Watsonia
+	179	*	Allium triquetrum	Three-corner Garlic
+	4420		Dianella longifolia var. longifolia	Pale Flax-lily

Site Number: 46

Site Location: Officer Water reserve

Land Tenure: Unknown

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 10/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Officer Water Reserve. Despite extensive weed invasion (e.g. Blackberry (**Rubus* sp.) and Sweet Pittosporum (**Pittosporum undulatum*), a number of native species are present at this site. Evidence of acacia dieback. This site is continuous with Site 46.

Logs and leaf litter provide good ground cover and potential habitat for small terrestrial mammals such as Bush Rat (*Rattus fuscipes*) and Swamp Rat (*Rattus lutreolus*). The site contains some remnant Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*) which provides potential, although low quality habitat for the State significant (FFG listed) Swamp Skink (*Egernia coventryi*). Evidence of the Common Wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*) throughout this site is common and tracks, scats and burrows were observed. There are several large hollow-bearing trees with active nests/dens in the hollows. Smaller bird nests (probably belonging to wrens or robins) and a Common Ringtail Possum (*Peudocheirus peregrinus*) drey were also observed in the Tea-tree. Other species observed: Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*), Suberb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Spotted Pardalote (*Pardalotus punctatus*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*), Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*), European Rabbit*(*Oryctolagus cuniculus*), Red Fox* (*Vulpes vulpes*).

Principal Management Requirements:

The understorey in relatively intact in some areas, however the spread of some highly invasive weeds within the remnant is cause for concern. Weed management is required.

Recs 8 Date : 10 Sep 2003 Location : 145°25'15" 38°02'57"

+	129	Adiantum aethiopicum	Common Maidenhair
+	1050	Dillwynia cinerascens s.l.	Grey Parrot-pea
+	2584	Poa clelandii	Noah's Ark
+	2743	Prostanthera lasianthos	Victorian Christmas-bush
+	4420	Dianella longifolia var. longifolia	Pale Flax-lily
+	1856	Kunzea ericoides	Burgan
+	4699	Lepidosperma gunnii	Slender Sword-sedge
+	1965	Leptospermum scoparium	Manuka

Site Number: 47

Site Location: Carsons Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 10/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 46

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

There are not many remnants of this quality persisting in the study area. Some invasive weeds species are spreading in the neighbouring road reserve and pose a threat to this remnant. Good quality large remnant.

Ground layer and understorey intact, ground debris for reptile habitat and hollow-bearing trees common. Some Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) present and evidence of eucalypt dieback. Fauna species observed: Pied Currawong (Strepera graculina), Grey Fantail (Rhipidura fuliginosa), Eastern Spinebill (Acanthorhyncus tenuirostris), White-eared Honeyeater (Lichenostomus leucotis), Brown Treecreeper (Climacteris picumnus), Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (Cactua galerita), Crimson Rosella (Platycercus elegans), Laughing Kookaburra (Dacelo novaeguineae), Eastern Grey Kangaroo (Macropus giganteus), Common Ringtail Possum (Peudocheirus peregrinus), Short-beaked Echidna (Tachglossus aculeatus), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

Protect from clearing and grazing; and manage for weeds, particularly in the road reserve.

Recs	36 Date : 1	0 Sep	2003 Location : 145°25'00" 38°02'32"	
+	56	_	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	63		Acacia myrtifolia	Myrtle Wattle
+	72		Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle
+	91		Acacia stricta	Hop Wattle
+	110		Nemacianthus caudatus	Mayfly Orchid
+	1038		Arthropodium strictum s.l.	Chocolate Lily
+	4291		Billardiera scandens var. scandens	Common Apple-berry
+	543		Stegostyla praecox	Early Hood
+	666		Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	726		Chamaescilla corymbosa var. corymbosa	Blue Stars
+	1050		Dillwynia cinerascens s.l.	Grey Parrot-pea
+	1080		Diuris pardina	Leopard Orchid
+	1110		Drosera whittakeri ssp. aberrans	Scented Sundew
+	1165		Epacris impressa	Common Heath
+	1286		Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l.	Bundy
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1489		Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	1504		Goodenia lanata	Trailing Goodenia
+	2042		Lomandra filiformis	Wattle Mat-rush
+	2048		Lomandra multiflora ssp. multiflora	Many-flowered Mat-rush
+	2179		Microlaena stipoides var. stipoides	Weeping Grass
+	2539	*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2569		Platylobium obtusangulum	Common Flat-pea
+	2608		Poa sieberiana	Grey Tussock-grass
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	2850		Pultenaea gunnii	Golden Bush-pea
+	3689		Drosera peltata	Pale Sundew
+	973		Joycea pallida	Silvertop Wallaby-grass
+	1705		Hovea heterophylla	Common Hovea
+	3591		Xanthosia dissecta s.l.	Cut-leaf Xanthosia
+	2042		Lomandra filiformis	Wattle Mat-rush
+	1856		Kunzea ericoides	Burgan
+	4439		Acianthus pusillus	Small Mosquito-orchid

Site Number: 48

Site Location: McGregor Road

Land Tenure: Unknown

Data Source: On-site surveyData Type: Not applicableData Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 24/12/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Plains Grassland Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Highly modified remnant of Plains Grassland.

Principal Management Requirements:

A detailed flora and fauna survey is required to determine the flora and fauna values of this site and management recommendations required.

Flora species recorded at Site 48					
No records					

Site Number: 49

Site Location: Pakenham Railway line

Land Tenure: Rail reserveData Source: LiteratureData Type: Literature

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Linear remnant along railway line.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 49					
No records					

Site Number: 50

Site Location: Pakenham Railway line

Land Tenure: Rail reserveData Source: LiteratureData Type: Literature

Data Representation: Polygon **Data Collection Date:** 15/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Isolated, linear remnant along railway line.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 50
No records

Site Number: 51

Site Location: Bayview Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 5

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered remnant eucalypts over a cleared and grazed understorey. This site is associated with Site 9.

High potential for Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria reniformis*). Fauna species recorded: Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*), Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), Cattle Egret (*Ardea ibis*), Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*), Straw-necked Ibis (*Threskiornis spinicollis*), Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*), Dusky Moorhen (*Gallinula tenebrosa*), Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*), Galah (*Cacatua roseicapilla*), Little Corella (*Cacatua sanguinea*), Rainbow Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*), Striated Pardalote (*Pardalotus striatus*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculate*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Little Raven (*Corvus mellori*), Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 2 Date: 15 Aug 2003 Location: 145°24'23" 38°04'06"

+ 57 Acacia melanoxylon Blackwood + 1307 Eucalyptus ovata Swamp Gum

Pakenham Growth Corridor and Adjoining Area

Sites of Biodiversity Significance

Site Number: 52

Site Location: Harold Street

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Literature

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 15/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not applicable

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wetland (derived) Complex N/A N/A

Comments:

Growling Grass Frog (Litoria raniformis) recorded at this site.

Principal Management Requirements:

Manage for nationally significant Growling Grass Frog (Litoria raniformis).

Flora species recorded at Site 52						
No records						

Site Number: 53

Site Location: May Street

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This site contains scattered eucalypts (possibly Bundy (*Eucalyptus goniocalyx*) and Narrow-leaf Peppermint (*Eucalyptus radiata*) amongst residential dwellings and horticultural plantings.

Linear remnant of eucalypts in grazed farmland. These trees contribute to habitat links and "stepping stones" across the landscape and provide habitat for locally common birds species such as cockatoos, galahs, honeyeaters and robins. They also provide a foraging resource when in flower. Their habitat value is enhanced by proximity to a more extensive roadside remnant.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 53					
No records					

Site Number: 54

Site Location: Carsons Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 69

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Shrubby Gully Forest Vulnerable Vulnerable

Comments:

Linear remnant along drainage line with good structural vegetation.

Sedgey ground cover and extensive leaf litter and fallen logs providing habitat. Trees generally too young to be producing hollows, but several hollow-bearing trees observed. Habitat for invertebrates and forage resources for birds and reptiles. Invasive plant species in the neighbouring road reserve. Good continuous canopy cover and presence of acacia and eucalypt species providing potential habitat for Sugar Glider (*Petaurus breviceps*), Swamp Wallaby (*Wallabia bicolor*), Eastern Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*) and Common Wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*) scats were observed. Potential habitat for native rat species. Common Ringtail Possum (*Pseudocheirus peregrinus*) drey was also observed. A dam provides a watering point for woodland birds as well as providing habitat for the Common Froglet (*Crinia signifera*) and Southern Brown Tree Frog (*Litoria ewingii*).

Other fauna species observed: Eastern Yellow Robin (*Eopsaltria australis*), Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*), Varied Sitella (*Daphoenositta chrysoptera*), White-throated Treecreeper (*Cormobates leucophaeus*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Suberb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Crimson Rosella (adult and juvenile) (*Platycercus elegans*), Grey Shrike-thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*), Short-beaked Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Access to this site has been an issue in the past. Clearing for fire wood is evident. Dumping of rubbish has degraded the site close to the road and weed invasion as a result of dumped garden waste and escapes from the neighbouring property need to be controlled. This site is continuous with the high quality vegetation of Site 47. Control weeds to stop their spread into adjacent vegetation.

Re	cs 28 D	ate: 18 Sep 2003 Location: 145°25'12" 38°02'32"	
+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	72	Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle
+	91	Acacia stricta	Hop Wattle
+	100	Acacia verticillata	Prickly Moses
+	129	Adiantum aethiopicum	Common Maidenhair
+	666	Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	1110	Drosera whittakeri ssp. aberrans	Scented Sundew
+	1165	Epacris impressa	Common Heath
+	3732	Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.s.	Bundy
+	1304	Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1422	* Genista monspessulana	Montpellier Broom
+	1489	Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	8653	Lepidosperma spp.	Sword Sedge
+	2539	* Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3303	Stylidium graminifolium s.l.	Grass Trigger-plant
+	3387	Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass
+	3689	Drosera peltata	Pale Sundew
+	2802	Pterostylis longifolia s.l.	Tall Greenhood
+	3638	* Agapanthus praecox ssp. orientalis	Agapanthus
+	5367	* Freesia alba	White Freesia
+	8336	Dillwynia spp.	Parrot Pea
+	1965	Leptospermum scoparium	Manuka

Site Number: 55

Site Location: Toomuc Creek - Toomuc Valley Road

Land Tenure: Melbourne Water

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 16

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Linear remnant following Toomuc Creek. This site has been highly degraded due to vegetation clearing, dumping of rubbish, soil erosion, and weed invasion. Toomuc Creek has been the focus of revegetation efforts by Melbourne Water. Revegetation success varies, with some planted species are dead or in bad condition. Some revegetation areas are overrun with weeds.

Riparian habitat degraded and impacted by weeds. Toomuc Creek provides potential habitat for the native Water Rat (*Hydroyms crysogaster*). Some large hollow-bearing trees remain and provide nesting habitat for birds such as galahs, parrots and lorikeets as well as roost habitat for bats. Canopy cover of remnant eucalypts considered too inconsistent and understorey too degraded to support Sugar Glider (*Petaurus breviceps*). Fauna species observed: Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*), Raven (*Corvus* sp.), Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed control is imperative to ensure 'new plantings' survival. Control rubbish dumping along the creek.

Recs 20 Date: 18 Sep 2003 Location: 145°27'59" 38°03'24"			
+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	274	* Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1323	Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1422	* Genista monspessulana	Montpellier Broom
+	2046	Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2147	Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2497	Phragmites australis	Common Reed
+	2539	* Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8936	* Prunus spp.	Prunus
+	3562	* Watsonia meriana var. bulbillifera	Bulbil Watsonia
+	3524	* Vinca major	Blue Periwinkle
+	8327	Dianella spp.	Flax Lily
+	770	* Chrysanthemoides monilifera	Boneseed
+	3599	* Zantedeschia aethiopica	White Arum-lily
+	3448	Triglochin procerum s.l.	Water Ribbons

Site Number: 56

Site Location: Toomuc Valley Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 10

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts over a cleared and grazed understorey. Grazed remnant opposite Toomuc Creek.

No understorey, fallen timber has been gathered and piled up decreasing its value as fauna habitat. Several larger trees are providing hollows and different sized spouts for bird and bat habitat. Proximity to Toomuc Creek and adjacent remnant increases the habitat value of this remnant of scattered paddock trees.

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Flora species recorded at Site 56						
No records						

Site Number: 57

Site Location: Toomuc Valley Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Small remnant following drainage line. Probably dominated by Swamp Paperbark (Melaleuca ericifolia).

Farm dam nearby provides habitat for frogs and the Southern Bullfrog (Limnodynastes dumerilii) was recorded here.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 57					
No records					

Site Number: 58

Site Location: Toomuc Valley Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey **Data Type:** Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered trees and shrubs over a cleared and grazed understorey. This vegetation is continuous with that to north, which appears to be of higher quality. Scattered eucalypts in grazed paddock. Close to Site 59.

This site provides limited fauna habitat. It is heavily grazed with no understorey. Tree density is low with infrequent hollows. Fauna species observed: Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus axillaris*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Encourage recruitment. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Flora species recorded at Site 58					
No records					

Site Number: 59

Site Location: Toomuc Valley Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Scattered trees and shrubs over a cleared and grazed understorey. This vegetation is continuous with that to north, which appears to be of higher quality. Scattered eucalypts in grazed paddock. Close to Site 58.

This site provides limited fauna habitat. It is heavily grazed with no understorey. Tree density is low with infrequent hollows.

Principal Management Requirements:

Encourage recruitment. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Flora species recorded at Site 59	
No records	

Site Number: 60

Site Location: Toomuc Valley Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Large remnant of Grassy Forest which is continuous with sites 58, 59, and 63.

Principal Management Requirements:

Large, continuous remnants contribute to the overall integrity of the vegetation and fauna habitat of the broader area. Protect this vegetation from clearing and grazing where possible. Weed management may be required.

Flora species recorded at Site 60				
No records				

Site Number: 61

Site Location: Toomuc Valley Road

Land Tenure: Melbourne Water

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 24

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Linear remnant following Toomuc Creek. Toomuc Creek. Better quality section of Toomuc Creek compared to Site 55.

Better quality instream habitat including logs, rocks and riffles. Potential habitat for frogs and Water Rat (*Hydromys chrysogaster*). Habitat potential is compromised by weed invasions. Remnant Manna Gums (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) provide good sized hollow for fauna and forage resource for birds. Fauna species observed: Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*), White-browed Scrubwren (*Sericornis frontalis*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management

Recs 7 Date : 18 Sep 2003 Location : 145°27'41" 38°02'34"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	666	Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	1323	Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	2497	Phragmites australis	Common Reed
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	179	* Allium triquetrum	Three-corner Garlic

Site Number: 62

Site Location: Toomuc Valley Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 26

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts (possibly Bundy (*Eucalyptus goniocalyx*) and Messmate (*Eucalyptus obliqua*) in a grazed paddock. This site grades into Swampy Woodland of Site 61.Remnant opposite Toomuc Creek at Site 61.

Weedy and grazed understorey but good density of remnant eucalypts with fallen timber, fallen dead trees and logs providing habitat for reptiles and invertebrates. Fauna species observed: Eastern Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*), Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*), White-faced Heron (*Egretta novaehollandiae*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Encourage recruitment. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Flora species recorded at Site 62				
No records				

Site Number: 63

Site Location: Toomuc Valley Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Lowland Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

Large remnant of Lowland Forest following aqueduct. This site is continuous with 58, 59, and 60.

Principal Management Requirements:

Large, continuous remnants contribute to the overall integrity of the vegetation and fauna habitat of the broader area. Protect this vegetation from clearing and grazing where possible. Weed management may be required.

Flora species recorded at Site 63				
No records				

Site Number: 64

Site Location: Mulcahy Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Isolated remnants surrounded by grazed paddocks. The understorey of the remnant has been cleared and is grazed. Small grazed remnant surrounding private residence. No understorey therefore provides limited habitat for fauna.

Principal Management Requirements:

Encourage recruitment. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Flora species recorded at Site 64				
No records				

Site Number: 65

Site Location: Brown Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 17

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Small remnant of scattered eucalypts (possibly Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) grading into Bundy (*Euclayptus goniocalyx*) over an exotic, grazed understorey. Small patch of Swamp Gums (*Eucalyptus ovata*) in horse paddock.

Trees being utilised by locally common birds such as Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*). Trees provide several hollows and habitat for birds and potentially bats. One hollow occupied by nesting Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*) and one large stick nest, probably belonging to a corvid or Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) was observed. A dam adjacent to this site provides habitat for frogs and common water birds. Other species observed: Masked Lapwing (*Vanellus miles*), Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*), Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Encourage recruitment. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Flora species recorded at Site 65
No records

Site Number: 66

Site Location: Short Lane

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/09/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Lowland Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

Large remnant containing larger mature eucalypts. Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) invading understorey from the edges of the remnant. This site is continuous with Sites 109 and 110, including the Bunyip Main Race.

Fauna species observed: Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*), Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management

Flora species recorded at Site 66
No records

Site Number: 67

Site Location: Ahern Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wetland (derived) Complex N/A N/A

Comments:

Farm dam with fringing vegetation, surrounded by eucalypts and sheoaks.

Surrounded with predominately exotic vegetation, however fringing reeds provide habitat for frogs and cover for water birds. Six surrounding eucalypts have numerous hollows and spouts. Fauna species observed: Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management

Recs 5 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°29'09" 38°03'38"

+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1313	Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8033	Allocasuarina spp.	Sheoak

Site Number: 68

Site Location: Ahern Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 21

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This site contains some old growth trees over a degraded understorey. It adjoins a cleared area carrying scattered acacias and appears to be designated for future residential development. The houses of this development will back right onto this remnant, further increasing degrading pressures.

Native ground cover species provides potential habitat for native rodents. Bark has been stripped from several eucalypts, evidence that Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus funereus*) may utilise the site for feeding. Linkages to adjacent remnants in this area increase the remnant's habitat potential and continuity/proximity to Sites 69, 70 and 71 create potential habitat "stepping stones" which may benefit native fauna, particularly birds.

Fauna species observed: Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), New Holland Honeyeater (*Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*), Common Starling* (*Turdus vulgaris*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tritis*), Common Ringtail Possum (*Pseduocheirus peregrinus*).

Principal Management Requirements:

This remnant forms part of contiguous belt of vegetation through this area. Protect this remnant and associated sites from clearance. Encourage recruitment of overstorey trees and shrubs to improve the continuity of the vegetation in the area. Weed management. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs 17 Date: 16 Oct 2003 Location: 145°28'52" 38°03'36"				
+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle	
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood	
+	236	* Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass	
+	1036	Dichondra repens	Kidney-weed	
+	1304	Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark	
+	1313	Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint	
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge	
+	1748	* Hypochoeris radicata	Cat's Ear	
+	2179	Microlaena stipoides var. stipoides	Weeping Grass	
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum	
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken	
+	2942	* Romulea rosea	Onion Grass	
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble	
+	4420	Dianella longifolia var. longifolia	Pale Flax-lily	
+	8660	Leptospermum spp.	Tea Tree	
+	2042	Lomandra filiformis	Wattle Mat-rush	
+	3289	Austrostipa rudis	Veined Spear-grass	

Site Number: 69

Site Location: Ahern Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 24

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This large remnant contains a highly degraded understorey which probably has a history of grazing. Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) forms a major component of the understorey cover and will be contributing to the loss of understorey species and a change in vegetation structure. Residential development is encroaching on this remnant.

Scattered logs and patches of natural ground cover (e.g. sedges) provide low quality habitat for common reptiles. Some larger trees and stags observed, but few hollows present. This remnant is dominated by Bell Miners (*Manorina melanophyrs*) and introduced species such as the Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*) that is common from degraded native vegetation. Linkages to adjacent remnants in this area increase the remnant's habitat potential and continuity/proximity to Sites 68, 70 and 71 create potential habitat "stepping stones" which may benef native fauna, particularly birds.

Other observed fauna species: Gang-gang Cockatoo (Callocephalon fimbriatum), Suberb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), Australian Magpie (Gymnorhina tibicen), Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca), Rufous Whistler (Pachcephala rufiventris), Laughing Kookaburra (Dacelo novaeguineae), Spotted Turtledove* (Streptopelia chinensis).

Principal Management Requirements:

This remnant forms part of contiguous belt of vegetation through this area. Protect this remnant and associated sites from clearance. Encourage recruitment of overstorey trees and shrubs to improve the continuity of the vegetation in the area. Weed management. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs	9 Date :	16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°28'57" 38°03'30"	
+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	255	* Arctotheca calendula	Cape Weed
+	3732	Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.s.	Bundy
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble

Site Number: 70

Site Location: Ahern Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 19

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This large remnant contains a highly degraded understorey which probably has a history of grazing. Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) forms a major component of the understorey cover and will be contributing the loss of understorey species and a change in vegetation structure. Although some large old growth eucalypts are present, dieback is evident in the eucalypt canopies. Some old growth eucalypts, in adjoining paddocks, over a grazed understorey area are associated with this site.

Larger, hollow-bearing trees and stags observed. Linkages to adjacent remnants in this area increase the remnant's habitat potential and continuity/proximity to Sites 68, 69, 71 & 73 create potential habitat "stepping stones" which may benef native fauna, particularly birds. Bell Miners (*Manorina melanophyrs*) are abundant as in Site 69 and would be aggressively excluding other woodland native bird species. Two farm dams nearby provide frog habitat as well as containing remnant Tea Tree and fringing reeds. Low quality but potential site for Swamp Skink (*Egernia coventryi*).

Other fauna species observed: Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*), Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*), Whitebrowed Scrubwren (*Sericornis frontalis*), Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*).

Principal Management Requirements:

This remnant forms part of contiguous belt of vegetation through this area. Protect this remnant and associated sites from clearance. Encourage recruitment of overstorey trees and shrubs to improve the continuity of the vegetation in the area. Weed management. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs 8 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°28'59" 38°03'20"					
+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle		
+	3732	Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.s.	Bundy		
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge		
+	2543 #	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum		
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken		
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble		
+	8653	Lepidosperma spp.	Sword Sedge		
+	8660	Leptospermum spp.	Tea Tree		

Site Number: 71

Site Location: Ahern Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 18

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered trees (possibly Bundy (*Eucalyptus goniocalyx*) and Messmate (*Eucalyptus obliqua*) over a degraded understorey. This vegetation is continuous with that of Site 72.

Principal Management Requirements:

This remnant forms part of contiguous belt of vegetation through this area. Protect this remnant and associated sites from clearance. Encourage recruitment of overstorey trees and shrubs to improve the continuity of the vegetation in the area. Weed management. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs 2 Date: 16 Oct 2003 Location: 145°29'10" 38°03'03"

+ 1286 Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l. Bundy

+ 2543 # Pittosporum undulatum Sweet Pittosporum

Site Number: 72

Site Location: Pakenham Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 32

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Lowland Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

This site forms part of an extensive band of vegetation (Sites 71 and 78) in the area. The site faces many pressures including; clearing and weed invasion. Residential houses also back onto the east side of the remnant. Parts of this vegetation (if not all) probably have a history of grazing. Remnant vegetation is being encroached by housing development. Cleared, grazed and exotic understorey, but trees in good condition providing continuous canopy. Little to no natural recruitment or ground debris.

Eastern Grey Kangaroos (*Macropus giganteus*) are utilising this remnant and move out from here onto the grassy flats surrounding the housing development to feed. Seven individuals were observed.

Principal Management Requirements:

This remnant forms part of contiguous belt of vegetation through this area. Protect this remnant and associated sites to from clearance. Encourage recruitment of overstorey trees and shrubs to improve the continuity of the vegetation in the area. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees. Erect road signs warning of kangaroos and investigate a low maximum speed limit of 40 km per hour along Bellbird Crescent and the new housing development to reduce risk of vehicle collisions with kangaroos. Avoid the use of barbed wire or chicken-wire fencing so as not to restrict kangaroo movements.

Recs 7 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°29'26" 38°02'57"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1210	* Erica lusitanica	Spanish Heath
+	1304	Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1323	Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	2046	Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken

Site Number: 73

Site Location: Pakenham Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts over a grazed understorey form a stepping stone between Sites 70 and 71.

Principal Management Requirements:

This remnant forms part of contiguous belt of vegetation through this area. Protect this remnant and associated sites to from clearance. Encourage recruitment of overstorey trees and shrubs to improve the continuity of the vegetation in the area.

Flora species recorded at Site 73	
No records	

Site Number: 74

Site Location: Highland Crescent

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 10

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Nine, scattered old growth eucalypts in yet to be developed residential estate. Some trees are > 1m DBH.

These eucalypts provide hollows and spouts for nesting birds, but are currently occupied by the aggressive and territorial Common Starling* (Sturnus vulgaris) and Common Mynah* (Acridotheres tristis).

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain eucalypts if possible.

Flora species recorded at Site 74	
No records	

Site Number: 75

Site Location: Highland Crescent

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 6

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts and acacias in grazed paddocks. This property adjoins a developing residential estate.

Two of the seven trees in this group are old enough to provide hollows. Limited value for native fauna given the common occurrence of aggressive, introduced birds competing for limited and isolated hollows.

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain eucalypts if possible.

Recs 2 Date: 16 Oct 2003 Location: 145°28'36" 38°03'37"

+ 56 Acacia mearnsii Black Wattle

+ 1313 Eucalyptus radiata s.l. Narrow-leaf Peppermint

Site Number: 76

Site Location: Balmoral Way - Drainage line crossing

Land Tenure: Unknown

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 4

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Small, linear remnant following drainage line. Some eucalypts persisting over a mostly exotic understorey.

Fauna species observed: Spotted Turtledove* (*Streptopelia chinensis*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*), Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

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+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1313	Eucalyptus radiata s.1.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	9018	* Salix spp.	Willow

Flax-leaf Broom

Site Number: 77

Site Location: Pakenham Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Damp Heathy Woodland Vulnerable Depleted

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts in grazed paddocks. The understorey appears to be very degraded.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 77
No records

Site Number: 78

Site Location: Pakenham Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This site was recorded as a site of local significance by the Department of Conservation, Forests and Land (1989). It is described as sclerophyll woodland above a small sand quarry. The scrub layer is sparse and there is evidence of moderate burning from the 1983 fire. The ground layer has a relatively wide variety of herbs. The site was considered to be significant because of the sensitivity of sclerophyll woodland to disturbance and because of the rarity of this vegetation type in the corridor outside the area around Beaconsfield Reservoir.

Principal Management Requirements:

The site forms a large and important component of the belt of vegetation in the area. Access to this site was not possible, and the most recent data collected was in 1989 by the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands. The site has recently been disturbed as a result of clearing. Furthermore, residential development is encroaching on the remnant to the west. Data should be collected to determine the quality of the vegetation and fauna habitat of the site to establish the management requirements of the site.

Flora species recorded at Site 78					
No records					

Site Number: 79

Site Location: Pakenham Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Lowland Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

Scattered trees over a grazed, exotic understorey. The site is continuous with Sites 72 and 78.

Principal Management Requirements:

This remnant forms part of contiguous belt of vegetation through this area. Protect this remnant and associated sites from clearance. Encourage recruitment of overstorey trees and shrubs to improve the continuity of the vegetation in the area.

Flora species recorded at Site 79						
No records						

Site Number: 80

Site Location: Pakenham Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Remnant trees (possibly Narrow-leaf Peppermint (*Eucalyptus radiata*)) surrounding a residential dwelling and surrounding paddocks. The understorey is exotic and grazed. Remnant patch of eucalypts around private residence and associated linear remnant with no understorey.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 80						
No records						

Pakenham Growth Corridor and Adjoining Area

Sites of Biodiversity Significance

Site Number: 81

Site Location: Deep reek

Land Tenure: Melbourne Water

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 4

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Woodland Endangered Depleted

Comments:

This linear remnant contains some old growth Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis* ssp. *viminalis*) (up to 1m DBH) and Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*) following a drainage line. The surrounding grazed paddocks contain scattered Messmate (*Eucalyptus obliqua*) which are also included in the site. Revegetation towards Princes Highway end of creek has died.

Scattered mature Manna Gums providing hollows for bats and nesting birds as well as potential perches/roost areas for raptors and/or owls. Adjacent farmland cleared and grazed to the edge of the creek banks is causing erosion. Holes in bare creek bank have been utilised as nest sites by birds, probably martins or swallows (*Hirundo* spp.).

Fauna species observed: Eastern Whipbird (*Psophodes olivaceus*), Galah (*Eolophus roseicapillus*), Fantailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*), White-faced Heron (*Egretta novaehollandiae*), Straw-necked Ibis (*Threskiornis spinicollis*), Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*), Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*), Bell Miner (*Manorina melanophyrs*), Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*), Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*), Spotted Turtledove* (*Streptopelia chinensis*), Common Starling* (*Sturnus vulgaris*), European Rabbit*(*Oryctolagus cuniculus*).

Principal Management Requirements:

The eucalypts in the surrounding paddocks are cattle damaged. Protect existing trees and encourage recruitment by fencing.

Rec	s 41 Date	: 16 Oc	et 2003 Location : 145°27'39" 38°03'27"	
+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57		Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	223	*	Anagallis arvensis	Pimpernel
+	255	*	Arctotheca calendula	Cape Weed
+	274	*	Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper
+	495	*	Briza maxima	Large Quaking-grass
+	500	*	Bromus diandrus	Great Brome
+	666		Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	4420		Dianella longifolia var. longifolia	Pale Flax-lily
+	1030		Dianella tasmanica	Tasman Flax-lily
+	1210	*	Erica lusitanica	Spanish Heath
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1323		Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	1353		Exocarpos strictus	Pale-fruit Ballart
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1507		Goodenia ovata	Hop Goodenia
+	1956		Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2046		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2147		Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2179		Microlaena stipoides var. stipoides	Weeping Grass
+	2312		Olearia lirata	Snowy Daisy-bush
+	2539	*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3471	*	Ulex europaeus	Gorse
+	53	#	Acacia longifolia ssp. longifolia	Sallow Wattle
+	179	*	Allium triquetrum	Three-corner Garlic
+	2387	*	Oxalis pes-caprae	Soursob
+	2919	*	Rapistrum rugosum	Giant Mustard
+	9065	*	Silene spp.	Catchfly
+	9223	*	Vulpia spp.	Fescue
+	5053	*	Vicia sativa ssp. nigra	Narrow-leaf Vetch
+	823	*	Coprosma repens	Mirror Bush
+	8936	*	Prunus spp.	Prunus
+	3562	*	Watsonia meriana var. bulbillifera	Bulbil Watsonia
+	3599	*	Zantedeschia aethiopica	White Arum-lily
+	1421	*	Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom
+	8924	*	Populus spp.	Poplar
+	9099		Austrostipa spp.	Spear Grass

Site Number: 82

Site Location: Deep Creek Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not applicable

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wetland (derived) Complex N/A N/A

Comments:

This site includes two farm dams on either side of Deep Creek Road. Remnant patch of eucalypts around private residence and associated linear remnant with no understorey.

Two large farm dams providing habitat for at least two locally common frog species, Southern Bullfrog (*Limnodynastes dumerilii*) and Common Froglet (*Crinia signifera*), and potentially the nationally significant Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria raniformis*). The dams have little fringing vegetation, but one is lined with sand bags which may be providing suitable refuge for frogs.

Other fauna species observed: Hardhead (*Aythya australis*) (State significant, Vulnerable in Victoria, DSE 2003), Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*), Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*), Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), Masked Lapwing (*Vanellus miles*), Galah (*Eolophus roseicapillus*), European Goldfinch* (*Carduelis carduelis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 82						
No records						

Site Number: 83

Site Location: Deep Creek

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Riparian remnant along Deep Creek

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 83			
No records			

Site Number: 84

Site Location: Deep Creek Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts in grazed paddocks. The understorey appears to be very degraded.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 84			
No records			

Site Number: 85

Site Location: Deep Creek Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Complex Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Large Swamp Scrub (Melalauca ericifolia) remnant following drainage line.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 85			
No records			

Site Number: 86

Site Location: Deep Creek Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 16

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This site has been grazed and hence the diversity of the understorey has been depleted. Some understorey species persist near the fenceline, where the adjoining road reserve carries quality vegetation. Weed control should be carried out in the road reserve. Dieback is evident in the canopy of the eucalypts and much fallen timber is present within the site.

The continuity of the vegetation with other sites increases the habitat value despite grazing impacts and the individual low quality habitat. Trees appear of uniform age, too young to be producing hollows and understorey is largely absent due to grazing pressures. Fauna species observed: Long-billed Corella (*Cacatuatenuirostris*), Galah (*Eolophus roseicapillus*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*), Striated Thornbill (*Acanthiza lineata*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

This site is continuous with Sites 87 and 88. The continuity of these sites should be protected.

Recs 5 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°31'13" 38°02'54"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	8354	Drosera spp.	Sundew
+	1304	Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1313	Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken

Site Number: 87

Site Location: Deep Creek Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 17

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Heathy Woodland Least Concern Least Concern

Comments:

This remnant carries eucalypts over a grazed understorey. Woodland remnant continuous with Sites 86 and 88. The continuity of these sites increases their habitat value despite grazing impacts and the individual low quality habitat.

Trees appear of uniform age, too young to be producing hollows and understorey is largely absent due to grazing pressures. Species observed: Long-billed Corellas (*Cacatua tenuirostris*), Galah (*Eolophus roseicapillus*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*), Striated Thornbill (*Acanthiza lineata*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

This site is continuous with Sites 86 and 88. The continuity of these sites should be protected.

Flora species recorded at Site 87			
No records			

Site Number: 88

Site Location: Deep Creek Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 16

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Complex Endangered Endangered

Comments:

This remnant carries eucalypts over a grazed understorey. Woodland remnant continuous with Sites 86 and 87. The continuity of these sites increases their habitat value despite grazing impacts and the individual low quality habitat.

Trees appear of uniform age, too young to be producing hollows and understorey is largely absent due to grazing pressures. Species observed: Long-billed Corellas (*Cacatua tenuirostris*), Galah (*Eolophus roseicapillus*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*), Striated Thornbill (*Acanthiza lineata*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

This site is continuous with Sites 86 and 87. The continuity of these sites should be protected.

Flora species recorded at Site 88			
No records			

Site Number: 89

Site Location: Norris Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 16

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Riparian Thicket N/A Vulnerable

Comments:

Linear remnant along tributary of Deep Creek containing remnant Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) and Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*).

Grazed and weedy understorey decreases habitat value. This site is continuous with Site 90, as well as having some continuity with Site 88 via good quality roadside vegetation. Fauna species observed: Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*), Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*), Common Starling* (*Sturnus vulgaris*) and Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 89			
No records			

Site Number: 90

Site Location: Norris Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 18

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Riparian vegetation following drainage line. This site is continuous with Site 89, but is surrounded by grazed pasture. Some areas have been fenced, but in other areas the trees are ring barked from grazers. Site is continuous with Site 89 and may provide potential habitat for Sugar Glider (*Petaurus breviceps*) and is an important riparian corridor for the region.

Principal Management Requirements:

Protect from grazing.

Recs 11 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°31'23" 38°02'41"

+	57		Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	1286		Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l.	Bundy
+	1304		Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	2046		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	1421	*	Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom
+	8936	*	Prunus spp.	Prunus
+	1370	*	Foeniculum vulgare	Fennel

Site Number: 91

Site Location: Settlement Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 11

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts around a farm dam.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 91			
No records			

Pakenham Growth Corridor and Adjoining Area

Sites of Biodiversity Significance

Site Number: 92

Site Location: Settlement Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not applicable

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wetland (derived) Complex N/A N/A

Comments:

Some old growth Manna Gum (Eucalyptus viminalis ssp. viminalis) fringing a farm dam.

Farm dam providing habitat for frogs and common water birds, despite sparse aquatic and fringing vegetation. Fauna species observed: Suberb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*), Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*), Dusky Moorehen (*Gallinula tenebrosa*), Galah (*Eolophus roseicapillus*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*), Striped Marsh Frog (*Limnodynastes peroni*i).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 5 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°30'42" 38°02'44"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1323	Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	1353	Exocarpos strictus	Pale-fruit Ballart
+	2046	Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	1421	* Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom

Site Number: 93

Site Location: Settlement Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 13

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Complex Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis* ssp. *viminalis*) following creek over exotic shrubs. Scattered eucalypts in adjoining paddocks are included in this site.

Fauna species observed: Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Long-billed Corella (*Cacatua tenuirostris*), Common Bronzewing (*Phaps chalcoptera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 8 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°30'41" 38°02'40"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1323		Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	2046		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	3468		Typha domingensis	Narrow-leaf Cumbungi
+	9018	*	Salix spp.	Willow
+	1421	*	Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom
+	3562	*	Watsonia meriana var. bulbillifera	Bulbil Watsonia

Site Number: 94

Site Location: Army Settlement Road - Deep Creek crossing

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 23

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Riparian Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

Linear remnant following Deep Creek. Some good sized Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis* ssp. *viminalis*) with patches of Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*) but a mostly exotic understorey.

Moderate quality riparian vegetation continuous with Site 95 and providing an important riparian corridor for the region. Remnant large Manna Gums providing hollows and spouts for nesting birds and arboreal mammals (e.g. bats, Common Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecular*), Sugar Glider (*Petaurus breviceps*). Largely exotic understorey, but patches of Swamp Paperbark and some acacias persist. The patch of Swamp Paperbark is of low quality and is unlikely to support the State significant Swamp Skink (*Egernia coventryi*), but may provide habitat for native rodents or more common reptiles.

Fauna species observed: Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Suberb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), White-browed Scrubwren (*Sericornis frontalis*), White-eared Honeyeater (*Lichenostomus leucotis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 22 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°30'18" 37°59'44"

+	56			Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57			Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	274		*	Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper
+	666			Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	822			Coprosma quadrifida	Prickly Currant-bush
+	1323			Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	1394			Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1407	r		Galium curvihirtum	Tight Bedstraw
+	1692		*	Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire Fog
+	1748		*	Hypochoeris radicata	Cat's Ear
+	8601			Juncus spp.	Rush
+	2046			Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2147			Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2543		#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777			Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998			Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	9018		*	Salix spp.	Willow
+	1421		*	Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom
+	3562		*	Watsonia meriana var. bulbillifera	Bulbil Watsonia
+	8653			Lepidosperma spp.	Sword Sedge
+	2387		*	Oxalis pes-caprae	Soursob
+	276		*	Asparagus scandens	Asparagus Fern

Site Number: 95

Site Location: Army Settlement Road - Deep Creek crossing

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 15

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Eucalypts over a grazed understorey. This site is continuous with Site 94. Understorey grazed and weedy with overstorey of uniform young age class and not yet producing hollows.

Limited natural debris on the ground. Fauna species observed: Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Long-billed Corella (*Cacatua tenuirostris*), Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*), Eastern Whipbird (*Psophodes olivaceus*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 5 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°30'03" 38°02'33"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1286	Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.l.	Bundy
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	2539	* Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	3562	* Watsonia meriana var. bulbillifera	Bulbil Watsonia

Site Number: 96

Site Location: Army Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 19

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

Grazed remnant continuous with tributary of Deep Creek.

Remnant trees provide forage resource for birds when flowering as well as several hollows for nesting sites. Fauna species observed: Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*), six Eastern Grey Kangaroos (*Macropus giganteus*), European Rabbit* (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*), Cat* (*Felis catus*).

Management Requirements:

Recs 5 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°29'50" 38°02'52"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	666		Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	1210	*	Erica lusitanica	Spanish Heath
+	1323		Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	2046		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush

Site Number: 97

Site Location: Army Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Lowland Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

Lowland forest continuous with Swampy Riparian Woodland of site 96.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 97				
No records				

Site Number: 98

Site Location: Bellbird Crescent

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 16

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Drainage line with remnant Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*) and Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata* var. *ovata*). There are several large specimens.

Remnant vegetation provides good habitat and refuge for frogs, however the two remnants of Swamp Paperbark are narrow, isolated and impacted by grazing, decreasing potential for additional wildlife habitat. Fauna species observed: Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*), Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Protect from grazing. Weed management and monitoring of revegetation efforts. Refer to Kern (2003).

Recs 6 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°29'33" 38°02'59"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	0867	*	Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	2147		Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2543	*	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble

Site Number: 99

Site Location: Army Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Eucalypts over a cleared understorey.

Principal Management Requirements:

Flora species recorded at Site 99			
No records			

Site Number: 100

Site Location: Army Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This site is continuous with Site 101. However, there appears to be dieback in the canopies and death of the eucalypts and acacias. Remnant vegetation continuous with Site 101. See Site 101 for details.

Principal Management Requirements:

Biological survey in this commercial property will provide better knowledge of flora and fauna values.

Recs 6 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°29'51" 38°03'31"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	2147		Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	179	*	Allium triquetrum	Three-corner Garlic
+	1421	*	Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom

Site Number: 101

Site Location: Army Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 16/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Remnant vegetation continuous with Site 100. Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*) potentially providing habitat for State significant Swamp Skink (*Egernia coventryi*) and native rodents such as the Swamp Rat (*Rattus lutreolus*), however understorey is disturbed, so habitat quality is low. Fauna species observed: Common Bronzewing (*Phaps chalcoptera*), Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Biological survey in this commercial property will provide better knowledge of flora and fauna values.

Recs 4 Date : 16 Oct 2003 Location : 145°29'56" 38°03'32"

+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	2147		Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble

Site Number: 102

Site Location: Kennedy Creek

Land Tenure: Melbourne Water

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 11

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Kennedy Creek at Army Road. Highly degraded and discontinuous riparian vegetation along creekline dominated by Gorse (**Ulex europaeus*), Blackberry (**Rubus* sp). The exotic plant species provide habitat for the European Rabbit* (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) and Red Fox (**Vulpes vulpes*). Small patches of remnant Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*) provides limited habitat for fauna considering the overall degraded nature of the site. The creek provides habitat for common frogs such as the Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Encourage Friends of Kennedy Creek to become involved in weed management and surveying for Nationally significant Growling Grass Frog (*Litoria raniformis*). For other management actions, refer to the Kennedy Creek Submission (Friends of Kennedy Creek 2002) and Kern (2003).

Recs 8 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°29'25" 38°03'55"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	2147		Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	9018	*	Salix spp.	Willow
+	1421	*	Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom
+	1123	*	Echium plantagineum	Paterson's Curse

Site Number: 103

Site Location: Army Road - aqueduct

Land Tenure: Council reserve

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Point

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not applicable

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wetland (derived) Complex N/A N/A

Comments:

Bunyip Main Race along Liliput Lane. Bunyip Main Race provides good quality habitat for reptiles and amphibians, as well as potential habitat for the State significant Swamp Skink (*Egernia coventryi*). Logs and natural debris piled in the aqueduct provide habitat and refuge for frogs, snakes and lizards. Emergent stags adjacent to the aqueduct provide perch sites for raptors. Species observed: Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*), Common Froglet (*Crinia signifera*), Striped Marsh Frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management. Retain natural debris in aqueduct.

Flora species recorded at Site 103	
No records	

Site Number: 104

Site Location: Army Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 58

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Damp Forest Endangered Least Concern

Comments:

This remnant forms part of a continuous vegetation belt in and adjoining the study area. Residential dwellings and horticultural gardens are scattered through the vegetation and weed issues are prevalent. This site is continuous with larger remnants, including Site 105. One of the better quality habitats in the study area.

Numerous mature trees providing hollows and spouts for nesting birds, arboreal mammals and bats. Potential habitat for small terrestrial mammals such as Swamp Rat (*Rattus lutrelous*) and Bush Rat (*Rattus fuscipes*). Potential habitat for roosting owls and/or raptors.

Fauna species observed: Grey Shrike-hrush (Colluricincla harmonica), Superb Fairy-wren (Malurus cyaneus), White-throated Treecreeper (Cormobates leucophaeus), Brown Thornbill (Acanthiza pusilla), Crimson Rosella (Platycercus elegans), Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (Cacatua galerita), Eastern Yellow Robin (Eopsaltria australis), Striated Thornbill (Acanthiza lineata), Buff-rumped Thornbill (Acanthiza reguloides), Common Bronzewing (Phaps chalcoptera), Common Blackbird* (Turdus merula), Spotted Turtledove* (Streptopelia chinensis), Common Ringtail Possum (Pseudocheirus peregrinus), Common Wombat (Vombatus ursinus), Swamp Wallaby (Wallabia bicolor), European Rabbit* (Oryctolagus cuniculus), Yabbie (Cherax sp.).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs	40 Date	: 20 Oct	2003 Location: 145°29'50" 38°02'19"	
+	57		Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	100		Acacia verticillata	Prickly Moses
+	104		Acaena agnipila	Hairy Sheep's Burr
+	123		Acrotriche serrulata	Honey-pots
+	129		Adiantum aethiopicum	Common Maidenhair
+	236	*	Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass
+	274	*	Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper
+	666		Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	895		Cyathea australis	Rough Tree-fern
+	996		Daviesia latifolia	Hop Bitter-pea
+	1030		Dianella tasmanica	Tasman Flax-lily
+	1036		Dichondra repens	Kidney-weed
+	1210	*	Erica lusitanica	Spanish Heath
+	1286		Eucalyptus goniocalyx s.1.	Bundy
+	1304		Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1489		Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	1626		Helichrysum scorpioides	Button Everlasting
+	1748	*	Hypochoeris radicata	Cat's Ear
+	1863		Lagenophora stipitata	Common Bottle-daisy
+	4701		Lepidosperma laterale var. majus	Variable Sword-sedge
+	2046		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2147		Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2539	*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2610		Poa tenera	Slender Tussock-grass
+	2757	*	Prunella vulgaris	Self-heal
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3129		Senecio tenuiflorus	Slender Fireweed
+	3558		Wahlenbergia gracilis s.l.	Sprawling Bluebell
+	8474		Geranium spp.	Crane's Bill
+	3689		Drosera peltata	Pale Sundew
+	3562	*	Watsonia meriana var. bulbillifera	Bulbil Watsonia
+	5058		Viola hederacea sensu Entwisle (1996)	Ivy-leaf Violet
+	4888		Chiloglottis valida	Common Bird-orchid
+	515		Bursaria spinosa ssp. spinosa	Sweet Bursaria

Site Number: 105

Site Location: Army Road - end of aqueduct

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 36

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Lowland Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

This remnant forms part of a continuous vegetation belt in and adjoining the study area. Residential dwellings and horticultural gardens are scattered through the vegetation and weed issues are prevalent. The majority of this remnant has been grazed and the understorey diversity has been much reduced. Outside of grazed areas the vegetation condition is improved. Large Lowland Forest remnant continuous with Site 104 but of lower habitat quality due to grazing impacts and weed invasion, particularly Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum). Ungrazed area of remnant adjacent to the property fence provides good quality habitat and contains more diverse ground layer vegetation and woody debris for reptile habitat. A farm dam provides habitat for locally common frogs. Fauna species observed: Common Bronzewing (Phaps chalcoptera), White-eared Honeyeater (Lichenostomus leucotis), Common Blackbird* (Turdus merula), Common Eastern Froglet (Crinia signifera).

Principal Management Requirements:

Rec	s 27 Date : 2	20 O	et 2003 Location : 145°29'41" 38°02'17"	
+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	100		Acacia verticillata	Prickly Moses
+	122		Acrotriche prostrata	Trailing Ground-berry
+	1038		Arthropodium strictum s.l.	Chocolate Lily
+	512		Burchardia umbellata	Milkmaids
+	666		Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	1165		Epacris impressa	Common Heath
+	1304		Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1353		Exocarpos strictus	Pale-fruit Ballart
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1489		Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	1596		Hardenbergia violacea	Purple Coral-pea
+	1748	*	Hypochoeris radicata	Cat's Ear
+	973		Joycea pallida	Silvertop Wallaby-grass
+	1956		Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2046		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2179		Microlaena stipoides var. stipoides	Weeping Grass
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2743		Prostanthera lasianthos	Victorian Christmas-bush
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3348		Tetrarrhena juncea	Forest Wire-grass
+	3399		Thysanotus patersonii	Twining Fringe-lily
+	3689		Drosera peltata	Pale Sundew
+	4845		Prostanthera lasianthos var. lasianthos	Victorian Christmas-bush
+	4291		Billardiera scandens var. scandens	Common Apple-berry
+	5058		Viola hederacea sensu Entwisle (1996)	Ivy-leaf Violet

Site Number: 106

Site Location: Reynolds Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 31

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Lowland Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

This remnant has been degraded as a result of clearing for residential dwellings and horticultural gardens, grazing and weed invasion. There is a high Pine (*Pinus radiata*) cover and much acacia regrowth. A small drainage line passes through the site. This remnant forms part of a continuous vegetation belt in and adjoining the study area. Dieback of eucalypts evident. Drainage line along Reynolds Road.

Limited habitat for fauna as remnant vegetation has been cleared and understorey is lacking and tree canopy discontinuous. However this site is continuous with other remnant vegetation in the area and along the drainage line. Several large dead trees provide hollows for fauna and/or perching sites for raptors. Fauna species observed: Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura albiscapa*), Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*), Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 13 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°29'36" 38°02'10"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57		Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	895		Cyathea australis	Rough Tree-fern
+	1304		Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1323		Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	2539	*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	1421	*	Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom

Site Number: 107

Site Location: Reynolds Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 16

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Damp Forest Endangered Least Concern

Comments:

Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) and high cover of Sweet Pittosporum (**Pittosporum undulatum*) and Pine (**Pinus radiata*) follow the drainage line. Upslope from the drainage line the site has been grazed. This remnant forms part of a continuous vegetation belt in and adjoining the study area. This remnant provides limited wildlife habitat. Eucalypts are generally young and currently provide small hollows and spouts suitable for bats and smaller hollow-nesting birds such as parrots and lorikeets.

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs 10 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°29'13" 38°02'02"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57		Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	1307		Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1956		Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2539	*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	515		Bursaria spinosa ssp. spinosa	Sweet Bursaria

Site Number: 108

Site Location: Reynolds Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 20

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This remnant forms part of a continuous vegetation belt in and adjoining the study area. It has a high Pine (*Pinus radiata) cover and the understorey has been grazed. This remnant is continuous with Site 106 and 107. This continuity adds to the habitat values of the area despite the high occurrence of established weed invasions. Evidence of birds nesting in hollow-bearing eucalypts. Striped Marsh Frog (Limnodynastes peroni) recorded in farm dam.

Principal Management Requirements:

Recs	11 Date : 20	Oct	2003 Location : 145°29'23" 38°02'19"	
+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57		Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	666		Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	1304		Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1313		Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1956		Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2539	*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble

Site Number: 109

Site Location: Thewlis Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 47

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Few areas of good vegetation quality persist in this remnant, as the understorey has been cleared in some areas, but more importantly Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) invasion is prevalent and is reducing the species diversity in the understorey. Mature hollow-bearing trees are common, however lack of indigenous shrub layer decreases habitat value. Two Common Ring-tail Possum (Pseudocheirus peregrinus) dreys were observed. Other fauna species observed: Grey Shrike-thrush (Colluricincla harmonica), Laughing Kookaburra (Dacelo novaeguineae), White-throated Treecreeper (Cormobates leucophaeus), Striated Thornbill (Acanthiza lineata), Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (Cactua galerita).

Principal Management Requirements:

Rec	s 24 Date	e : 20	Oc	et 2003 Location : 145°26'38" 38°02'35"	
+	56			Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57			Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	111			Acianthus exsertus s.l.	Gnat Orchid
+	129			Adiantum aethiopicum	Common Maidenhair
+	236		*	Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass
+	1036			Dichondra repens	Kidney-weed
+	5175	r		Eucalyptus fulgens	Green Scentbark
+	1304			Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1394			Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1626			Helichrysum scorpioides	Button Everlasting
+	4714			Lomandra longifolia ssp. longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
+	2147			Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2539		*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543		#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2602			Poa morrisii	Soft Tussock-grass
+	2777			Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998			Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3387			Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass
+	5058			Viola hederacea sensu Entwisle (1996)	Ivy-leaf Violet
+	3689			Drosera peltata	Pale Sundew
+	8978			Ranunculus spp.	Buttercup
+	4420			Dianella longifolia var. longifolia	Pale Flax-lily
+	1965			Leptospermum scoparium	Manuka
+	5126			Arthropodium strictum s.s.	Chocolate Lily

Site Number: 110

Site Location: Thewlis Road - adjacent to aqueduct

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 53

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Lowland Forest Vulnerable Least Concern

Comments:

Few areas of good vegetation quality persist in this remnant, as the understorey has been cleared in some areas, but more importantly Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) invasion is prevalent and is reducing the species diversity in the understorey. Dieback in the canopies of the eucalypts is also present.

Remnant adjacent to Bunyip Main Race and continuous with Sites 66 and 109 as well as a large block of vegetation to the north. The aqueduct provides habitat for frogs including the Common Froglet (*Crinia signifera*). Tadpoles (unidentified) were also observed. Mature hollow-bearing trees provide potential nesting habitat for owls however severe Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) invasion lessens the site's ability to support arboreal mammals which are the main prey of most owl species. Fallen timber and hollow logs increased habitat attributes for herpetological fauna. Other species observed: Spotted Pardalote (*Pardalotus punctatus*), Grey Shrike-thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*), Red-browed Finch (*Neochmia temporalis*), Striated Thornbill (*Acanthiza lineata*), Bell Miner (*Manorina melanophyrs*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), Common Blackbird* (*Turdus merula*), Common Wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*), Swamp Wallaby (*Wallabia bicolor*), Short-beaked Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Rec	s 35 Date	: 20	Oc	t 2003 Location : 145°26'36" 38°02'13"	
+	56			Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57			Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	63			Acacia myrtifolia	Myrtle Wattle
+	122			Acrotriche prostrata	Trailing Ground-berry
+	1038			Arthropodium strictum s.1.	Chocolate Lily
+	4291			Billardiera scandens var. scandens	Common Apple-berry
+	666			Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	788			Clematis aristata	Mountain Clematis
+	822			Coprosma quadrifida	Prickly Currant-bush
+	1036			Dichondra repens	Kidney-weed
+	1210		*	Erica lusitanica	Spanish Heath
+	5175	r		Eucalyptus fulgens	Green Scentbark
+	1304			Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1313			Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
+	1394			Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	8474			Geranium spp.	Crane's Bill
+	1455			Glycine clandestina	Twining Glycine
+	1489			Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	1504			Goodenia lanata	Trailing Goodenia
+	1748		*	Hypochoeris radicata	Cat's Ear
+	1863			Lagenophora stipitata	Common Bottle-daisy
+	1956			Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2147			Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2543		#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777			Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998			Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3528			Viola hederacea sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
+	8653			Lepidosperma spp.	Sword Sedge
+	1107			Drosera peltata ssp. peltata	Pale Sundew
+	8004			Acaena spp.	Sheep's Burr
+	8327			Dianella spp.	Flax Lily
+	1050			Dillwynia cinerascens s.l.	Grey Parrot-pea
+	4765		*	Cotoneaster franchetii	Grey Cotoneaster
+	3637			Acianthus exsertus s.s.	Large Mosquito-orchid
+	3516		*	Vicia hirsuta	Tiny Vetch

Site Number: 111

Site Location: Thewlis Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 19

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts and acacias over an exotic, grazed understorey. Some old growth Blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*) are present, but there is some dieback in the canopies and death of trees. There is evidence of ring barking of the eucalypts by cattle. Limited value for wildlife habitat per se., although contributes to landscape habitat "stepping stones" with Sites 112-116.

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs 2 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : $145^{\circ}26'55"$ $38^{\circ}02'46"$

+ 57 Acacia melanoxylon Blackwood + 1307 Eucalyptus ovata Swamp Gum

Site Number: 112

Site Location: Thewlis Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Damp Heathy Woodland Vulnerable Depleted

Comments:

Fragmented remnants of scattered eucalypts over an exotic, grazed understorey. Some wetter areas carry small patches of Swamp Scrub (*Melaleuca ericifolia*). There is some ring barking of eucalypts by cattle. Limited value for wildlife habitat per se., although contributes to landscape habitat "stepping stones" with Sites 111 and 113-116.

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Flora species recorded at Site 112						
No records						

Site Number: 113

Site Location: Thewlis Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Damp Heathy Woodland Vulnerable Depleted

Comments:

Scattered eucalypts surrounding a residential dwelling. Contains some larger potentially hollow-bearing trees. Limited value for wildlife habitat per se., although contributes to landscape habitat "stepping stones" with Sites 111, 112 and 114-116.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 113						
No records						

Site Number: 114

Site Location: Lamour Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Damp Heathy Woodland Vulnerable Depleted

Comments:

Large remnant block with grazed understorey. Provides habitat stepping stone to larger remnants in the north via Site 119, Site 109 and roadside remnants.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 114		
No records		

Site Number: 115

Site Location: Peck Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

This site is grazed by goats which decreases the vegetation quality. There is dieback in the canopies and death of trees. The adjoining road reserve is heavily infested with exotic species. The site is continuous with Site 116. Fauna species observed: Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*), Bell Miner (*Manorina melanophyrs*), Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Spotted Turtledove* (*Streptopelia chinensis*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs 9 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°26'45" 38°03'17"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	666	Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	1304	Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1956	Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble

Site Number: 116

Site Location: Peck Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 17

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Damp Heathy Woodland Vulnerable Depleted

Comments:

Small remnant continuous with Site 115. This site is of very poor vegetation quality. The understorey is infested with Blackberry (**Rubus* sp.)

Fauna species observed: Grey Shrike-thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*), Striated Thornbill (*Acanthiza lineata*), Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*), Bell Miner (*Manorina melanophyrs*), Common Starling* (*Sturnus vulgaris*), Red Fox* (*Vulpes vulpes*), Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs 9 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°26'49" 38°03'19"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	666	Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	666	Cassinia aculeata	Common Cassinia
+	867	* Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn
+	1304	Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1350	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	2147	Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark
+	2543	# Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	8998	Rubus spp.	Bramble

Site Number: 117

Site Location: Peck Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swamp Scrub Endangered Endangered

Comments:

Drainage line habitat containing patchy remnants of Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca ericifolia*). Potential habitat for locally common frog species. Habitat unlikely to support Swamp Skink (FFG) (*Egernia coventryi*) as too fragmented and diminished.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Recs 4 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°25'54" 38°03'30"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	57	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
+	1307	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum
+	2147	Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp Paperbark

Site Number: 118

Site Location: Godfrey Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 13

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Remnant vegetation around private residence and extending into grazed farmland, continuous with vegetation associated with the Bunyip Main Race and Sites 109 and 110. Flock of 21 Cattle Egrets (*Ardea ibis*), some in breeding plumage, feeding in paddock. Other fauna species observed: Magpielark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*), Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*), Spotted Turtledove* (*Streptopelia chinensis*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs 3 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°26'00" 38°02'24"

+	56	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1304	Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1313	Eucalyptus radiata s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint

Site Number: 119

Site Location: Brown Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Woodland Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Swampy Woodland following creek. The understorey is grazed and dieback and death of eucalypts is present. Scattered trees are linked with drainage line vegetation, Site 114 and 109, increasing habitat potential. Fauna species observed: Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*), Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Recs 7 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°26'13" 38°02'45"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1304		Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	2539	*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble

Site Number: 120

Site Location: Peterson Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 23

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Swampy Riparian Endangered Depleted

Comments:

This site is continuous with a vegetation belt which extends outside the study area. It is heavily invaded by Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum) and Blackberry (*Rubus sp.). Continuous with Site 121 and large remnant block to the north of the study area. Eucalypts are suffering from dieback and there are few hollows for fauna habitat. Native vegetation provides ground cover for native rodents (e.g. Swamp Rat (Rattus lutreolus), Bush Rat (Rattus fuscipes)). Fauna species observed: Bell Miner (Manorina melanophyrs), Common Blackbird* (Turdus merula).

Principal Management Requirements:

Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs 9 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°25'28" 38°02'21"

+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	1304		Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1956		Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2543	#	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
+	2777		Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
+	8998		Rubus spp.	Bramble
+	3689		Drosera peltata	Pale Sundew

Site Number: 121

Site Location: Peterson Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 20/10/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 51

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

The understorey is probably slashed, but the understorey diversity is still good. The site is adjacent to a road reserve of excellent vegetation quality. Continuous with Site 120 and large remnant block to the north of the study area. Fauna species observed: Crimson Rosella (*Platycercus elegans*), Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) Magpie-lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), Common Mynah* (*Acridotheres tristis*), Short-beaked Echidna (*Tachglossus aculeatus*).

Principal Management Requirements:

Weed management. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Recs 33 Date : 20 Oct 2003 Location : 145°25'23"	38°02'16"
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+	56		Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
+	91		Acacia stricta	Hop Wattle
+	105		Acaena novae-zelandiae	Bidgee-widgee
+	110		Nemacianthus caudatus	Mayfly Orchid
+	123		Acrotriche serrulata	Honey-pots
+	1038		Arthropodium strictum s.l.	Chocolate Lily
+	4291		Billardiera scandens var. scandens	Common Apple-berry
+	512		Burchardia umbellata	Milkmaids
+	589		Calochilus robertsonii	Purple Beard-orchid
+	1110		Drosera whittakeri ssp. aberrans	Scented Sundew
+	1165		Epacris impressa	Common Heath
+	1304		Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate Stringybark
+	1350		Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
+	1394		Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
+	1489		Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
+	1504		Goodenia lanata	Trailing Goodenia
+	973		Joycea pallida	Silvertop Wallaby-grass
+	1956		Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
+	2539	*	Pinus radiata	Radiata Pine
+	2569		Platylobium obtusangulum	Common Flat-pea
+	4138		Pultenaea gunnii ssp. gunnii	Golden Bush-pea
+	3382		Thelymitra pauciflora s.l.	Slender Sun-orchid
+	3387		Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass
+	3528		Viola hederacea sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
+	3689		Drosera peltata	Pale Sundew
+	8909		Poa spp.	Tussock Grass
+	8327		Dianella spp.	Flax Lily
+	9101		Stylidium spp.	Trigger Plant
+	4439		Acianthus pusillus	Small Mosquito-orchid
+	8535		Hibbertia spp.	Guinea Flower
+	2042		Lomandra filiformis	Wattle Mat-rush
+	2048		Lomandra multiflora ssp. multiflora	Many-flowered Mat-rush
+	4138		Pultenaea gunnii ssp. gunnii	Golden Bush-pea

Site Number: 122

Site Location: Brown Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/12/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wet Heathland N/A Depleted

Comments:

Wet Heathland remnant continuous with sites 123 and 109.

Principal Management Requirements:

This remnant forms part of contiguous belt of vegetation through this area. Protect this remnant and associated sites from clearance. Encourage recruitment of overstorey trees and shrubs to improve the continuity of the vegetation in the area. Weed management. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Flora species recorded at Site 122	
No records	

Site Number: 123

Site Location: Brown Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/12/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Damp Heathy Woodland Vulnerable Depleted

Comments:

Damp Heathy Woodland remnant continuous with sites 118 and 122.

Principal Management Requirements:

This remnant forms part of contiguous belt of vegetation through this area. Protect this remnant and associated sites from clearance. Encourage recruitment of overstorey trees and shrubs to improve the continuity of the vegetation in the area. Weed management. Retain fallen timber and dead/senescing trees.

Flora species recorded at Site 123
No records

Site Number: 124

Site Location: Beaconsfield - Emerald Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 18/12/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

Grassy Forest remnant continuous with site 31.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

lora species recorded at Site 124	
To records	

Site Number: 125

Site Location: O'Neil Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Aerial photography

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 19/12/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Shrubby Gully Forest Vulnerable Vulnerable

Comments:

Very small remnant of Shrubby Gully Forest. This site is continuous 31.

Principal Management Requirements:

Management recommendations not given.

Flora species recorded at Site 125	
No records	

Site Number: 126

Site Location: Mary Road

Land Tenure: Unknown

Data Source: Literature

Data Type: Not applicable

Data Representation: Point

Data Collection Date: 19/12/2003

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Wetland (derived) Complex N/A N/A

Comments:

Growling Grass Frog (Litoria raniformis) recorded at this site.

Principal Management Requirements:

Manage for Nationally significant Growling Grass Frog (Litoria raniformis).

Flora species recorded at Site 126	
No records	

Site Number: 127

Site Location: McGregor Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: On-site survey

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 17/01/2004

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: Not known

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Plains Grassland Endangered Endangered

Comments:

The site had been disturbed by grazing but still has patches of Plains Grassland persisting amongst exotic grasses.

Principal Management Requirements:

A detailed flora and fauna survey is recommended prior to any works on the site. A spring survey is recommended to establish whether *Prasophyllum* spp. and/or *Diuris punctata* persist at the site.

+	0153	*	Agrostis capillaris	Brown-top Bent
+	0967		Austrodanthonia laevis	Smooth Wallaby-grass
+	0496	*	Briza minor	Lesser Quaking-grass
+	0702	*	Centaurium erythraea	Common Centaury
+	0706		Centella cordifolia	Centella
+	1185		Eragrostis brownii	Common Love-grass
+	1654		Hemarthria uncinate var. uncinata	Mat Grass
+			Microtis unifolia s.l.	Onion-orchid
+	3039		Schoenus apogon	Common Bog-sedge
+	3382		Thelymitra pauciflora s.l.	Slender Sun-orchid
+	3387		Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass

Site Number: 128

Site Location: O,Neil Road

Land Tenure: Private property

Data Source: Literature

Data Type: Species list

Data Representation: Polygon

Data Collection Date: 25/04/2002

Vegetation Condition Field Assessment: 3

EVC Name / Significance: Gippsland Plain Bioregion Highlands - Southern Fall Bioregion

Grassy Forest Endangered Vulnerable

Comments:

The site has been disturbed by stock and is relatively species poor and weed invaded.

Principal Management Requirements:

Refer to Beveridge Williams and Co. (2002).

Flora species recorded at Site 128	
No record.	

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Appendix 1. Vegetation Condition Field Assessment - Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI) Flora Research

Site Name/No.	'Atlas/FIS' Cro	ss Reference Date	
Observer(s)	***************************************	Map Name/No AMG	
Tenure	EVC		
Vegetation Conditi	ion Field As:	sessment - ARI Flora Resear	rch
		Organic Litter	Score
over* of Weeds	Score	Category & Description	Value
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Component	'Condition Score'							'Landscape Context Score'			
	Large Trees	Tree Canopy Cover	Understorey	Cover of Weeds	Recruitment	Litter	Logs	Neighbourhood	Patch Size	Distance Core Area	TOTAL
Max Score	10	5	25	15	10	5	5	10	10	5	100

Appendix 2. significance.	Maps of City of Casey Study area showing locations of sites of Biodiversity

