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UNDERWOOD AVENUE BUSHLAND UNDER SPOTLIGHT AGAIN

The Friends of Underwood Avenue Bushland and the community have been active for over seven years in trying to save Underwood Avenue Bushland from 'development' for housing by the University of Western Australia.

The linking Shenton Bushland was planned to be an industrial park, but through the intervention of the community, Richard Court's Liberal Government saved the bushland. Shenton Bushland was Crown land but Underwood Avenue Bushland is privately owned.

The Underwood Avenue Bushland which was six hundred and fourteen acres, was given to the University in 1904, by King Edward V11, by the Grace of God, and of the British Dominion beyond the seas, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, in consideration of the sum of five shillings and a yearly peppercorn rent.

The deed was witnessed by; Our trusty and well-beloved Admiral Sir F.G.D. Bedford G.C.B Governor of Our said State, to affix to these Presents the Public Seal of the said State.

Sealed this 30th dav of June one thousand nine hundred and four.

That was 1904. It is now 2007, 103 years later and a vast area of our remnant bushland has and is still being destroyed. The community does not want housing in this bushland.

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While the issue of climate change and energy use has hit the political agenda with a giant thud, the issue of biodiversity and bushland clearing has not. The mining boom throughout the State and the parallel property boom in the south west have both pushed out any focus on bushland conservation.

Political interest in biodiversity at State as well as both federal and local government levels is remarkably absent. There is almost a cringe mentality about bushland. This is a sad reflection of public ignorance and disconnection from the beauty and richness of the city's Banksia Woodlands - a heritage that occurs nowhere else.

While the UBC is a strong supporter of Bush Forever, we remain critical of the State Government's half-hearted commitment to its implementation. Bush Forever sites being steadily acquired under the \$100 million allocated over 10 years is welcome news. However this level of funding was never enough. Estimates at the start were in the order of \$500 - 750 million. In today's inflated land values, a more realistic estimate for implementation is at least \$1 billion.

The State, however, could have been doing a lot more in planning control processes by introducing a conservation zone or equivalent mechanisms which secure in law conservation as the only permitted land use for *all* Bush Forever sites. Partial implementation of sites, in a swiss cheese style, for areas such as the Jandakot Botanic Park are unacceptable. The list in the box identifies some of the promised initiatives in Bush Forever that the UBC again calls for.

There are many significant bushland sites under threat. Underwood Avenue bushland is again threatened by UWA's imminent proposals for housing in good quality bushland of Bush Forever site 119. The 'Negotiated Planning Solution' process has failed for this site - ie no agreement has been reached over at least 7 years of deliberations. The UBC does not support clearing of any of this site as its values are so significant, and one important value is its good size. It includes a now rare example for Perth of 'old growth' Jarrah Woodland, as well as an unusually large population of *Banksia prionotes* woodland. More news is given in another article on this.

The UBC has received many complaints recently about clearing at Perth Airport and at Jandakot Airport. In both cases it involves Commonwealth land under Commonwealth jurisdiction, Bush Forever sites, and severe loss of habitat in 2 of the top 3 sites for fauna in the Perth region. The UBC has objected to these clearing proposals to no avail and there are no effective appeal rights under Commonwealth Airports law.

This year the UBC has not received a Community Conservation Grant to help support our office and part-time employment of a Project Officer. So we are appealing to UBC members and supporters as well as the general public for donations to help. The UBC office is a vital focal point for co-ordination of our activities and supports the huge amount of work which is done by members voluntarily.

There are many positive achievements despite the setbacks. The UBC's challenge is to raise public awareness and involvement in urban bushland, to provide a collective voice for the bush, and to help keep what we can.

Please give generously to the UBC - your voice for the bush!

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bushland of Underwood Avenue since early 2000 when the University first proposed a housing development. Various other proposals have been promoted since then but the proposals have either been modified, withdrawn or approval has not been given. The community became aware of the latest proposal for housing a few days before Christmas of 2006, when the University put out a media statement and the proposal was reported in the *Subiaco Post* newspaper. These are the first two paragraphs of the media statement, Wednesday, December 20, 2006:

The University of Western Australia is to recommence the approval process for development of part of its endowment land at the corner of Selby Street and Underwood Avenue, ShentonPark.

UWA Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Robson said the University needed to unlock the capital value of this asset if it was to meet its mission of achieving international excellence for the benefit the community [sic] and the State.

The profit for the UWA in 2005 was \$41,964,000.

Urban Bushland Council members had met Mr McGowan, Minister for the Environment, putting to him the case for protection of Underwood Avenue Bushland as a linkage in the greenway of Bold Park, Underwood Avenue Bushland, Shenton Bushland and Kings Park. Mr McGowan said that the proposal had merit and that he would convene a meeting of the bushland owners and managers. This did not happen.

Because of previous criticisms about lack of consultation by the University, the EPA requested that the University consult over their latest proposal. The meetings which followed resulted in great anger as the University insisted on its right to destroy the bushland. They also said that the University will continue to fight the Water Corporation in the Supreme Court, a fight which has already cost both the UWA and the Water Corporation millions of community dollars. The fight is to force the Water Corporation to reduce the buffer zone around the nearby Sewerage Treatment Works so that the University can then put housing on the entire 'super block.' The necessary smallest allowable bushland conservation area is part of the plan.

We call on the Government to take a courageous stand to protect Underwood Avenue Bushland for the intrinsic value of the bushland and for the long term benefit to the community of people, future generations, flora, fauna and fungi.

Please write to Mr Mark McGowan, MLA, supporting Underwood Avenue Bushland: Minister for the Environment, Climate Change & Disability Services 10th Floor, Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, WEST PERTH WA 6005

The City of South Perth is seeking public comment by **16 March 2007** on the proposal to rename the Waterford Foreshore Reserve

to Andrew Thomson Conservation Reserve.

Andrew Thomson (UBC President in 2002-2003), died on 8 August 2004, following a long battle with cancer. He was involved in many community groups, spreading his passion for the environment and the City proposes to acknowledge the outstanding contribution to the South Perth community by Andrew.



Perth's bushland - a case of unknown identity?

By Mary Gray

Perth is a city of Banksia Woodlands: no other city in Australia or the rest of the world shares this feature. Not only are Perth's Banksia Woodlands unique, they are also incredibly rich in species diversity.

'Perth's biodiversity is one of the highest recorded in any major city" (Bush Forever 2000: The Vision p vii). Indeed we are privileged to live in the biodiversity capital of Australia.

We have an old, species rich flora because it has evolved over millions of years on an ancient stable landscape, one of few on earth.

How many people in Perth, however, recognise this? How many have *never* walked through their local bushland, nor taken their children to explore the treasures of nature in their own suburb?

How many people could name four trees which grow naturally in the Perth region?

How many have never heard of Bush Forever, and how many *have* visited their local Bush Forever sites?

How many people appreciate that Perth's icon *Banksia menziesii* is 50 million years old?

And that its pollinator the tiny Honey Possum (on the UBC's logo) is also ancient at 45 million years. The lineage of another ancient relic in suburbia *- Dasypogon -* goes back a remarkable 120 million years. That's the age of the dinosaurs! The tiny Western Swamp Tortoise, now listed as critically endangered, is the only relic of a 15 - 20 million year old genus. Do any of these living museum species existing in our suburbs receive the focus of endearing attention in school classrooms, as do the dinosaurs?

Climate change is a chilling reality and has suddenly jumped to public attention in the media. Despite the fact that urban bushland is a counterbalance to greenhouse gas emissions (it is a carbon sink), it is not sharing the limelight of attention in the climate change debate. And bushland is disappearing fast. Land clearing for development, fragmentation, falling groundwater levels, incursions of dieback, fire and weed invasion are all serious threats.

We wonder whether our ancient Banksia Woodlands can survive

the next 100 years. A dramatic shift in community attitudes is essential if we are to save this irreplaceable heritage. But awareness must come first.

The UBC is keen to help provoke a new wave of community awareness about Perth's fascinating identity in Banksia Woodlands. Our challenge is to raise community involvement in local bushland by fostering interest. It is then up to the whole community to keep what we can.

UBC activities last year together with the quiet but persistent network of ongoing programs run by Friends groups are a small step towards this huge task. The Chairman of the WA Planning Commission has made a commitment to support a **Bush For***ever Festival* in spring 2007. This initiative arose from the Bush Forever Forum held by DPI and the WAPC last June and further developed by Bronwen Keighery (DEC). A stakeholder group, including the UBC and the Conservation Council, is yet to meet to start the ball rolling. Watch out for further news about this exciting initiative.



This honey possum (*Tarsipes rostratus*) was photographed in a private garden in Jurien Bay. While they usually feed at night, this little fellow was enjoying his meal at daylight and did not seem to be bothered by the presence of the photographer.

Honey possum is portrayed on the UBC's logo.

WAKE-UP CALL FOR BUSH FOREVER

The UBC calls for urgent Government attention to accelerate implementation of Bush Forever *as a positive conservation priority* including:

- Immediate passing of the Bush Forever Major Amendment BUT ALSO INCLUDING 'Bush Forever Protection Areas' as Special Control Areas on each of the 287 Bush Forever Sites with provision for additional sites ie WAPC to reinstate BFPA as advertised and to prohibit clearing as a land use.
- Greatly increased State Government funding to secure all sites for conservation in some way.
- Introduction of the promised 'Revolving Fund' to secure suitable rural and other sites for ongoing private ownership.
- Dismiss and ban the concept of subdivision for conservation of rural sites.
- Definition (through a collaborative process) of a management authority for those sites already secured but still unmanaged.
- Proper funding and technical resources (training etc) for management.
- Mandatory requirement for all local government authorities to prepare Local Biodiversity Plans according to the PBP Local Biodiversity Planning Guidelines and to implement them.
- An extensive ongoing program to raise public awareness and appreciation of Bush Forever. Initiate the promised 'Bush Forever Festival' to be funded by the WAPC.

STATE WATER PLAN TOO WEAK

A radical change in the management of the state's water resources and water supplies is essential if we are to retain our unique bushland and wetland ecosystems in the face of climate change and the mining boom.

While the sudden public interest in climate change is most welcome, an attitude of complacency prevails amongst government agencies and policy makers. A selfish right to use unlimited quantities of 'free' fresh water, and a right to exploit 'private' water resources regardless of impacts on nature are common place attitudes today, unfettered by government policies.

There is grave concern for the health of our natural bushland areas in a drying climate. The over-use of backyard and municipal bores in the Perth region is adding to stress in local bushland and wetlands. Tree decline in the Perth region is clearly evident. The Gnangara and Lake Gwelup borefields are being seriously over exploited by the Water Corporation and for irrigated horticulture, resulting in steeply falling water tables. Increasing acidity is a consequent problem for Lake Gwelup, a Bush Forever site and important waterbird habitat. Can the Lake Gwelup habitat and the Gnangara Mound ecosystems survive this assault for the next 30 or 50 years?

The UBC is calling for a fundamental change in community attitudes about water. We need to move towards a water conservation ethic as part of a general nature conservation ethic. The UBC • believes that '*The draft State Water Plan*' should be revised (especially in the Implementation Strategy) to reflect this and to lead the change process. The general Policy objectives in the 'Water Policy Framework' are supported, but the actions proposed to meet these objectives are far too weak.

Some of the key points made in the UBC's submission on the State Water Plan follow.

• Water is far too cheap and prices need to rise considerably for all sectors.

- Government policy should lead the fostering of a water conservation ethic as part of a nature conservation ethic
- Dramatically increased efficiency of use is essential. Economic incentives for reducing use include charges by volume for *all* private, commercial and industrial abstraction from surface and groundwater sources. Meters on groundwater bores and for surface water abstraction are advocated.
- Increase recycling and reuse
- The water resources of the land and sea belong to nature's ecosystems of which we humans are just a part. It can be argued then that water resources belong to everyone and are a public resource which is only 'borrowed' for human uses. The rationale is that all users are privileged to be supplied with or to take clean water from the environment, but it is at nature's cost. Using water may degrade its quality (ie pollute it) before returning it to the environment in a different part of the ecosystem. It is logical to pay for the privilege of use.
- The management of water resources is a Government responsibility in the public interest and public water supplies should never be privatised.
- Water resource management must take climate change into account
- Reduce abstraction from stressed areas including removal of irrigated agriculture off groundwater mounds used for public supply
- Protect wetland and groundwater dependent ecosystems
- Manage groundwater levels in areas of Acid Sulphate Soil risk including drains

HOW TO REPORT DAMAGE TO VEGETATION SURROUNDING DRAINAGE SUMPS

There has been considerable damage to sumps in both the City of Stirling and City of Joondalup from spraying last year. Effects became evident in October - November 2006 and is really showing now with tree and shrub deaths and dieback.

The City of Stirling advised concerned residents that Turfmasters sprayed 140 sumps with a **mixture** of glyphosate and Hexazinone in June 2006. Joondalup sumps were sprayed in April that year.

Hexazinone is a chemical designed to kill trees and is persistent. The label on Hexazinone does not specify its use on sumps - its use on sumps is an **'off label use'** and is thus not legal. And the use on sumps surrounded by desirable trees, shrubs, etc is contrary to the label warning:

" Do not apply product on or near desirable trees or other plants or on areas where their roots may extend, 2 times their height depending on species or other conditions"

Commercial Operators have to be licensed to use these chemicals and must use products according to the lablel specifications. Please have a good look at sumps in your area and consider sending in reports to the relevant authorities as follows:

1. The Commonwealth: Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority

on an 'Adverse Experience Reporting Form for Agricultural Chemicals" **go to www.apvma.gov.au**, then click on' forms' (up top). Go down to 2nd page where it says 'adverse experience reporting "environmental effects" Print out the form, fill it in as far as you can, and post to the address given at bottom of the form.

Put in the addresses of sumps you have seen damaged, a photo or 2 would help too.

The Authority will contact the relevant authority in WA to check compliance with regulations and may alter labels if enough complaints. You could also try ringing them in Canberra on (02) 6210 4700 (The telephone number at bottom of form is out of date)

2. The State Government: By post to Pesticide Safety Branch Health Dept of WA PO Box 8172 Perth Business Centre WA 6849 OR by email to pesticidesafety@health.wa.gov.au

No form from them. Give them all the details you have seen and addresses of damaged sumps. With a bit of luck they may realise there is a problem which needs investigating. Give your contact details so they can contact you for more info.

(You can ask that your contact details are not to be supplied to the contractors or their agents)

Possible reforms of Incorporated Associations; have your say!

By Cameron Poustie, Principal Solicitor, and Sally Fox, volunteer, Environmental Defender's Office WA Inc.

The State Government has released the Associations Incorporation Bill 2006 for public comment. This article outlines some of the major changes which will affect small incorporated associations ('Associations').

Management and Accountability

One of the major changes is the requirement that all Associations appoint a member of their management committee to be a Public Officer. The Public Officers duties are mainly limited to lodging documents with the Commissioner, thus the extra work load is minimal, however the Public Officer will have to take on more responsibility.

Under the proposed changes all Associations are required to prepare an annual return and lodge it with the Commissioner. The annual return must show the Association's turnover during the year, the gross value of its property and its liabilities, and any matter specified in the regulations.

Another important proposed change is that the accounts of all Associations be audited annually. Most incorporated environmental groups will be classified as tier 1 Associations under the proposed changes; this means they are not required to spend money on a registered auditor. Nevertheless, it may be difficult for some Associations to find someone who has the time and skill to perform the auditing requirements.

Rules

It is proposed that a set of model rules be prescribed in the regulations. These rules will automatically apply to all new Associations until modified by special resolution after incorporation.

There is also a proposal to increase the topics that must be addressed in the rules of an Association. These include the voting

Spring surveys for endangered orchid *Diuris purdiei*

The Swan Region of the Department of Environment & Conservation will be undertaking spring surveys for possible new populations of Purdie's Donkey Orchid (*Diuris purdiei*). This rare and endangered orchid is interesting in that it only flowers following a summer burn. The amount of wildfires across the Swan Coastal Plain this summer presents an opportunity to survey new areas of bushland for this species.

If you are interested in volunteering to survey for this orchid (optimal survey time is mid-October) please leave your details with Vanessa Clarke, 9423 2907 or vanessa.clarke@dec.wa.gov.au

Photo of *Diuris purdiei* (A.P. Brown)



rights of members and classes of members, the percentage of members who may requisition a general meeting, and the requirements for the removal of the public officer from office. The draft Bill allows a period of 18 months in which already Associations can amend their rules of associations so as to comply with the new proposals.

Miscellaneous Changes

It is proposed that the penalties for a breach or contravention of the Act be increased. The increase is quite substantial, with some offences increasing from a present fine of \$500 to a proposed fine of \$10, 000. The increase in penalties is not limited to dishonest or fraudulent breaches but extends to the late lodgment of documents for example. The government appears to be taking a more punitive approach which fails to recognize the voluntary nature and limited resources of Associations.

The power to enforce obligations under the Act by the issue of infringement notices is another proposed change. Such notices would only be issued on very clear breaches of the Act and would be 20% of the possible penalty for the offence. Whether or not this will be an effective deterrent is questionable and, as with the increased penalties, will affect small Associations the most.

This article has not covered all of the proposed changes that are outlined in the draft Bill. Anyone involved in an Association should visit the Department of Consumer and Employment protection website at www.docep.gov.au/agb and examine the draft Bill and accompanying Explanatory memorandum for themselves. Please also contact the EDO on cpoustie@edowa.org.au if you are interested in a copy of our draft submission. Any submissions on the draft Bill need to be made by 5.00pm Monday **30 April 2007**.

Do You Know Where Your LOCAL NATURE SPOT Is?

Soon you might be able to spot one, especially if you live within the Cities of Armadale, Canning, Swan or Wanneroo or Town of Cambridge. The new program is run by the Perth Biodiversity Project with funding from Natural Heritage Trust through the Swan Catchment Council and will be run in partnership with five local governments.

The aim of the *Local Nature Spot Project* or *Behaviour Change for Natural Diversity* is to increase the appreciation of local natural areas by local community, increase involvement and support for management of public natural areas in their neighborhoods.

The project will develop an awareness-raising and information collection exercise to identify and assess local community attitudes and motivating factors influencing their behaviours. Five local governments participating in the project have selected three sites each, where key issues and threats will be addressed with active management actions implemented by a Local Nature Spot Officer that will lead the local initiative. Employment of the Local Nature Spot Officers will be supported by the project.

Finally, the *Local Nature Spot* methodology will be developed, including a range of strategies that can be used by all Local Governments to raise the profile of local natural area management.



Friends of Brixton St Wetlands are preparing to celebrate the Conservation Week at the wetlands. On Saturday 17 March between 9 am and 12 noon a range of activities will be available to raise awareness about the various local environmental issues. There will be displays, demonstrations, giveaways and guided walks into the wetlands/bushland if the weather permits. Otto Mueller from the Insect Study Group and Dough Brown with his replicas of native fauna will be among the presenters on the day. All are welcome at Alton Street in Kenwick. For more information contact Regina Drummond on 9459 2964.

The Friends of Dianella Bushland invite you to join us for a guided walk through the Cottonwood Crescent Bushland off Dianella Drive, Dianella and then partake of a light breakfast with the resident population of Western Grey Kangaroos.

The Breakfast with the Kangaroos will be held on Sunday 11 March at 8.30 am. The fully enclosed area of pristine bushland has limestone paths for easy walking. The one hour walk will highlight the plants and insects of this banksia woodland, and the experienced guide will explain the life style of the kangaroos.Enquiries to Jan 9344 2872 or 0408024800.

The Friends of the Western Swamp Tortoise are pleased to announce the group has received a Community Conservation Grant 2006/2007 to fund the construction of a new prototype tortoise breeding pond at Perth Zoo.

The Western Swamp Tortoise Captive Breeding Program at Perth Zoo has been successfully breeding the critically endangered reptiles for release into the wild since 1989 as part of a recovery plan for the species. To date, Perth Zoo has provided 380 .Western Swamp Tortoises for release by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

DEC. Perth Zoo, the University of Western Australia and the Friends of the Western Swamp Tortoise are all members of the Western Swamp Tortoise Recovery Team,

The Zoo's existing Western Swamp Tortoise breeding ponds were designed and built 15 years ago. The newly-designed prototype breeding pond will be built into a raised platform to allow staff easier access to the tortoises and include a filtration and water circulation system.

The hatchling ponds at the Zoo are currently being replaced as part of a refurbishment of the captive breeding facility.

If the prototype breeding pond proves successful, the Western Swamp Tortoise Recovery Team will seek further funds to replace the 34 existing breeding ponds at the Zoo to complete the refurbishment of the breeding facility.

Perth Zoo, DEC and University of western Australia staff have been at the cutting edge of breeding and research of the Western Swamp Tortoise, which is unique to the Swan Valley.

Less than 50 adults live in the two DEC-managed reserves and these numbers are increased by releases each year from the captive-bred population.

The Friends group looks forward to continuing its close collaboration to help save this threatened species from extinction.

> Jan Bant Chairperson

The following article was reprinted with permission from The Preservation Times, a Peel Preservation Group publication:

ILLEGAL LAND CLEARING

There is a great concern within the community on how to deal with illegal land clearing on foreshore reserves and on other people's private land, to obtain views.

Here is a solution being used in Sydney which avoids the necessity for litigation but embaresses the guilty. This photo was taken in Manley.

Maríon Tímms



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Envirofund—round 9 now open

The fund helps communities to undertake local projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable resource tool. Round 9 of Envirofund is now open till **28 April 2007.** Further information including application and guidelines can be accessed at www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/

PBP Targeted Grants 2007 - Round 6

The PBP is now calling for Expressions of Interest in Round 6 of the Targeted Grants Program. The aim of the Targeted Grants program is to help Local Governments work towards achieving Local Biodiversity Planning Milestones. Both on-ground works and local biodiversity planning initiatives are eligible for funding, but preference is given to activities that contribute to a Local Government preparing and implementing a Local Biodiversity Strategy. Local Governments may submit applications in partnership with other organisations or community groups where relevant.

Full applications are due by 18th May 2007, and although not essential to applying for a grant, we strongly recommend submitting an Expression of Interest by the **23rd of March 2007**. For the Funding Guidelines, full Application Forms, Selection Criteria and information on previously funded projects, go to the PBP Website:

http://www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/walga/ index.html/pbp/grants/

Lotterywest

Gordon Reid Conservation of Natural Heritage Grants

Applications for funding can be lodged anytime. To find out more visit the website on <u>www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au</u> or phone 9340 5270 or 1800 655 270

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program

\$600,000 is available to community groups or local government working with community groups for a wide range of landcare activities in the Swan region. Information on the application process and eligibility criteria is available from the Swan Catchment Council on (08) 9374 3333 or www.swancatchmentcouncil.org Applications close Tuesday 1 May 2007

SGIO communityhelp grants

Through the **community**help Grants program, SGIO offers grants between \$500 and \$5000 to groups undertaking projects in different areas, including the environment.

TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM

Lottery west has increased funding for the Trails Grants Program from \$500,000 to \$750,000 in recognition of the fact that trails are an effective way of contribution towards the social and physical well being of Western Australian communities. Applications are now open for funding in the 2007 Trails Grants Program for trails planning, construction, promotion, marketing and management, or major upgrades.

Support the Urban Bushland Council

Join or renew your membership

Groups:

Membership with voting rights is available to groups committed to the protection of urban bushland for \$30 a year (GST included). A growing membership strengthens the cause and groups benefit from the network. Individuals:

Supporter membership is only \$20 per year (GST included). Supporters can attend meetings and receive copies of the "Urban Bush Telegraph"

Send your name, address and cheque or postal order to: Treasurer, Urban Bushland Council WA Inc, PO Box 326, West Perth WA 6872

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GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 1 May 2007 7.30 pm

Guest speaker: Prof Hans Lambers "Secret lives of Proteaceae"

At the Natural Heritage Trust (Old Observatory) 2 Havelock St, West Perth

All welcome

UBC PUBLICATIONS

Wetlands to Wastelands? - proceedings of a seminar about the future of bushland at Perth Airport (2004) Available at UBC's website http://members.iinet.net.au/~ubc/html/infosheets.htm

Burning Issues—proceedings of a workshop about fire management in urban bushland. (2002) Available from the UBC for \$11, postage included.

Building Partnerships between Community Groups and Local Government for Our Bushland –proceedings of a seminar (2000). Available from the UBC for \$5.50, postage included

Managing our Bushland - proceedings of a conference about the protection and management of urban bushland (1998). Available from the UBC for \$11, postage included.

Burning our Bushland - proceedings of a conference about fire and urban bushland (1995). Out of print; available in libraries.

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