

GREEN WEDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Green Wedge Management Plan project update

February 2016

Introduction

It has been a busy 12 months for the Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP) project.

The GWMP was adopted by Council as Council's formal position on the Green Wedge in December 2014, with the Action Plan subsequently adopted in April 2015.

Since that time officers have been busy progressing some of the many actions contained within the Plan.



Planning Scheme Amendment C143

Council Officers have been preparing changes to the Planning Scheme (known as Amendment C143) to introduce the key land use recommendations of the GWMP into the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

This involves some rezoning of land, introducing a temporary vegetation protection control over the area for larger native trees and also updating Council's local policies – which provide guidance and controls for the area.

This amendment is on public exhibition and available for comment in February and early March 2016.

Flood mapping

Council has now partnered with Melbourne Water to undertake flood modelling within the Bangholme Lowlands Catchment (the area defined as the Bangholme Lowlands Precinct of the Green Wedge).

The project should be completed by June 2016 and will give Council and Melbourne Water a clear picture of the areas where flooding is most likely to occur and better inform planning decisions for new use and development proposals in the area.



Area subject to current flood mapping (Bangholme Lowlands Precinct)

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Information fact sheets

Officers have also been preparing information fact sheets for Green Wedge owners and residents covering the five themes of the GWMP as follows:

Fact Sheet	Topics covered
Flooding	Provides information on flooding & inundation in the Green Wedge, improvement works Council and Melbourne Water have undertaken in the area recently and information regarding private drain ownership responsibilities
Transport	Provides links to the current TravelSmart Maps for cycle and walking routes through the Green Wedge and also provides information regarding Council's future plans for the network
Cultural Heritage	Contains basic information regarding the Aboriginal Heritage Act, the types of cultural heritage found in the Green Wedge, links to online resources and details of the three local indigenous communities and organisations
Environment	Lists the biodiversity values and vision for the Green Wedge, discusses regulatory roles and controls, contains information regarding preferred planting, weed management and planting days
Rubbish Dumping & Fill	Gives advice for what to do if you see rubbish being dumped or littering occurring in and around the Green Wedge as well as locations to legally dispose of your waste. It also contains information regarding fill and the consequences of accepting poor quality fill on to your property

Each of these sheets is available for view and download from Council's website:

www.greaterdandenong.com

What's next?

Council Officers will continue to progress Amendment C143 with the view of having the amendment adopted and approved this time next year.

Various Council departments will also continue to commence and finalise their actions from the GWMP.

For further information please visit Council's website at www.greaterdandenong.com and search for the 'Green Wedge' page or call Council's Strategic Planning Department on 8571 1000.

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