### CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

# 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 McMahens 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 <u>www.greaterdandenong.com</u> for further information.

#### GREEN WEDGE Water objectives and actions The key challenges facing the Green Wedge Flooding in the Greater managing the risk of flood managing drainage infrastructure such as drains and pipes. Dandenong Green Wedge Therefore, a number of objectives were created for Council and other agencies to aim for over the next few years. These include to Introduction A large portion of the Greater Dandenong Green Wedge is former swamp land (the improve flood and inundation management Carrum Carrum Swamp), Due to this, the area improve water quality within and is low lying and can be slow to drain. downstream of the Green Wedge reinstate and reconnect natural waterways enhance the role of the Greater Roads and properties are often subjected to overland flow of water during and after storm Dandenong Green Wedge as a water events. management asset. In February 2011, the Bangholme area was severely impacted by a flooding event. This adversely impacted local residents, their properties and their businesses. oth Council and Melbourne Water are key to he management of water in the Green Wedge. The City of Greater Dandenong recognises The City of Greater Dandenong recognises that flooding may be a major concern to residents and is committed to identifying flood improvements that are cost effective and provide the best social and environmental outcomes. Council is responsible for managing areas smaller than 60 hectares in size smaller than 60 hectares in size, with Melbourne Water having clear obligations under the Water Industry Act, 1994 to provid for a 'safe and effective system for dealing with storm runoff, a reduced risk of flooding in priority areas and the prevention of It is important to note that although significant drainage improvement works have been carried out in the area since 2011, inappropriate development in flood-prone areas the green carried out in the area sind the green wedge will always be low h (flat), drain poorly and be vulnerable oding. GREATER DANDENONG City of Opportunity

### 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 <u>www.greaterdandenong.com</u> and search for the 'Green Wedge' page or call Council's Strategic Planning Department on 8571 1000.



