

# GREEN WEDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN



## Green Wedge Management Plan project update

### September 2017

It has been another busy year for the Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP) project. Of the 94 actions, 24 have now been completed with a further 24 commenced or ongoing.

#### A call out to landowners and would be tenants

Council would like to assist owners of unused or poorly maintained land by establishing a database of land owners and interested agricultural, education, recreational, sporting and cultural operators.

#### Planning Scheme Amendment C143

In order to introduce key land use changes to the Green Wedge, an amendment to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme was required.

The amendment has now been approved by the Minister for Planning and results in the:

- Rezoning of land in the north part of Keysborough to the Green Wedge A Zone
- Protection for all larger native trees – **you may now need a planning permit from Council to remove these**
- Updating Council's policy regarding preferred land uses and building heights

**There are no changes to the existing minimum subdivision sizes or the extent of the Urban Growth Boundary.**

#### Green Wedge Vegetation Study

Council is committed to protecting and enhancing the environmental values of the Green Wedge. In order to achieve this, Council will shortly commence a detailed study to gain a better understanding of the extent of remnant plant and animal species in the Green Wedge.

This will also include mapping of the presence and distribution of weed species to enable better management of the area.

Council will write to all owners and occupiers within the main section of the Green Wedge to let you know when this study is to start and to seek help in gaining access to properties where required.



#### Business in the Green Wedge update

- Continued support for the emerging tourism precinct developing in the Riverend Road area
- Large scale agricultural operators are interested in setting up and operating in our Green Wedge
- Ongoing discussions are also occurring with the Eastern Treatment Plan concerning recycled water use

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## Traffic and transport

### Thompsons Road upgrade

Council continues to advocate for upgrades to the wider road network, with a focus initially on the Thompsons Road capacity issues in the eastbound direction.

Capacity upgrades to Thompsons Road are currently underway as part of a \$175 million Victorian Government funded project. Duplication works on Thompsons Road through the Greater Dandenong Green Wedge are expected to begin in late 2017.

The full upgrade of Thompsons Road is anticipated to be complete by mid-2019.

### Federal Blackspot Funding

Council has recently obtained Federal Blackspot Funding for road safety improvements at the corner of Riverend Road and McMahrens Road, Bangholme.

### Integrated Transport Plan

Council, through its adopted Integrated Transport Plan, is going to start work on a Council wide public transport advocacy statement to attempt to get better services, in both frequency and coverage, to our Green Wedge.

## Melbourne Water update

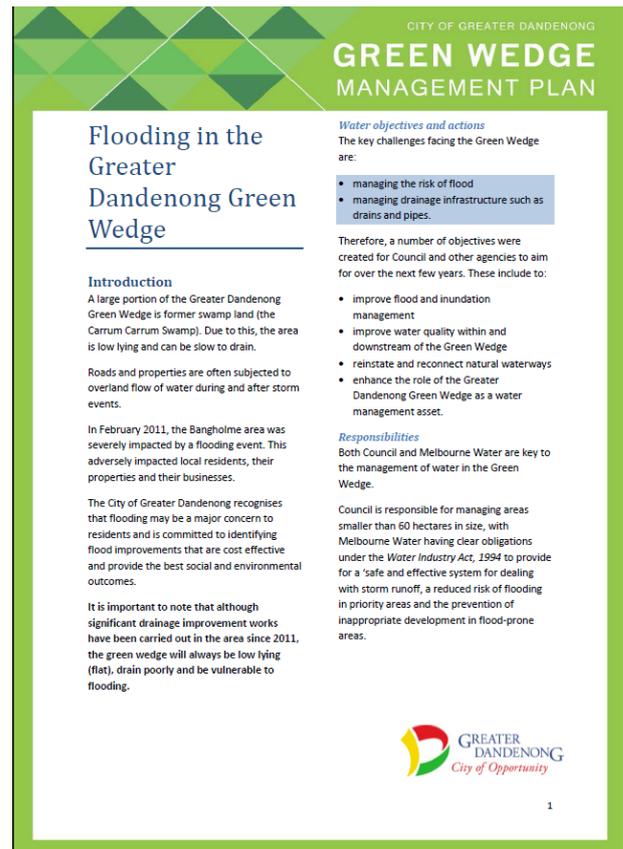
Melbourne Water and Council are to complete flood mapping for the Green Wedge by early 2018.

This is a key action of the Green Wedge Management Plan and is a vital component in being able to better protect infrastructure assets and private property.

## Information fact sheets

A number of detailed fact sheets have been prepared for issues such as flooding, transport, cultural heritage, the environment and information concerning rubbish dumping and fill in the Green Wedge.

Please visit [www.greaterdandenong.com](http://www.greaterdandenong.com) for further information.



## What's next?

Council will continue to commence and finalise actions from the Green Wedge Management Plan.

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

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