

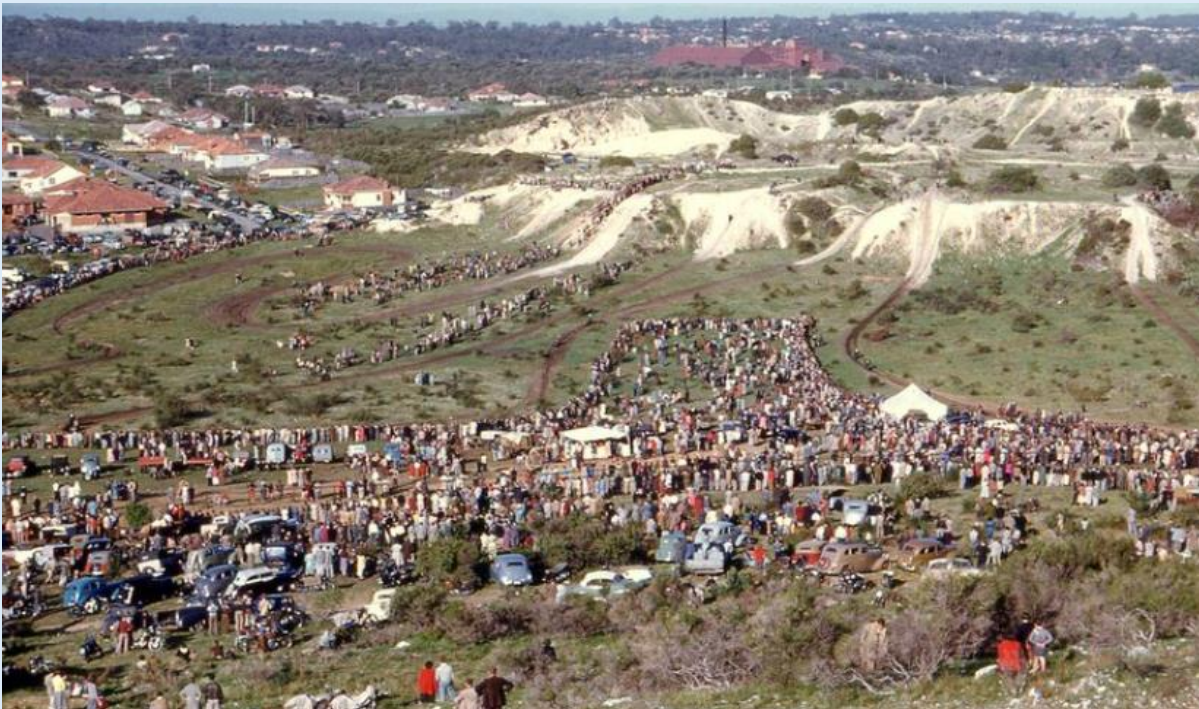


How is this restoration possible. Looking from the Buckland Hill remnant to the Ocean.

Sue Conlan Friends of Mosman Park Bushland.

Unbuilt landscapes are really important for city dwellers especially Aboriginal people to connect with country. This vista was recognised in the Red Book 1980's. lost to staff when Montessorri school wanted to expand

Mosman Park Seven Sisters - gone!



Photos are invaluable to check out remnant vegetation. Looking from Fremantle up the river to Mosman Park. Look how much green there was in MP. Where is it. See the edge of the river, Those thick dark trees are *M lanceolata*. The wrens and honey eaters love it. They flower profusely in mid summer. There was a lot of industry on the quarried land so the premier had more *Melaleuca* planted to screen the ugliness. The bottom left shows the Harley scramble event. It was stopped because of the environmental damage. So they built houses on it instead.

Nature was strictly long term for the first Australians.

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- The Seven Sisters story of the southern hemisphere is the oldest story on the earth.



Europeans had a very different attitude to the Noongars. The coastal limestone hills were set upon for building enormous prisons and holding water for a harbour. North Fremantle and Mosman Park limestone hills were a national landmark. The Seven Sisters dreamtime story may be the world's oldest story. Australia wide, the sisters were pursued by an unsuitable man, they leap into the sky in the evening and are seen as seven stars in the constellation Pleiades. At the end of the night, they leapt back to earth as the seven hills of north Fremantle and Mosman Park. We are not only a protectors of nature but of Aboriginal culture in my patch



What did the landscape look like?

- Vlamingh explorers walked to the top of the biggest hill and reported the vegetation was too tall and thick to see anything? They walk down the other side and found The Swan River
- Seddon reported Daisies of every colour
- Locals came to pick wild flowers.



The left bank looking across to the seven sisters. The dwarf hibiscus only grows to a height of 3 or 4 feet, a rich shade of mauve, with a centre of ruby velvet and a stamen of pale pink tipped with vermillion. Or could the native hibiscus reported be *Alogyne huegii*?

We inherited this!

Still Our bushland speaks, Go gently, quietly, look, listen. The traditional owners heard it, so can we. It's calling out for help! No more damage! Nurture what we have left. Connect it up so the animals come back!

NORTH FREMANTLE FORESHORE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Prepared for
City of Fremantle

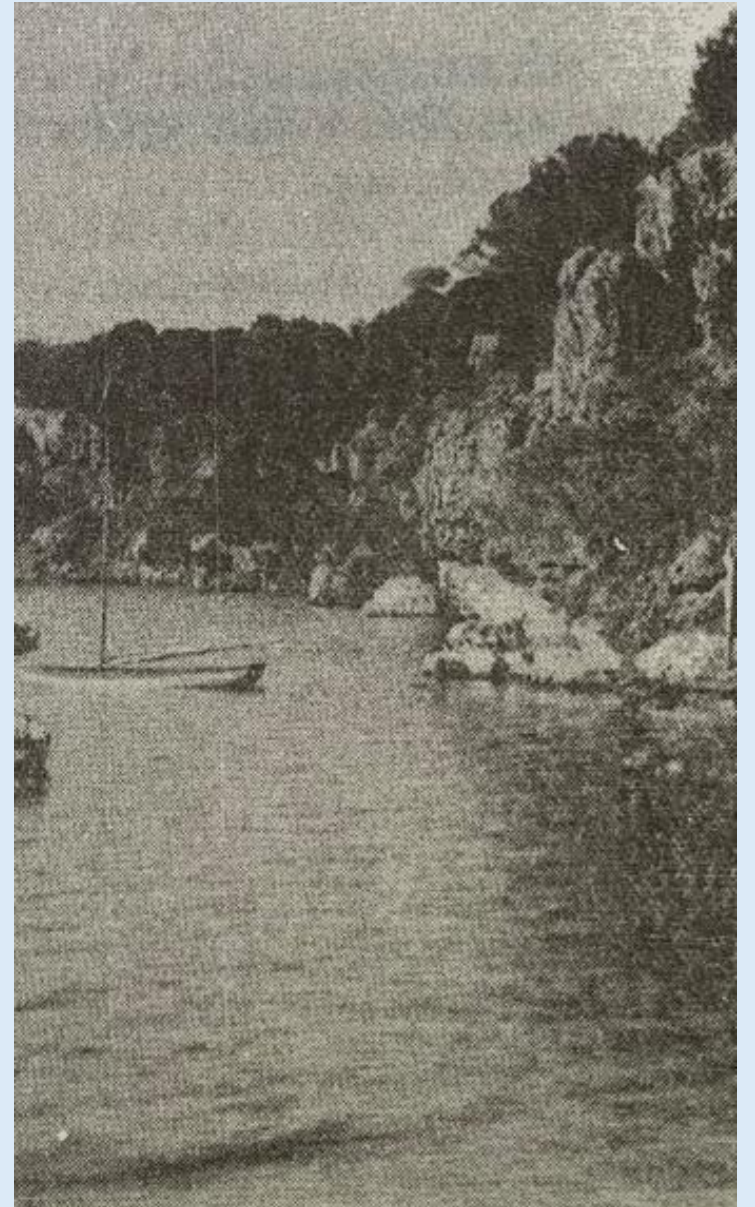
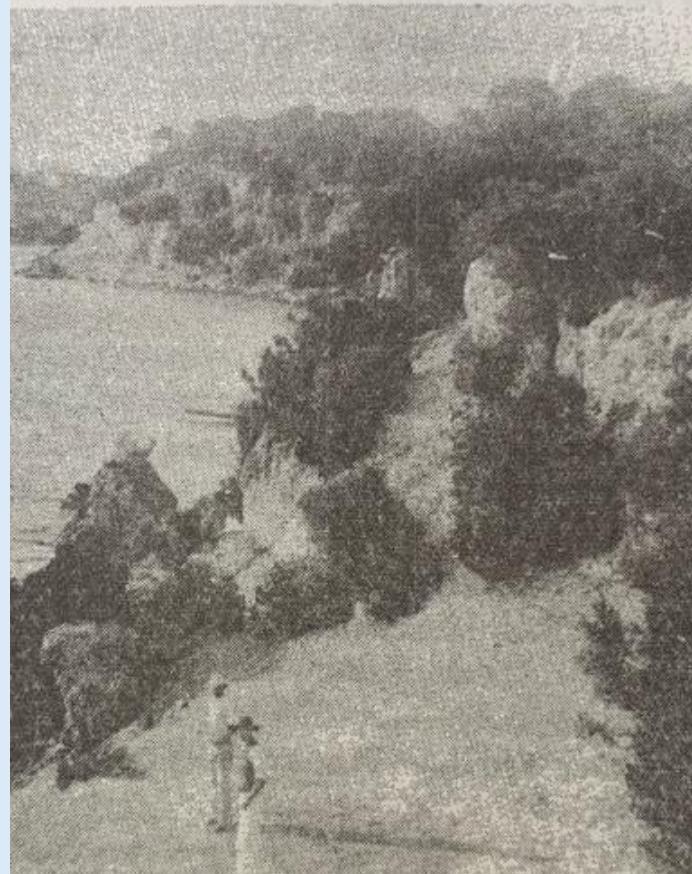
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existence is in the naming of a popular picnic spot
Cypress Hill". Furthermore, Charles Fraser, the
Captain Stirling's 1827 reconnaissance visit to Fremantle
*of Calytris or Cypress, of the finest green colour
that studded the hills in this locality* (Seddon, 1

Community, Rocky Bay. c1890's (Battye Library, B336/18)



Management Plans are a wealth of history. This plan would have been early 2000's. David Kasehagen was a resident of MP and wrote our South Mosman Park Bush Management Plan in 2008. Great description of soil types, lists of plants and animals.



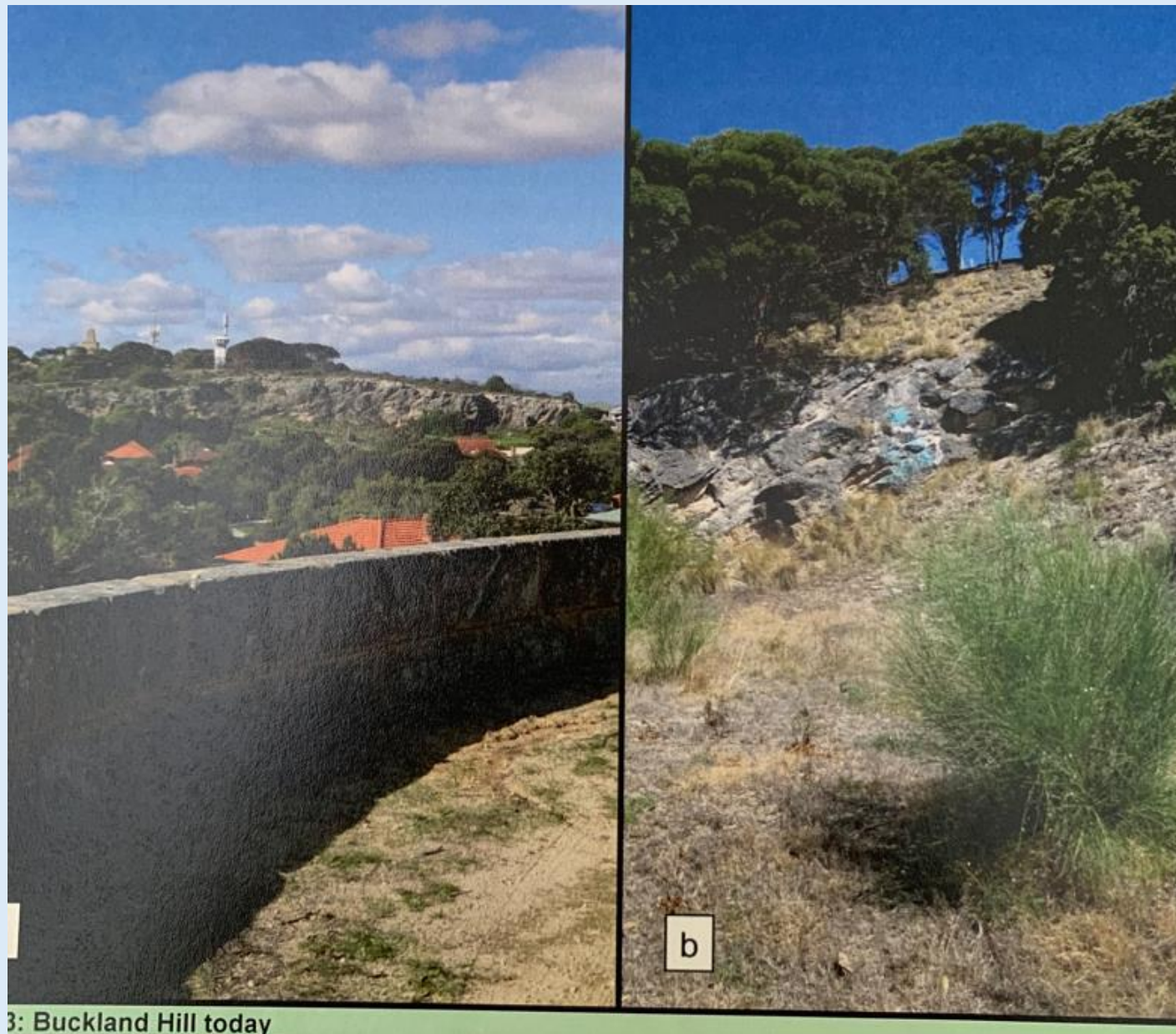
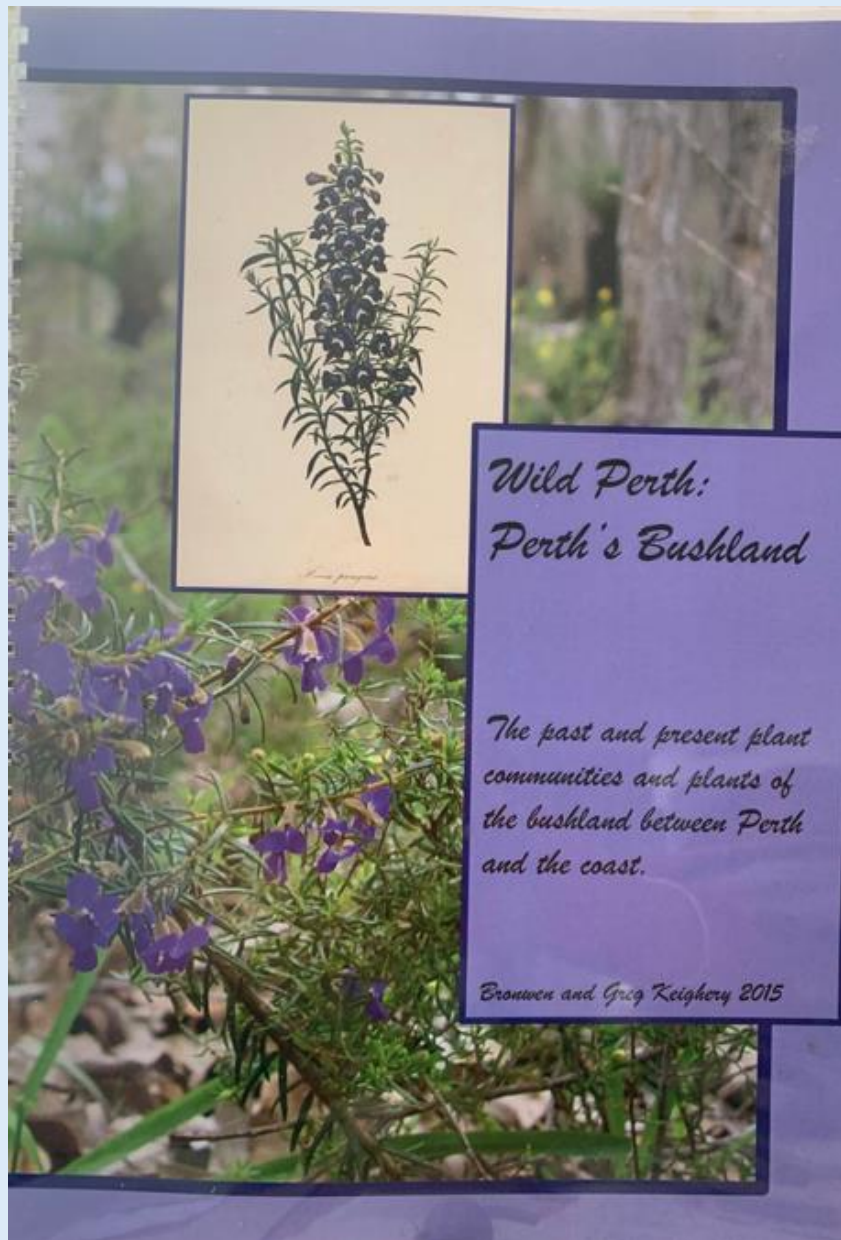
CHRISTMAS BUSH.



FRINGED LILY.
(*THYSANOTUS PATERSONI*)

BUCKLAND HILL
OCT. - NOV. 1931.

Painted by Mosman Park resident Nancy Smith
in the 1920' 30's of BH. All lost to BH now.
Calothamnus quadrifidus is a great protective
tree for little birds and keeping out walkers,
campers from the bushland.



3: Buckland Hill today

Being early settled by Europeans, we have fairly comprehensive lists of plants for Buckland Hill. The Keighery's are walking text books.



Fire was an annual event up until 2008 in this rocky limestone remnant in Minim Cove Park. It caused a great loss of biodiversity with only fire resprouting plants surviving. *Leschenaultia* and *Scaevola anchusifolia* put on a brilliant death display after the 2008 fire. Now they struggle as fire probably killed the top 10cm of important soil microbes.

Garden waste from adjoining houses was tipped in the bushland. Removing black flag bulbs is an annual job!

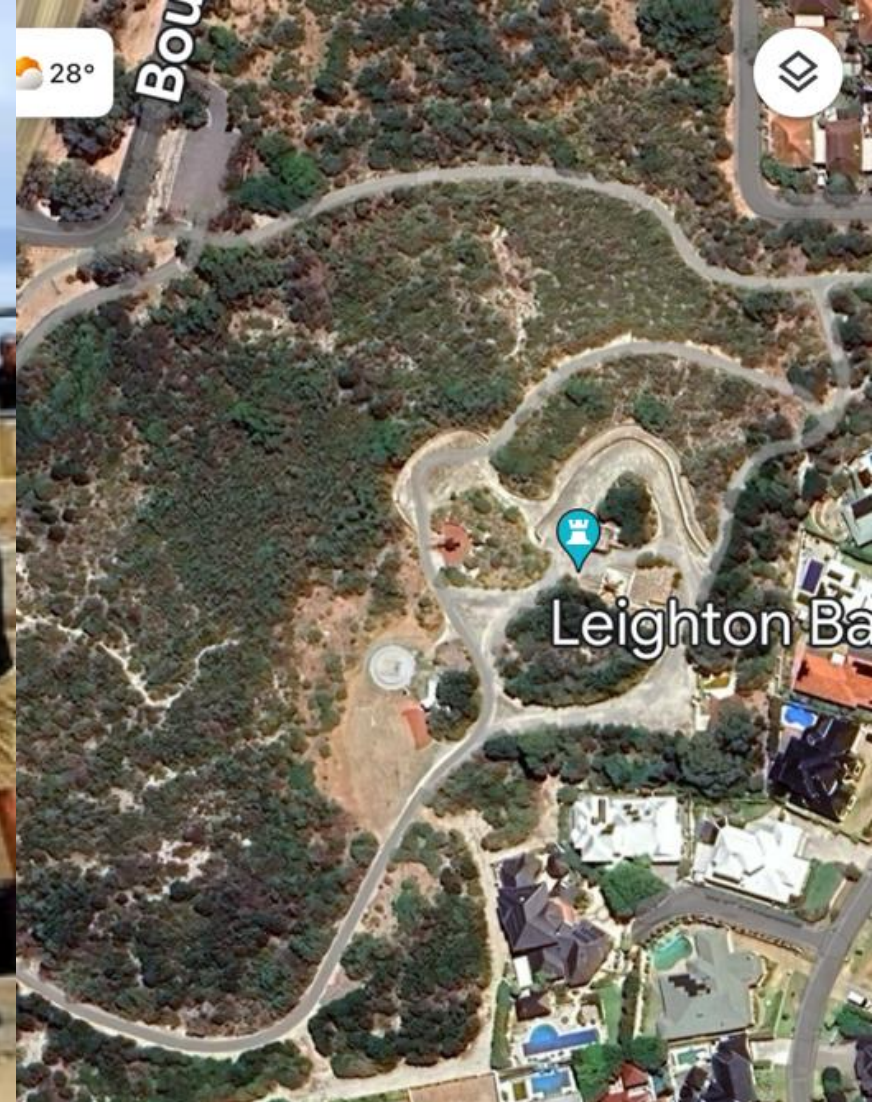
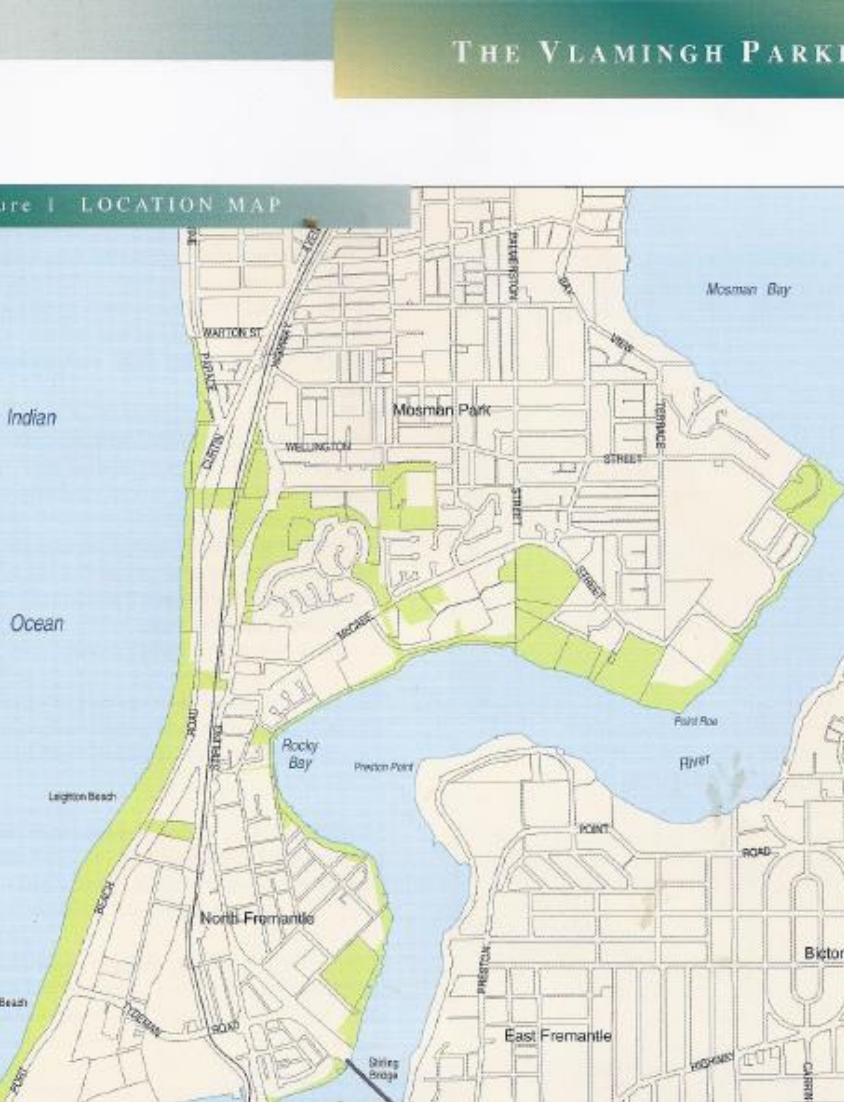


Watercorp as a land Manager

Fire Risk our biggest risk!

Watercorp have three infrastructure sites in Mosman Park. This is the Monument hill water reservoir. Some of the most intact and rarest plants are found here in very low numbers. *Beyeria* grows out of what appears solid limestone. It is compact, vibrant green even in the middle of summer. We cant propagate it so lets protect it together.

Fire! Lets not make fire access tracks if we cant look after them. Invading fountain grass has robbed wildlife of vital habitat



Competing Interests!
Leighton Battery restoration volunteers!

Urban development threatened the big wide space at Buckland Hill in 1988. One third was meant to be for nature and recreation. David Kasehagen wrote a plan for the Buckland Hill Regional Park linking the ocean to the river. It is named the Vlamingh Parklands. With a collaboration of community volunteers who bring nature back for everyone, and the appropriate government departments, a plan was formulated to give nature the best chance and meet the recreational needs of the community. However the bushland has degraded from fires and weed invasion and the monument to war, the Leighton Battery has grown.

Restoring Green Corridors

Scotch college helping Mosman Park bushland revegetation.



Students with their families are great!

This solid rock site was close to reticulation. ToMP rigged up some irrigation for 2 years and it has been the most successful restoration area.

This thin corridor consisted of mainly weedy Victorian tea tree.

Once our plantings grow up we can consider removing more tea tree and replanting local limestone loving species.



Snakes can help protect the bushland from trampling. Most people retreat when they come across one.

Remarkably a sandgroper and sedgeland worm lizards are still found in quarried Buckland Hill.



Rhagodia baccata grows easily from seed, the birds and lizards love the seed, Quenda love the protective habitat as they do prickly lily.

Grevillea is hardy, long lived but hard to grow from cuttings. Let's protect it!



Collecting provenance seed in case our plants are special!

Sorting seeds when it is too hot for bushland work!

Seed is stored at the APACE nursery seed bank and grown for restoration projects.



There are people who want to help, it's a matter of finding them.

Make friends with your local MP!