

Indigenous plants of the Geelong Region

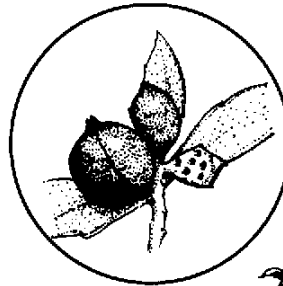
ZONE 18

Consists of moderate to highly fertile sandy loam, with some silt and clay soils. Mostly flat and well drained it includes some escarpments and areas of erosion. Some areas are saline. The average rainfall is 40 - 45cm.

WERRIBEE PLAINS - RIVERS & WATERCOURSES

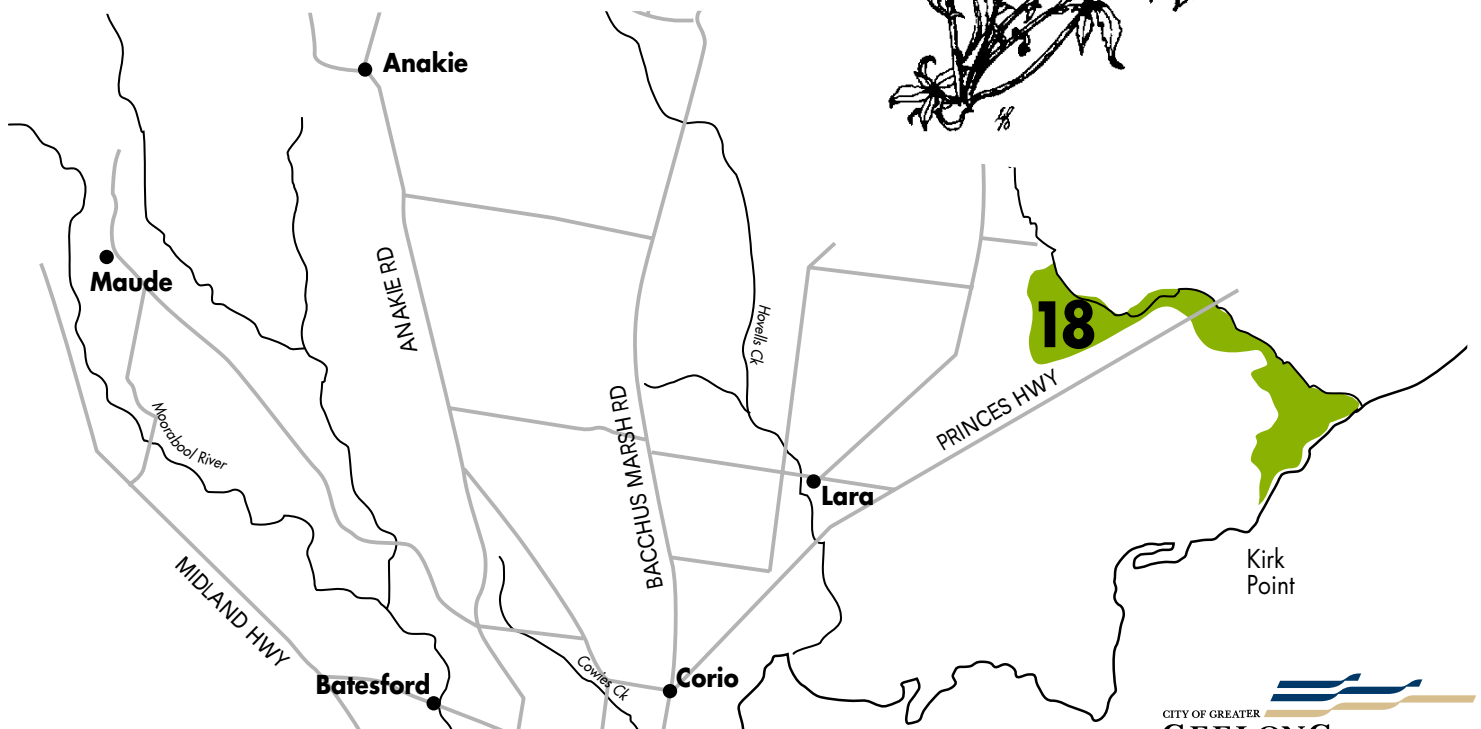
This zone applies to all the major watercourses across the Werribee Plains zones (eg. the Werribee and Little River, Skeleton and Lollypop Creeks).

The vegetation on the escarpments of the major watercourses was originally more diverse than what now occurs. Tree species included Blackwood, Drooping Sheoke, Lightwood and River Red Gum. Shrub species such as Rock Correa and Shrub Violet were also restricted to these drier areas. Tree species such as Blue Box and River Red Gum and shrub species such as Woolly Tea-tree, Silver Wattle and River Bottlebrush may have occurred near permanent water. Tussock Grass occurred along the edges of watercourses.



Saltbush

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TREE SPECIES

Zone 18 Werribee Plains Rivers & Watercourses

Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Escarpmnts	River banks & watercourses
Lightwood	<i>Acacia implexa</i>	5-15 x 4-7	◆	
Black Wattle	<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	8-25 x 6-10	◆	
Blackwood	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	5-30 x 4-15	◆	◆
Drooping Sheoke	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	4-11 x 3-6	◆	
White Cypress Pine	<i>Callitris glaucophylla</i>	2-3 x 3-20	◆ uncommon	
Blue Box	<i>Eucalyptus baueriana</i>	10-20 x 20		◆
River Red Gum	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	15-35 x 15-35	◆ uncommon	◆
Cherry Ballart	<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>	3-8 x 3-5	◆ uncommon	
Moonah	<i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i>	1-8 x 3-6	◆ uncommon	

SHRUB SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Escarpmnts	River banks & watercourses
Gold-dust Wattle	<i>Acacia acinacea</i>	0.5-2.5 x 2-4	◆ uncommon	◆ mudflats of creeks
Silver Wattle	<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	6-30 x 5-10		◆
Hedge Wattle	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	2-4 x 2-5		◆ Skeleton Ck. waterholes
Wirilda	<i>Acacia retinodes</i>	4-8 x 3-5	◆ Werribee River	◆ Werribee River
Varnish Wattle	<i>Acacia verniciflua</i>	3-5 x 3-5		◆ Werribee River
Sweet Bursaria	<i>Bursaria spinosa var macrophylla</i>	2-6 x 2-3	◆	◆ mudflats of creeks
River Bottlebrush	<i>Callistemon sieberi</i>	3-10 x 2-6		◆
Rock Correa	<i>Correa glabra</i>	1-3 x 1-3	◆	
Giant Hop Bush	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	1-3 x 1-3	◆	◆ mudflats of creeks
Turkey Bush	<i>Eremophila deserti</i>	1-4 x 2	◆ uncommon	◆ mudflats of creeks
Shrub Violet	<i>Hymenanthera dentata</i>	2-4 x 1-2.5	◆	
Prickly Tea-tree	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	1-4 x 1-2		◆ Werribee River
Woolly Tea-tree	<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	2-6 x 1-3		◆ Werribee River & Skeleton Creek.
Swamp Paper-bark	<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	2-9 x 3		◆ rare
Tangled Lignum	<i>Muehlenbeckia florulenta</i>	2 x 2	◆ Little River	◆ Little River
Common Boobialla	<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	1-6 x 3	◆ Werribee River	◆ mudflats of creeks
Sticky Boobialla	<i>Myoporum viscosum</i>	0.5-2 x 1.5-2	◆	◆ rare
Mutton-wood	<i>Rapanea howittiana</i>	3-10 x 2-4		◆ Skeleton Creek
Kangaroo Apple	<i>Solanum laciniatum</i>	1-3 x 1-3		

GROUNDCOVER AND TUSSOCK SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Escarpmnts	River banks & watercourses
Berry saltbush	<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	0.3 x 1-3	◆	◆ Skeleton Creek
Tussock Grass	<i>Poa labillardieri</i>	0.8 x 0.8		◆

◆ - species is present in areas of remnant vegetation ◆ - species once occurred in this area