

Native Grasslands on Roadsides The Linear Reserves Project

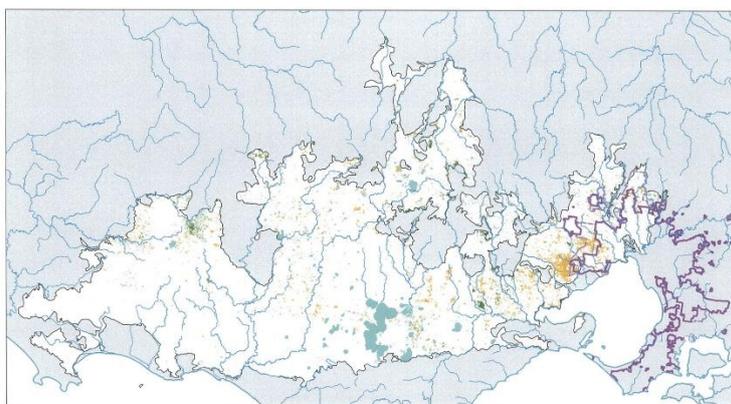


The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) manage the Linear Reserves Project with support from a wide range of agencies and stakeholders including CFA, Catchment Management Authorities, Local Government Authorities, Regional Roads Victoria, Rail Authorities, and Traditional Owners.

The project commenced in 2014 and aims to enhance the condition and resilience of native grasslands and associated flora and fauna species through weed control and prescribed burning.

The Natural Temperate Grasslands of the Victorian Volcanic Plain were once widespread and common in this region. Today they are critically endangered, less than 1% of their original extent remains, and are protected by Federal and State Government legislation. They are also home to many unique and threatened plants and animals, many of which are found no where else in the world let alone Australia.

Modelled map of current extent of two EPBC listed communities within the Victorian Volcanic Plain bioregion



Current extent of Native Grasslands indicated in yellow, Grassy Woodland in green.

Some of the best areas of remnant native grassland vegetation remaining are restricted to narrow strips of public land on roadsides such as those adjacent to your property. The Linear Reserves Project engages specialist weed control contractors with grasslands experience to selectively spray high threat weeds within these road reserves. We also look to coordinate works to follow recent burns by local CFA to maximise weed control effectiveness.



Featherheads and Chocolate Lilies



Native herb, Blue Devil

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Specialists Weed Control contractors controlling pasture grasses in roadside grassland reserves.

You might see our Project Officers or Spraying Contractors working on the roadside near your property.



Basalt Rustyhood Orchid.

Some of the threatened species in grasslands exist in just one known population making them highly vulnerable.

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Blue Pincushion



Significant Native Vegetation signage

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