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Feedback Form question: What do you like about the <i>Draft Shepherds Bush Reserve Management Plan</i>?		
Resp.1	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.2	Very informative and thorough. Interesting read.	Comment noted.
Resp.3	That it will continue to be maintained and fauna and flora enabled to thrive. Especially weed control.	Comment noted.
Resp.4	To maintain its current status as a reserve. The necessity to control feral cats and domestic dogs not on a lead. I am also in favour of providing nesting sites for our endangered cockatoos.	Comment noted.
Resp.5	Pleasing to see that Shepherds Bush is going to be maintained and not turned into a residential area. Shepherds Bush is one of the main reasons we bought in this area and is a source of great pleasure and a big part of the community.	Comment noted.
Resp.6	Generally comprehensive, excluding species list which is incomplete. Presentation of high standard and well structured.	Comment noted.

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Resp.7	I like the fact that it proposes to collect baseline information and then work out what needs to be done from there. I most like the fact that the reserve is there in the first place and that the city is committed to preserving it and maintaining it in its natural state. Thank you!	Comment noted.
Resp.8	Ensures the protection of native flora and fauna.	Comment noted.
Resp.9	Comprehensive I was certainly not aware of the importance of the area until I read the report.	Comment noted.
Resp.10	Great information. Very educational (at least for me) Signage in the Reserve good, walking/bike path outside good.	Comment noted.
Resp.11	There seems to be thorough research gone into this plan with lots of stakeholders involved. I like the fact that Joondalup Council is trying to protect and attract more native fauna, flora etc.	Comment noted.
Resp.12	Comprehensive.	Comment noted.
Resp.13	I like that you are considering putting artificial hollows within the reserve.	Comment noted.

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Resp.14	With all the destruction going on, it is good to see someone is taking an interest in bush land areas that are important for the future and the draft is a good continuation to the City's good work to this time	Comment noted.
Resp.15	It is consistent with the previous plans done for the other conservation reserves. The flora and fauna have been thoroughly identified.	Comment noted.
Resp.16	Very well researched	Comment noted.
Resp.17	Plans to monitor area, and reduction of weeds/environmental affects on the area.	Comment noted.
Resp.18	Keeping this area as bush to be enjoyed by the local residents and maintaining the area	Comment noted.
Resp.19	Thorough - reading it was an educational experience. For example, I'd never heard of the PUBF project and had no idea the City had a Cat Act.	Comment noted.
Resp.20	The Management Plan is good in general terms.	Comment noted.

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Resp.21	It is comprehensive and has pulled together a lot of relevant information.	Comment noted.
Resp.22	Congratulations to the City for a very good plan. I am very impressed on the amount and quality of research and data. And also how seriously the City is in doing something about our native bushland which is continuously under threat of degradation and bulldozed for development.	Comment noted.
Resp.23	Great report. Well done! At last the City is doing something about our native bushland which is continuously under threat of degradation and bulldozed for development.	Comment noted.
Resp.24	It's comprehensive and I think it gives a good summary of the current state of the reserve. I learned a lot of interesting things about the reserve, and the previous work/surveys that have been done - Thank you.	Comment noted.
Resp.25	I think that the draft management plan is quite comprehensive and includes all major issues.	Comment noted.
Resp.26	I have read your proposed management plan and agree that the bushland is an integral part of the Kingsley eco-system that needs to be preserved. I would be interested in becoming a friend of the bushland.	Comment noted.
Resp.27	No response provided.	N/A

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Resp.28	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.29	We commend the City for producing a comprehensive management plan for the Shepherds Bush reserve. The plan is an excellent reference establishing what flora and fauna are present in the park and the management actions required to sustain them. We have noted that the Robertson Rd cycleway upgrade is underway and will result in more people riding beside and through the park. The new playground, bike skills and BMX track off Barrisdale Drive on the edge of the bushland is generating very large visitor numbers. (However rubbish generation will need to be managed to prevent litter accumulating in the adjacent bushland). We also commend the City for initiating (or trying to - see further comments below) a Friends Group	Comment noted. The City will investigate the provision of additional waste services.
Resp.30	The Plan is thorough and comprehensive. The new playground is a huge success and a clever concept. Support planting tuarts and other vegetation for the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo and protection of the Rainbow Bee-eater nesting sites. Support management of feral bees. Support nesting boxes and bat study. Clarification of the kangaroo situation is warranted. BMX site upgrade is a great idea. Revegetating degraded areas is a great idea.	Comment noted.
Resp.31	I found the report very comprehensive. I was amazed at the detail and enjoyed reading it. It is a large area and needs such a plan over some years. Residents will enjoy this area more if they are aware of what it offers.	Comment noted.
Resp.32	It is a very comprehensive management plan for the reserve and the importance of preserving such a valuable and environmentally significant area should never be underestimated. We congratulate the City for taking action The initiative for a Friends Group is a great one	Comment noted.

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Resp.33	It is so thorough (mind boggling at times). The Plan will make it an ongoing pleasure for me to live next door to Shepherds Bush Reserve.	Comment noted.
Resp.34	The previous entry signs need to be removed, as you now have the new ones. The others are old and look like they have been forgotten to be removed. I love Shepherds Bush and I walk through twice a day and absolutely love the new repaired paths.	Comment noted. The City will consider removal of duplicated and/or old signage.
Feedback Form question: What changes or improvements would you recommend for the <i>Draft Shepherds Bush Reserve Management Plan</i>?		
Resp.1	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.2	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.3	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.4	Having read the draft I find all relevant information provided will maintain an essential bush reserve for all to enjoy.	Comment noted.
Resp.5	None at this stage as long as recommendations are implemented	Comment noted.
Resp.6	a) <i>Jacksonia sericea</i> spelling incorrect on page 35. b) More attention to discussion and recommendations regarding non	a) Spelling of <i>sericea</i> amended on page 35.

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	<p>endemic native species that have been established on the reserve, e.g. <i>Acacia rostellifera</i>, <i>Corymbia calophyla</i> (Marri).</p> <p>c) On wildlife, in my long involvement, Rainbow Bee-eaters normally nest within the fenced drain area on Shepherds Bush Drive. The kangaroos do not become permanent as they move seasonally along the cycleway. I can report a recent fox sighting.</p> <p>d) The reticulation system around the drain on Barridale Drive has had a detrimental effect on the bushland. The grassed area seems unnecessary as it has little users. The retic should be restricted in its coverage to reduce impact on the bushland.</p> <p>e) Recent path construction was not carried out in a responsible way.</p> <p>f) Weed control is holding the situation but not creating overall improvement year on year.</p>	<p>b) Comment noted.</p> <p>c) Plan amended to include unsolicited observations.</p> <p>d) Irrigation sprinklers are directed away from bushland areas. However in windy conditions irrigation water may enter bushland.</p> <p>e) Comment noted.</p> <p>f) Comment noted.</p>
Resp.7	<p>The letter I received from the City was fine. I had difficulty finding the Draft Plan on the website. Maybe a better description e.g. www.joondalup.wa.gov.au - top line heading 'Govern' etc. or just the web link so I could go straight to it. Minor point but some people would get frustrated and give up if they couldn't immediately find it. I'm old so I'm more patient!! :)</p>	<p>Comment noted. Change of website link to be provided for future Natural Areas Management Plan consultation.</p>
Resp.8	<p>Planting of more native vegetation.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
Resp.9	<p>Broad actions good, but actions about notifying users of the importance of the area are missing. I would put notices at every entrance that highlight that this area is a High Conservation Area, designated to remain in its natural state. The area contains/supports flora and fauna that is of high conservation risk. You can support keeping it in its natural state for future generations by - taking all your rubbish with you, keeping to the tracks, keeping animals on leads at all times etc etc. An indication should be given that any non native animals found loose in the reserve will be removed. Stray cats and dogs in within one block of the area will be removed.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Recent interpretive signage installed describes the importance of Shepherds Bush Reserve, as a registered Bush Forever site as it contains regionally significant vegetation.</p>

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Resp.10	<p>a) Do we need the sump? Reduced rainfall might make it superfluous?</p> <p>b) Seems there are lots of imported weeds and flowers. Is it possible to remove them without hurting the locals? And then how do make sure that they do not grow back to help the natives to prosper? Seems to me we could use more native matured trees. Takes time for them to grow. But can we plant maybe 100 or more? Happy to help with the planting.</p>	<p>a) The sump is designed to accommodate an extreme storm event and prevent flooding on site.</p> <p>b) Comment noted.</p>
Resp.11	<p>More regular checks on litter, dogs not on leash, graffiti. Consideration to be given to installation of some cameras in a few strategic areas to lessen the dumping of rubbish, fires, etc.</p>	<p>Comment noted. City Rangers patrol for dogs off lead and undertake surveillance of anti social behaviour.</p>
Resp.12	<p>No response provided.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
Resp.13	<p>Well it's too late but I'm not happy about all of the paths being paved through the reserve, as it has increased bike traffic and therefore noise. It was nice to have tracks that were more specific for walkers only. Also every time I walk through Shepherds Bush there are dog owners with dogs off leads. Every time. I love dogs however they should be on a leash through there! How can that be policed?</p>	<p>Comment noted. City Rangers patrol for dogs off lead.</p>
Resp.14	<p>None you seem to have it all covered</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
Resp.15	<p>General comment-</p> <p>a) The plan is well prepared and consistent with the management plans developed for Lilburne Park, Warwick Open Space, and Hepburn Heights Bushland.</p> <p>Specific Comments –</p> <p>b) Page 18 States that there are two monitoring Bores but notes that the last groundwater levels were taken in 1983. The groundwater levels</p>	<p>a) Comment noted.</p> <p>b) The Department of Water (State Government) is responsible for taking measurements of water monitoring bores. The Department of Water has no plans at this point to</p>

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Resp.15	<p>should be measured again to establish a water table baseline?</p> <p>c) Page 29 - Table 3 COJ 2004 and 2014 surveys showed 10% as excellent whereas ELA survey 2015 showed 0% as excellent. Can the 10% drop over one year be explained?</p> <p>d) 4.5 Summary of recommended management actions - Flora - Investigate planting : I would like to see Bull Banksias, <i>Banksia grandis</i> planted - this large Banksia has been dying off in the park in recent years.</p> <p>e) Weeds - develop and implement hand weeding procedures, update the City's weed spraying procedure, as recommended in Lilburne Park Management Plan, if not already done.</p> <p>f) Weed control on verges - also consider physical isolation of adjacent grassed areas from Bushland by paths or weed mats and mulch to stop running grasses invading</p> <p>g) Educate local residents re garden weeds and appropriate plants to minimise invasive species. Distribute weed wise and other relevant COJ brochures to residents around the park.</p> <p>h) Pathogens - Signage should recommend that people stay on paths and don't enter the Bushland. Could fence off some internal areas to prevent people and animals entering Bushland. Is the intention to allow walk through of the bush or just observation from the designated pathways? Cleaning of footwear - don't know how this could be generally implemented. Encourage people to keep on made paths. Cleaning of footwear is appropriate for people off-path in organised weeding or planting or collecting rubbish. As far as I know other local groups like Friends of Yellagonga don't clean footwear routinely. Does it need to be done? What is the recommended cleaning process?</p> <p>i) Fauna - Ecological linkages - nearby parks with remnant bush like Kingsley Park with its adjacent bush and other parks also provide some connectivity to the bigger Eco areas mentioned, especially for</p>	<p>conduct an update reading.</p> <p>c) Text elaborated on page 29.</p> <p>d) Comment noted.</p> <p>e) Comment noted. The City's Draft Weed Management Plan discusses hand weeding and herbicide use. The Draft Weed Management Plan is being presented to Council in September 2016, seeking Council endorsement for public consultation. The City's Pesticide Notification Plan is available on the City's website.</p> <p>f) Comment noted.</p> <p>g) Comment noted. Community Gardening Seminars are held as part of the City's Environmental Education Program annually and promoted widely to the City of Joondalup community.</p> <p>h) Comment noted. Pathways are intended to ensure that the public does not enter bushland areas of the reserve. Boot cleaning stations are being installed at Hepburn Heights Conservation Area and Lilburne Park in late 2016/early 2017, as a result of grant funding received by the Department of Agriculture State NRM Program. Depending on the success of these stations and subject to funding availabilities, investigation into installing boot cleaning stations at Shepherds Bush Reserve (and other high priority natural areas) will be undertaken.</p> <p>The City will provide information to any future group that is formed, regarding the appropriate hygiene measures that should be employed when working within natural areas.</p> <p>i) Comment noted.</p>

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Resp.15	<p>birds. The bushland in those areas should be protected and enhanced.</p> <p>j) Artificial hollows - hollows could be made in the trees themselves in damaged branches as well as installing prefabricated hollow cocky tubes. Rainbow bee-eater sites - should have explanatory signage as well as exclusion fencing, like used up at the Carine open space.</p> <p>k) Feral animal control - removing beehives should be a priority as they exclude nesting birds. "Remove feral beehives.... if they .. are accessible" Every beehive in a prime hollow takes away a potential Carnabys or 28 Parrot nest site. What is meant by accessible? The reach of a COJ "cherry picker" lift? A tree climber could be employed to reach most parts of the trees to remove hives.</p> <p>l) What will be done about feral corellas, rainbow lorikeets, kookaburras? Kookaburras predate the smaller birds like New Holland Honeyeaters. The feral parrots compete with the indigenous parrots, like the 28 parrot, for nest sites.</p> <p>m) Cats - Could consider actively trapping feral cats in the bushland. While encouraging residents to keep pet cats indoors at night is good, cats predate during the day also eating lizards and birds. Will rabbits and foxes be baited?</p> <p>n) Social and built environment - User survey - Should be done within a year coordinated with the Friends Group establishment.</p> <p>o) Create interpretative signage on conservation significant and ecologically important features of the site - as outlined in the Lilburne Park Management Plan highlighting quendas, reptiles, Carnabys, Bee-eaters, and flora etc</p> <p>p) Provide sufficient garbage bins and collection frequency, to account for the waste generation by the large numbers of patrons of the new enhanced park and bike facilities developed adjacent to Barridale Ave, to prevent dumping or rubbish blow-over into the Bushland.</p> <p>q) Education and training Friends of Shepherds Bush group - COJ should manage it initially by conducting events like plant and weed education</p>	<p>j) Interpretive signage recently installed describes the importance of the Rainbow Bee-eater. The City fences off areas in reserves when this species is nesting.</p> <p>k) Comment noted.</p> <p>l) The City is working in partnership with the Western Australian Local Government Association on the management of non-native bird species.</p> <p>m) Comment noted.</p> <p>n) Comment noted.</p> <p>o) Interpretive signage was developed and installed recently highlighting the ecological importance and biodiversity of Shepherds Bush.</p> <p>p) The City will investigate the provision of additional waste services.</p> <p>q) The City will foster and assist potential leaders of bushland Friends groups. The City has a number of resources to assist in the establishment of new Friends Groups including the Friends Group Manual.</p>

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	<p>walks etc to encourage residents to participate. Later on a resident may volunteer to manage the group. A number of residents did express an interest in participating back in 2012.</p> <p>r) Training - start training or bush walkthroughs early to establish an interested resident base to form a Friends group. Conduct guided nature tours for local residents to highlight the ecological value of the bushland. Conduct guided nature tours for local primary schools to highlight the ecological value of the bushland.</p> <p>s) Schools - In involving local schools, may need to develop workbooks, interpretative displays, and label representative flora as educational resources.</p>	<p>r) The City delivers a number of guided nature walks as part of its ongoing Environmental Education Program. Walks within Shepherds Bush will be considered for future years of the Program.</p> <p>s) The City has developed an Adopt a Bushland Program which is available to schools within the City of Joondalup.</p>
Resp.16	<p>There is a reference to Weeds of National Significance as listed under the National Weeds Strategy 1997. I would suggest changing this reference to the Australian Government website - http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/invasive/weeds/weeds/lists/wons.html which lists all WoNS (those listed both in 1999 and 2012).</p>	Amendment made.
Resp.17	I recommend organising the hollows for the Carnaby's immediately.	Comment noted.
Resp.18	Trying to encourage people to pick up after their dogs	Comment noted. City Rangers patrol Shepherds Bush for dogs off lead and responsible dog ownership (collecting dog waste).
Resp.19	<p>a) Based on several years' bushwalking experience in dieback areas, I think footwear washing stations are a waste of time unless they're properly maintained. The report mentions signage; I'd suggest the City go no further than that.</p> <p>b) On page 65, the sentence dealing with anti-social behaviour and "passive surveillance" verges on comical. The author may care to rephrase that sentence to clarify its meaning.</p>	<p>a) Comment noted.</p> <p>b) Comment noted. Text elaborated on page 65.</p>

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Resp.20	Regarding spraying work, it would be good that along with the "spraying in progress" signage being displayed on the day of the work, it would be beneficial to those people that visit the reserve on a regular basis, that there be external signage/notices at the entry points to the reserve announcing "spraying schedule/days" prior to the work, so visitors can make an informed decision to visit or not on the designated "spraying days".	As per the City's Pesticide Use Notification Plan, not all spraying is scheduled, therefore it is not always possible to inform the public in advance of spraying activities. However, residents can apply to be added to the City's Notification Register, if they wish to be advised in advance of spraying activities occurring within 100m of their residence.
Resp.21	Being a dog owner myself I find it frustrating when other dog owners disrespect this natural space by letting their dogs roam free and poo without cleaning it up. Could signs at the entrances make it clear that Shepherds Bush is primarily a space for preserving native plants and animals. That is not a free roaming exercise space for dogs- they are welcome on a lead and if excrement is picked up. Cats being let out at night time without a bell or some other method to stop them from hunting wildlife is the other issue.	Comment noted. Current signage at entry points indicates dogs must be on a lead. Recent interpretive signage installed highlights the ecological importance of significant flora and fauna species. City Rangers patrol Shepherds Bush for dogs off lead and responsible dog ownership (collecting dog waste).
Resp.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The last groundwater levels were taken in 1983. The groundwater levels should be measured again to establish a water table baseline. b) The City should initiate with the local schools an education plan, including conducting guided nature walks, to teach the children the value and respect of the bushland so as to not trample through or build cubby houses within the reserve damaging the sensitive high quality environment. Perhaps develop workbooks, interpretative displays and label representative flora as educational resources. c) Create interpretative signage on conservation significant and ecologically important features of the site - as outlined in the Lilburne Park Management Plan highlighting quendas, reptiles, Carnabys, bee-eaters, and flora etc d) Provide sufficient garbage bins and collection frequency, to account for the waste generation by the large numbers of patrons of the new enhanced park and bike facilities developed adjacent to Barrisdale Ave, to prevent dumping or rubbish blow-over into the Bushland. e) In regard to establishing "Friends of Shepherds Bush group", I believe that the City should manage it initially by conducting events like plant and weed education walks etc to encourage residents to participate. Later, as the group becomes established, residents may feel more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Department of Water (State Government) is responsible for taking measurements of water monitoring bores. The Department of Water has no plans at this point to conduct an update reading. b) The City has developed an Adopt a Bushland Program which is available to schools within the City of Joondalup. c) Interpretive signage recently installed highlights the ecological importance of significant flora and fauna species. d) The City will investigate the provision of additional waste services. e) The City will foster and assist potential leaders of bushland Friends groups. The City has a number of resources to assist in the establishment of new Friends Groups including the Friends Group Manual.

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Resp.22	<p>empowered to volunteer to manage the group. To engage the local community the City could start a training program or bush walkthroughs early to establish an interested resident base to form a Friends group.</p> <p>f) Conduct guided nature tours for local residents to highlight the ecological value of the bushland. Nearby parks with remnant bush like Kingsley Park with its adjacent bush and other parks also provide some connectivity to the bigger eco areas mentioned, especially for birds. The Bushland in those areas should be protected and enhanced as they have Ecological linkages.</p>	<p>f) Walks in Shepherds Bush will be considered as part of the City's ongoing Environmental Education Program.</p>
Resp.23	<p>a) Create interpretative signage on conservation significant and ecologically important features of the site.</p> <p>b) Set a bench mark of the water table and frequently collect the data.</p> <p>c) Provide sufficient number of rubbish bins and collection frequency, to account for the waste generation by the large numbers of parents and children visiting the new enhanced park and bike facilities adjacent to Barridale Ave.</p> <p>d) The City could start a training program or bush walkthroughs early to establish an interested resident base to form a Friends group. Conduct guided nature tours for local residents to highlight the ecological value of the bushland. In order to establishing "Friends of Shepherds Bush group", I suggest that the City could manage it initially by having events like planting and weeding, education walks and so on, to encourage residents to participate. As the group becomes established, residents may feel more empowered to volunteer to manage the group.</p> <p>e) The City should initiate with the local schools an education plan, including conducting guided nature walks.</p>	<p>a) Interpretive signage recently installed highlights the ecological importance of significant flora and fauna species.</p> <p>b) The Department of Water (State Government) is responsible for taking measurements of water monitoring bores. The Department of Water has no plans at this point to conduct an update reading.</p> <p>c) The City will investigate the provision of additional waste services.</p> <p>d) Comment noted. The City historically has organised bushland walks. Walks in Shepherds Bush will be considered as part of the City's ongoing Environmental Education Program. The City will foster and assist potential leaders of bushland Friends groups. The City has a number of resources to assist in the establishment of new Friends Groups including the Friends Group Manual.</p> <p>e) The City has developed an Adopt a Bushland Program which is available to schools within the City of Joondalup.</p>
Resp.24	<p>There needs to be a far more concrete re-vegetation plan. At the moment, the document reads rather passively on this, with plantings only being "investigated". Please make a concrete commitment to planting Tuart, Marri and Banksia trees and lower level shrubs, in Shepherds Bush Reserve. However long it takes, or whatever the other preparatory work that needs doing beforehand (pathogen and weed eradication etc.), this must be stated as</p>	<p>Removal of weeds, formation of formal pathways, fencing and fire prevention activities are the main focus of the City's bushland maintenance activities. Planting will be used to revegetate the site of the old play ground.</p>

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	a main objective in order to restore key habitat for visiting fauna, and in order to restore the actual appearance of the reserve. With so many trees disappearing from dieback over the past 15 years, the appearance of the reserve has declined dramatically.	
Resp.25	I am wondering whether mapping of the major invasive weeds will be beneficial for determining whether control methods are successful or not. This method has shown an effective way of monitoring (in addition to existing plots) in managing other areas (see Bushland Weeds by Kate Brown and Kris Brooks).	Weed density measurements for Shepherds Bush Reserve will be reported on annually through the Natural Areas KPI's provided to the community via the City's Annual Report.
Resp.26	<p>a) Your plan talks about anti-social behaviour in the park but does not give any points of implementation.</p> <p>b) Your plan talks about education with local primary schools. Although I am not affiliated with The Montessori school in Kingsley, having an understanding of Montessori philosophy from working at other Montessori aligned schools in Perth, I understand that the Montessori philosophy and bushland go hand in hand. I think it is short sighted not to reach out to this school to see if a partnership can be built.</p>	<p>a) Text elaborated on page 66 to include patrols by City Rangers.</p> <p>b) The City has developed an Adopt a Bushland Program which is available to schools within the City of Joondalup.</p>
Resp.27	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.28	<p>The following comments are made in regards to 3.6 Fire Management Section:</p> <p>a) Pg. 69 second paragraph – should read – Before Aboriginal people populated the Australian continent some 40,000 to 60,000 years ago, the major cause of fires would have been lightning.</p> <p>b) Pg. 71 first paragraph - should read – The closest Fire and Rescue Service Station is located on Hepburn Avenue in Duncraig.</p>	<p>a) Text amended.</p> <p>b) Text amended.</p>
Resp.29	<p>a) We would like to see the City support the re-classification of Shepherds Bush, as proposed under the Draft Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan, to a 'conservation reserve' providing a higher level of environmental protection.</p> <p>b) With increased usage surrounding the area (park mentioned above) and anticipated increased usage due to promotion of the area,</p>	<p>a) The City is supportive of the re-classification of Shepherds Bush Reserve as a 'conservation reserve' under the Draft Green Growth Plan, as detailed within the City's submission endorsed by Council in June 2016.</p> <p>b) The City Rangers patrol Shepherds Bush Reserve as a form of active surveillance. The City will investigate the provision of additional waste services.</p>

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	<p>rubbish and anti-social behaviour and off-path bike riding in the bushland will need to be monitored.</p> <p>c) With regards to the Friend Group, we suggest that the City commit to managing the group with work plans and providing training to residents who volunteer for activities until the residents are confident to take control.</p>	<p>c) The City will foster and assist potential leaders of bushland Friends groups. The City has a number of resources to assist in the establishment of new Friends Groups including the Friends Group Manual.</p>
Resp.30	<p>Due to the public response to the playground, the addition of extra shelters, seating and extra BBQs may be an idea. I wonder whether a prescribed burn maybe every 10-15 years would reduce the fuel load and regenerate the bushland, provided it would be done without damaging the site.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
Resp. 31	<p>The popularity of the new play area is evident it probably needs a portable toilet and a fence or barricade to stop small people running onto the road. As I see people with doggie bags, a bin at the north end would be great.</p>	<p>Comment noted. The City will investigate the provision of additional waste services.</p>
Resp. 32	<p>We feel Education is the biggest factor and this should begin in schools - maybe with an 'Adopt a Bushland' style of program where the children are taught why they must stay on the paths and out of the bushland. The area would be the best classroom - teaching them firsthand about pathogens, weeds and the value of and the need to protect areas like this</p>	<p>The City has developed an Adopt a Bushland Program which is available to schools within the City of Joondalup.</p>
Resp.33	<p>a) The new bike skills track has attracted more vehicles from distant suburbs.</p> <p>b) Move more copper log posts further back from the road for parking.</p> <p>c) More signage regarding dogs on lead.</p> <p>d) A rubbish bin next door to me.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
Resp.34	<p>a) Regular weeding and maintenance.</p> <p>b) Hopefully more of us to help the City with the Green Growth Plan.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

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Resp.1	<p>This seems to be somewhat "over the top" given the current economic climate and costs already and likely to be incurred. There would appear to be other improvements in amenity which would be more beneficial to a larger proportion of the Kingsley community. The signage, already installed, is poor, inconsistent and in places contains misleading information. The signage mentions pathogens as a hazard but does not explain what this means. (Many people know the hazard triangle but do not know what pathogens are or what to do/not do about them, which raises potentially irrational concern). Some signage recently installed duplicates some other adjacent signage which was installed within the last two years and is still perfectly serviceable. This is a waste of money. Sadly indicating a lack of fiscal control in the current poor economic climate, representing poor rate payer value. Internal flora/fauna signage also represents very limited value (e.g. it will be of limited interest to a very small proportion of pedestrians through the bush). The signage will become high maintenance/cost, in all likelihood, due to likely vandalism. I do not support or advocate many of the recommendations on a cost benefit basis for the wider community.</p>	<p>The City intends to consolidate existing pathogen (Dieback) signage and install limited updated educational signage regarding pathogen management.</p> <p>Comment noted. The City will consider removal of duplicated and/or old signage.</p>
Resp.2	<p>Would like to include more information on the portuguese millipedes. In recent times this has been a big issue for local residents, especially those in close proximity to the bush reserve.</p>	<p>Information under Non-native Fauna – Invertebrates on page 53 has been elaborated to include control mechanisms.</p>
Resp.3	<p>No response provided.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
Resp.4	<p>A well prepared draft that will ensure Shepherds Bush remains an open space for future generations to enjoy the fauna, flora and wildlife.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
Resp.5	<p>No</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Resp.6	Happy to discuss.	Comment noted.
Resp.7	Appreciate very much the opportunity to comment on it. Would like to know more about Friends of Shepherds Bush please.	Comment noted.
Resp.8	I am interested in joining "Friends of Shepherds Bush"	Comment noted.
Resp.9	Houses facing onto the area should be approached to become a "Shepherds Bush Reserve- Neighbourhood watch" - reporting any non normal activity to the ranger or such.	Comment noted.
Resp.10	Friends group: needs to be local. Maybe KAGRA can do a letter drop around the Reserve and find a leader and members?	Comment noted.
Resp.11	No.	N/A
Resp.12	No, just thank you for your efforts in regards Shepherds Bush Management Plan.	Comment noted.
Resp.13	No response provided.	N/A

ID	Comment	City Response
Resp.14	I am surprised that the kookaburra is an introduced species to the park.	Text on page 53 - Non-native Fauna – Birds has been elaborated.
Resp.15	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.16	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.17	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.18	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.19	The south side of the cycleway (i.e., not the side on which the reserve is situated) has been problematic in the past because overgrown bushes have occasionally blocked cyclists' views of people entering the path. This is a bad thing, especially on the places where the cycleway is steep and bikes are moving fast. The City has taken some steps recently to ameliorate the situation. Hopefully, whatever actions are taken will integrate with what is proposed in the Management Plan.	Visibility issues will be examined and pruning undertaken where required.
Resp.20	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.21	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.22	Does the City have the fortitude and commitment to continue to provide quality care for our bushlands in the long term?	Comment noted.
Resp.23	I hope this plan will be supported and resourced sufficiently for generations to come.	Comment noted.

ID	Comment	City Response
Resp.24	I grew up in Kingsley, and spent a lot of my childhood playing in the reserves around the area, particularly Shepherds Bush. It's good to see that something is being done to improve the reserve as I've been seeing it deteriorate over the years with the increasing impacts of urbanisation/dieback. Having natural spaces to retreat to is very important to an individual's health, especially when living in a city. The work you are doing here is really important.	Comment noted.
Resp.25	I am interested in possibly joining the Friends Group depending on the time commitment required.	Comment noted.
Resp.26	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.27	<p>As a long term resident of Shepherds Bush Dr (40 years), I always get a little concerned when I hear the term "Management Plan"! The letter that was sent to my address really doesn't shed too much light on what is happening.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that no plans are being made to make the reserve a "housing zone" as that was not the original plan of the reserve. There is still a lot of wildlife in the reserve and just recently we spotted a family of Kangaroos close to our house, thank goodness the fence was in place to protect them from the traffic. The reserve is a healthy environment.</p> <p>So, on that note, could you please reassure me that no building is taking place on the reserve.</p>	The purpose of the Shepherds Bush Reserve Management Plan is to guide future environmental management and maintain the ecological value of Shepherds Bush Reserve.
Resp.28	No response provided.	N/A
Resp.29	<p>a) We are prepared to assist the City in the promotion of a Friends of Shepherds Bush group and agreed in our last meeting to help Cr Chester run a 'Flora Walk Through' to promote the area and get residents activated. We are aware of the difficulty of forming a Friends group. The main barrier is the absence of leadership. We have members already involved in other Friends groups, who would happily turn up to assist but cannot commit to leadership roles of a new group. Residents when invited are generally willing to participate in various activities but daunted by the commitment to initiate the group. In the early stages a resident willing to take on the leadership task is</p>	<p>a) The City will assist any residents who wish to form a Friends group. The City supports Friends Groups in a number of ways as outlined within the City's Friends Group Manual, available on the City's website.</p>

ID	Comment	City Response
Resp.29	<p>hard to find often due to lack of knowledge about the tasks required rather than lack of time to devote. We believe that there would be a sufficient number of willing residents to form a group. In 2012, as part of a UWA Social Work study, some 25 people showed an interest in a Friends group. We suggest that the City commit to managing the group with work plans and providing training to residents who volunteer for activities for a period of two years. The sorts of activities we envisage are guided tours through the bushland identifying native flora and weeds, and weeding and planting sessions in selected small areas. In that period participants would become more knowledgeable and there should emerge someone willing to take over and manage the group. We would also like to see the involvement of the local Noongar elders, who showed an interest previously in 2012.</p> <p>b) There needs to be an education program targeting schools as it seems from the experience of our members, a lot of the damage to the natural areas is being done by school children building forts and cubbys - perfectly innocent when they have no idea of the long term damage they are doing. As well as a Friends group we suggest a school adoption program to give the children a sense of responsibility through 'ownership' of the bush.</p>	<p>b) The City has developed an Adopt a Bushland Program which is available to schools within the City of Joondalup.</p>
Resp.30	<p>a) We moved to Kingsley in September last year and chose the suburb because it is very much like Wembley Downs was when we moved there 28 years ago, there were lots of mature trees and excellent parks. Very lucky to be able to have a house that overlooks the reserve. We use the reserve for our walks and to access the local shops. We are enjoying the upgrade to the cycleway.</p> <p>b) Concerned that there seems to be a new kind of ant establishing in the reserve (we had problems with the same ant in Wembley Downs around 2014-15). The ants are big and make quite high entrances to their nests, supported with twigs. They didn't appear to be in the reserve last year, but there are a lot of nests along the paths now. I don't think that they are native.</p>	<p>a) Comment noted.</p> <p>b) Comment noted. From the description the ant sounds very much like a local species. The City will undertake further investigations if deemed required based on severity of impact on the natural bushland area.</p>

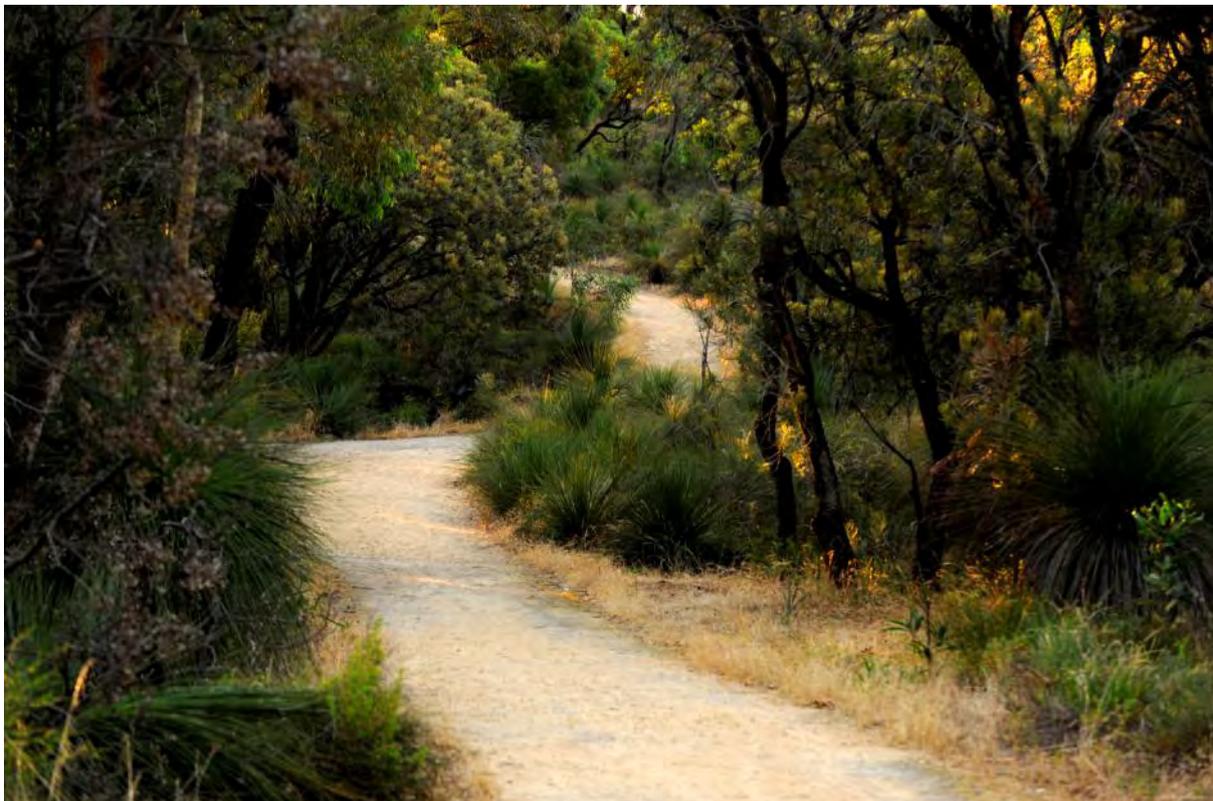
ID	Comment	City Response
Resp.31	<p>a) To encourage more birds that are 'Honey Eaters' or cockatoos, artificial nests would be an addition also planting of native shrubs of the area as a source of food and natural seasonal appeal.</p> <p>b) The City is doing a great job. Keep it up. They have large areas to cover and it all needs care.</p> <p>c) What happened to the 'Cat Licence Act?'</p> <p>d) 'Friends of Shepherds Bush' a good education idea.</p>	<p>a) Comment noted.</p> <p>b) Comment noted.</p> <p>c) The <i>Cat Act 2011</i> is described on pages 54-55 and Appendix 1 on page 91.</p> <p>d) Comment noted.</p>
Resp.32	<p>a) I feel the City, with this area being so large, should start and manage the Friends Group until it is up and running and there are residents with the confidence to take charge and continue the work.</p> <p>b) A commitment from local schools to 'adopt' the area and integrate into their syllabus would assist with the education and the protection of the reserve in to the future</p>	<p>a) The City will assist any residents whom wish to form a Friends group. The City supports Friends Groups in a number of ways as outlined within the City's Friends Group Manual, available on the City's website.</p> <p>b) Comment noted. The City has developed an Adopt a Bushland Program which is available to schools within the City of Joondalup.</p>
Resp.33	<p>a) The kangaroos have decreased since mesh fences were installed.</p> <p>b) The fences prevent mowing down fire hazards of 3-4 foot grasses.</p> <p>c) Tree drops pieces on bus stop seat.</p>	<p>a) Comment noted.</p> <p>b) The City undertakes annual fuel load assessments to inform fire prevention actions.</p> <p>c) Comment noted.</p>
Resp.34	No response provided.	N/A
Feedback Form question: Are you interested in being involved in a 'Friends of Shepherds Bush' group?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 respondents answered Yes • 6 respondents answered No • 2 respondents did not specify. 	The City's Operation Services team will pursue the establishment of a Friends of Shepherds Bush group with interested respondents.

ID	Comment	City Response
	Feedback Form question: I would like to be informed via email when the consultation results are finalised?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 respondents answered Yes • 1 respondent answered No • 5 respondents did not specify. 	Following Council adoption of the Shepherds Bush Reserve Management Plan, respondents who selected yes to this question will be provided with a copy of this summary table via email or post, depending on their preferred method of communication.
	Feedback for question: I am interested in joining the City of Joondalup Community Engagement Network?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 respondents answered Yes • 10 respondents answered No • 5 respondents did not specify. 	Respondents who selected Yes to joining the City's Community Engagement Network will be contacted.

- 1) Resp. = Respondent
- 2) A total of **34** valid responses were received. A “valid” response is one which includes the respondent’s contact details, the response was received within the advertised consultation period and for which multiple survey forms have not been submitted by the same household for the same property or from the same organisation (if applicable).
- 3) Responses were received via the online feedback form available on the City’s website, hard copy feedback forms and general comments were also received via email.
- 4) Requests for feedback were sent to 942 (400 metre radius to Shepherds Bush Reserve) surrounding properties, including local schools and sporting groups, 7 stakeholders and 11 Local Members of Parliament.



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Acronyms

Acronym Abbreviation	Definition
AHD	Australian Height Datum
BAM Act	<i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i>
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology
CALM	Department of Conservation and Land Management
CAMBA	China-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
the City	City of Joondalup
CoJ	City of Joondalup
CPSM	Centre for Phytophthora Science and Management
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DAFWA	Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DEPI	Department of Environment and Primary Industries
DFES	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
DoE	Department of Environment
DoW	Department of Water
DPaW	Department of Parks and Wildlife
DPC	Department of Premier and Cabinet
DPI	Department of Primary Industries
DSEWPC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
DWG	Dieback Working Group
EDOWA	Environmental Defender's Office Western Australia (Inc)
ELA	Eco Logical Australia
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EPBC	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
EWSWA	Environmental Weed Strategy for Western Australia
FCT	Floristic Community Type
FESA	Fire and Emergency Services Authority
GIS	Geographic Information System
ha	Hectare
IOCI	Indian Ocean Climate Initiative
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
JAMBA	Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
JSCWSC	Joint Steering Committee for Water Sensitive Cities
km	Kilometre
mAHD	Elevation in metres with respect to the Australian Height Datum
NAIA	Natural Areas Initial Assessment
MRS	Metropolitan Region Scheme
NWCPAG	National Wildlife Corridors Plan Advisory Group
PEC	Priority Ecological Community
PUBF	Perth Urban Bushland Fungi project
PMST	Protected Matters Search Tool
Syrinx	Syrinx Environmental PL
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
WA	Western Australia
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
WC Act	<i>Wildlife Conservation Act 1950</i>
WONS	Weeds of National Significance
WOS	Warwick Open Space

Executive Summary

The ~~Draft~~ Shepherds Bush Reserve Management Plan outlines a framework for the environmental management of Shepherds Bush Reserve (referred to as Shepherds Bush) for the next five years.

Shepherds Bush is located approximately 18km north-west from the Perth Central Business District in the suburb of Kingsley. The reserve covers approximately 16.5 hectares (ha) of bushland and is bounded by Newhaven Place to the north, Barridale Drive to the east, Robertson Road Cycleway to the south and Shepherds Bush Drive to the west.

Shepherds Bush is classified as a Major Conservation Area and is ranked in the City of Joondalup's top five bushland natural areas due to the high biodiversity values of the area. Shepherds Bush contains a regionally significant vegetation community comprising of Banksia and Jarrah Open Woodland and is recognised for its regional environmental significance by being designated as a Bush Forever site (39) by the Western Australian Planning Commission in 2000. Shepherds Bush is also listed on the State Heritage Register.

As part of the development of the ~~Draft~~ Shepherds Bush Park Reserve Management Plan, a flora, fauna and fungi survey was conducted in spring 2015. The results of this survey were combined with previous surveys to develop a comprehensive species list and ecological assessment of the site.

The majority of the native vegetation on site is in very good or good condition and surveys have identified 110 native flora species (including 1 priority species and 2 significant species of the Perth Metropolitan Region), 2 native mammals, 29 native birds (including 2 species of conservation significance), 7 **10** native reptile species and 34 native invertebrates.

Environmental threats have the potential to degrade natural areas and reduce biodiversity values. Environmental threats addressed in this Plan include weeds, plant diseases, fire, non-native fauna species, human impacts, antisocial behaviour, access and infrastructure. A total of 56 weed species, 6 non-native mammals (including the domestic dog and domestic/feral cat), 5 non-native birds and 2 non-native invertebrates have been identified at Shepherds Bush.

In order to address the key environmental threats at Shepherds Bush a number of management actions are outlined within the Plan.

Recommended management actions for the next five years include regular weed control, feral animal control, annual fire fuel load assessments, monitoring flora, weed, fungi, fauna, bat and invertebrate species through field surveys, conducting user surveys and implementation of the City's Pathogen Management Plan. It is also proposed a community Friends of group be developed, with support by the City of Joondalup to foster ownership and care of Shepherds Bush.

Management actions will be implemented in partnership with key stakeholders and community groups, where relevant.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background

The City of Joondalup ('the City') is situated along the Swan Coastal Plain, with the Joondalup City Centre being located 30km from the Perth Central Business District. The City covers an area of 96.5km² which encompasses a diverse range of natural areas including 17km of coastal foreshore, a chain of wetlands and a variety of bushland ecosystems (as shown in Figure 1).

The City's southern boundary is located approximately 16km from the Perth Central Business District, and is bounded by the City of Wanneroo to the east and north, the City of Stirling to the south, and the Indian Ocean to the west.

There are a number of regionally, nationally and internationally significant natural areas located within the City, including the Yellagonga Regional Park and a number of Bush Forever sites which contain species of high conservation value. Significant natural areas adjacent to the City include the Marmion Marine Park and the Neerabup National Park.

The City of Joondalup is committed to conserving and enhancing the City's natural assets to ensure the long term protection of the environment for future generations.

1.2 Natural Area Management Plans

The City is developing Natural Area Management Plans to provide strategic ongoing management of the City's natural areas and protect native vegetation and ecosystems.

Environmental threats have the potential to degrade natural areas and reduce biodiversity values. Environmental threats addressed in this Plan include weeds, plant diseases, fire, non-native fauna species, human impacts and access and infrastructure.

Natural Areas Management Plans describe the potential environmental impacts, risks and threats in natural areas and the associated management strategies that will be implemented to minimise potential impacts.

1.3 Study Area

The study area for the Shepherds Bush Reserve Management Plan is Shepherds Bush Conservation Reserve, Kingsley. The active recreational area (Shepherds Bush Park) containing the bike skills track, BMX track and a BBQ facility is differentiated from the natural bushland site used for passive recreation, which this Plan focuses on. The This site has been recognised for its regional environmental significance by being designated as a Bush Forever site (39)^{1,2} and listed on the State Heritage Register³ by the Government of Western Australia.

1.3.1 Location

Shepherds Bush covers an area of approximately 16.5 hectares and is bounded by Newhaven Place in the north-eastern boundary, Barrisdale Drive in the eastern boundary,

¹ Government of Western Australia (2000a)

² Government of Western Australia (2000b)

³ Government of Western Australia (2012)

Shepherds Bush Drive along the north-western and western boundary and the Robertson Road Cycleway in the southern boundary (as shown in Figure 2). Shepherds Bush is bordered by residential properties on all sides and Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park is located a kilometre to the west.

1.3.2 History of the Site

Metropolitan Region Scheme

The Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) was established in 1962 by the then Metropolitan Regional Planning Authority. The MRS sets out the broad pattern of land use for the whole Perth Metropolitan Region.

Prior to MRS Amendment 1082/33 – Bush Forever and Related Lands in 2010, Shepherds Bush was zoned as Urban. Following the amendment the zoning of the reserve is 'Parks and Recreation,' meaning lands of regional significance for ecological, recreation or landscape purposes.

Within the *draft Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million (draft Green Growth Plan)* released in December 2015 by the West Australian State Government, Shepherds Bush is included as a proposed specific conservation commitment, with the reserve being included within the proposed expansion of the state conservation estate. Under the proposed *Green Growth Plan*, Shepherds Bush would be classified as a 'conservation reserve'.

Conservation reserves are areas of Crown land set aside for the protection and conservation of biodiversity and/or natural or cultural heritage values. There are three main types of conservation reserve in Western Australia – nature reserves, national parks, and conservation parks.^{4 5}

1.3.3 Land Tenure

Shepherds Bush is Crown Land managed by the City of Joondalup and is reserved for the purposes of Parks and Recreation under the Metropolitan Region Scheme.

City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2 Schedule 5

Planning for land use occurs under the District Planning Scheme No. 2. Schedule 5 (Clause 5.3.1) of the District Planning Scheme lists *Places and Objects Having Significance for the Purpose of Protection of the Landscape or Environment*, a mechanism to protect identified places of landscape or environmental value within the City.

Shepherds Bush is listed on the District Planning Scheme No. 2 Schedule 5 (Clause 5.3.1) as a place having significance for the purpose of protection of the landscape or environment.

1.3.4 Land Uses

Previous Land Use

Up until the early 1970's, the suburb of Kinglsey where Shepherds Bush is located existed primarily for rural purposes, predominately grazing. Aerial photographs from this time show

⁴ Department of Premier and Cabinet (2015)

⁵ Department of Planning (2016)

the complete absence of roads and residential houses.⁶ The suburb had a rich bush presence which attracted many of the first settlers of the suburb.⁷

The Robertson Road Cycleway abuts the southern boundary of Shepherds Bush. It is a 2.4 km bicycle route that services residents within the suburb of Kingsley. The Cycleway provides a direct link for pedestrians and bike riders from the Lake Goollelal path networks in the east to the Mitchell Freeway Principal Share Path in the west. Shepherds Bush is located in the western end of the Robertson Road Cycleway and directly borders the bicycle route for 530m.⁸

The Cycleway was originally a road and was converted to a pedestrian path and cycleway in the late 1980's. An overpass pedestrian / cycle bridge was constructed following the road conversion to aid access to the Robertson Road Cycleway.^{6 7}

The suburb of Kingsley was named by one of the first occupiers of the area who called his property 'Kingsley' after the village of Winchester County Hampshire, England in which he was born. Shepherds Bush was subsequently named after suburbs around London, keeping in theme with the English heritage.⁷

Current Land Use

The main uses of Shepherds Bush are for passive recreational purposes such as walking, cycling (including use of BMX bicycles on the BMX track), dog exercising or use of the playground. Nearby properties to Shepherds Bush are zoned as Low Density Residential.

⁶ Murdoch University (1989)

⁷ City of Joondalup (2003)

⁸ City of Joondalup (2016)

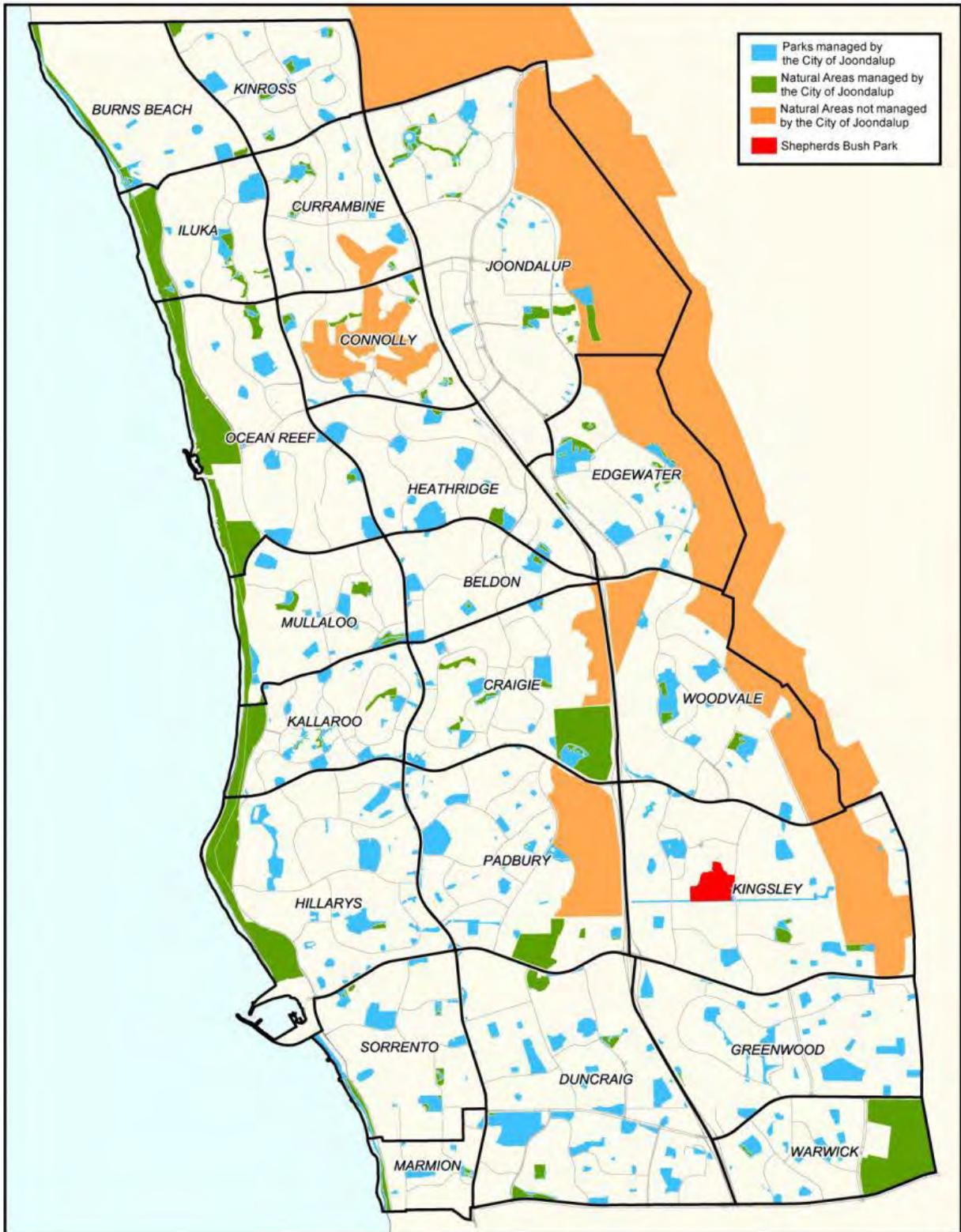


Figure 1: Location of Shepherds Bush Reserve in City of Joondalup



Figure 2: Map of Study Area (2016)
 All figure titles changed from Shepherds Bush Park to Shepherds Bush Reserve

1.4 Aim and Objectives

The aim of the Draft Shepherds Bush Park Reserve Management Plan is to provide a framework to protect and enhance biodiversity values whilst maintaining appropriate community access and awareness of the natural area.

The objectives of the Draft Shepherds Bush Park Reserve Management Plan are to:

- Establish a baseline description of the Shepherds Bush environment to guide future environmental planning and recommended management actions.
- Outline key environmental threats and the impact they have on conservation and recreation values.
- Outline management actions to address key environmental threats including monitoring and reporting.

1.5 Purpose

The purpose of the Draft Shepherds Bush Park Reserve Management Plan is to:

- Provide information to assist the City of Joondalup in prioritising maintenance schedules.
- Guide the future development of the City's Conservation Capital Works Program.
- Increase opportunities for grant funding by having a detailed schedule of projects.
- Provide guidance to City employees and contractors operating within Shepherds Bush.
- Provide mechanisms to raise community awareness of Shepherds Bush Park Reserve whilst protecting and enhancing biodiversity values.

1.6 Strategic Context

The aim of the Draft Shepherds Bush Park Reserve Management Plan aligns with the City of Joondalup Strategic Environmental Framework outlined in Figure 3. Details of the relevant local, State and Federal legislation, policies, plans and strategies are outlined in Figure 3.



Figure 3: City of Joondalup Strategic Environmental Framework

1.7 Stakeholder Consultation

Key external stakeholders to be consulted for the development of the Shepherds Bush Park Reserve Management Plan include:

- Department of Parks and Wildlife.
- Department of Fire and Emergency Services.
- Department of Planning.
- Department of Transport.
- Western Australian Local Government Association.
- Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park.
- Kingsley and Greenwood Residents Association.
- Local schools and residents.

2.0 Description of the Physical Environment

2.1 Geology, Soils and Landforms

Soils of the Swan Coastal Plain

Shepherds Bush is situated in the City of Joondalup which is located within the Swan Coastal Plain. Shepherds Bush is characterised as containing regionally significant *Banksia* and Jarrah open woodland communities with the occasional occurrence of *Allocasuarina fraseriana* (Sheek) and Tuart trees.⁹ The majority of the soils of the Swan Coastal Plain are formed by material deposited by rivers and wind. A series of dune systems has been formed with the youngest dunes being the Quindalup Dunes nearest the coast, followed by the

⁹ Eco Logical Australia (2016)

Spearwood Dunes and the oldest Bassendean Dunes are farthest from the coast, as shown in Figure 4.¹⁰

Shepherds Bush is located within the Spearwood Dune System and comprises of sand derived from Tamala Limestone.¹¹ The Spearwood Dunes have a core of sandy aeolianite with a capping of secondary limestone (Tamala Limestone, predominantly calcarenite) overlain by yellow brown siliceous sands with weak podzol development.^{12,13} The Spearwood Dunes are believed to have formed around 40,000 years ago and comprise of red/brown, yellow and pale yellow/grey sands. The Spearwood Sand Phase is characterised by undulating dunes with rocky crests of Aeolian sand over limestone, as in Figure 5.¹⁴ The environmental geological characteristic of Shepherds Bush is sand, impacting on the types of vegetation communities existing at the site.

The land contours of Shepherds Bush range from 27m to 39m Australian Height Datum (AHD), as shown in Figure 10.

Acid Sulfate Soils

Potential Acid Sulfate Soils are naturally occurring soils and sediments that contain iron sulphides. Potential Acid Sulfate Soils are predominantly found in low-lying coastal wetlands and tidal flats and are harmless when left undisturbed. Exposure to air can cause the iron sulfides in Potential Acid Sulfate Soils to react with oxygen and water producing Acid Sulfate Soils with high concentrations of iron and sulfuric acid, which can lead to other contaminants, such as heavy metals and arsenic being released into the surrounding environment.¹⁵

Acid Sulfate Soils are categorised as Potential Acid Sulfate Soils or Actual Acid Sulfate Soils. Potential Acid Sulfate Soils have not been oxidised by exposure to air whilst Actual Acid Sulfate Soils have been disturbed or exposed to oxygen and become acidic.¹⁵

There is no known risk of Acid Sulfate Soils in Shepherds Bush.¹³ The risk of Acid Sulfate Soils is based on the likelihood of Potential Acid Sulfate Soils occurring within soil profiles and has been mapped by the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) using available desk-top information and limited ground-truthing, within areas where intensive on-ground soil mapping and soil analysis work has been undertaken. The mapping undertaken has found that Acid Sulfate Soils are not known or expected to occur in the environment of Shepherds Bush on the basis of the geological units present, depth to groundwater and partial “ground truthing” or onsite investigation. Within the City of Joondalup, areas of high to moderate acid sulfate soil risk are predominantly in wetlands or areas adjacent to wetlands, as shown in Figure 6.^{15,16}

¹⁰ Bolland (1998)

¹¹ Gozzard cited in ELA (2016)

¹² McArthur and Bettenay cited in Syrinx (2012)

¹³ DoW (2004)

¹⁴ DAFWA cited in Eco Logical Australia (2013)

¹⁵ DEC no date (a)

¹⁶ Landgate (2006)

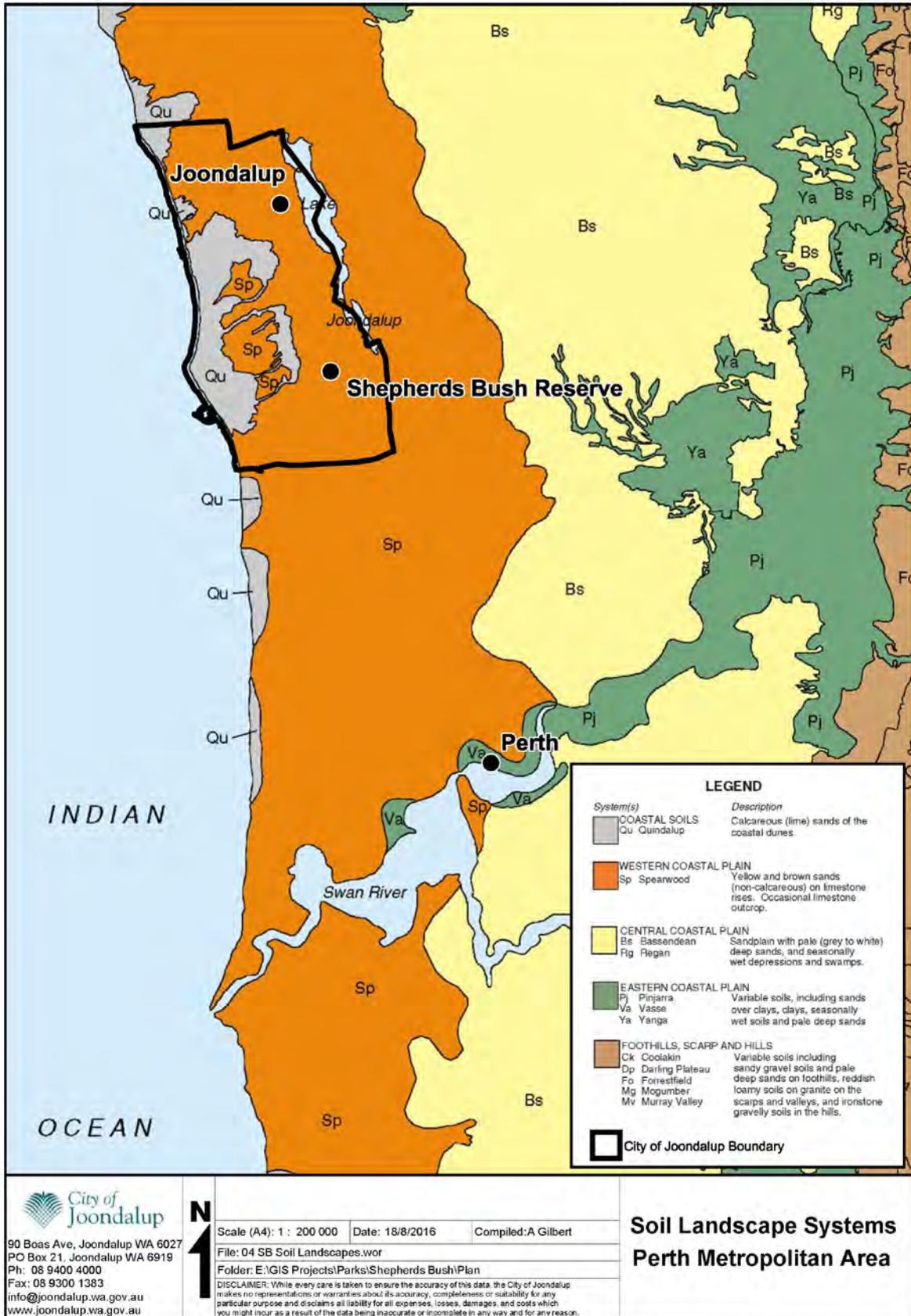


Figure 4: Soils of the Swan Coastal Plain (sourced from Department of Agriculture 2002)

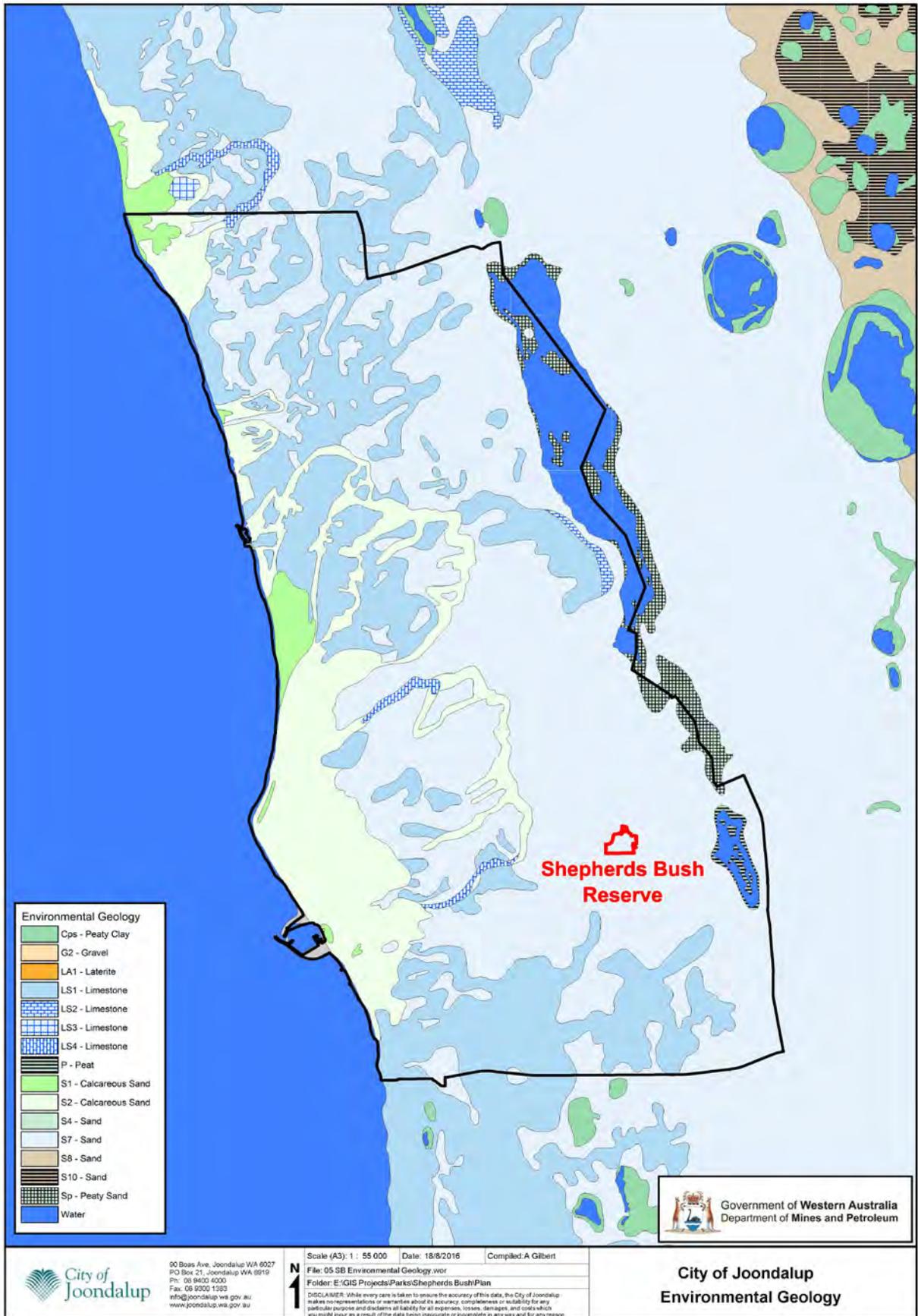


Figure 5: City of Joondalup Environmental Geology (sourced from Department of Mines and Petroleum 2013)

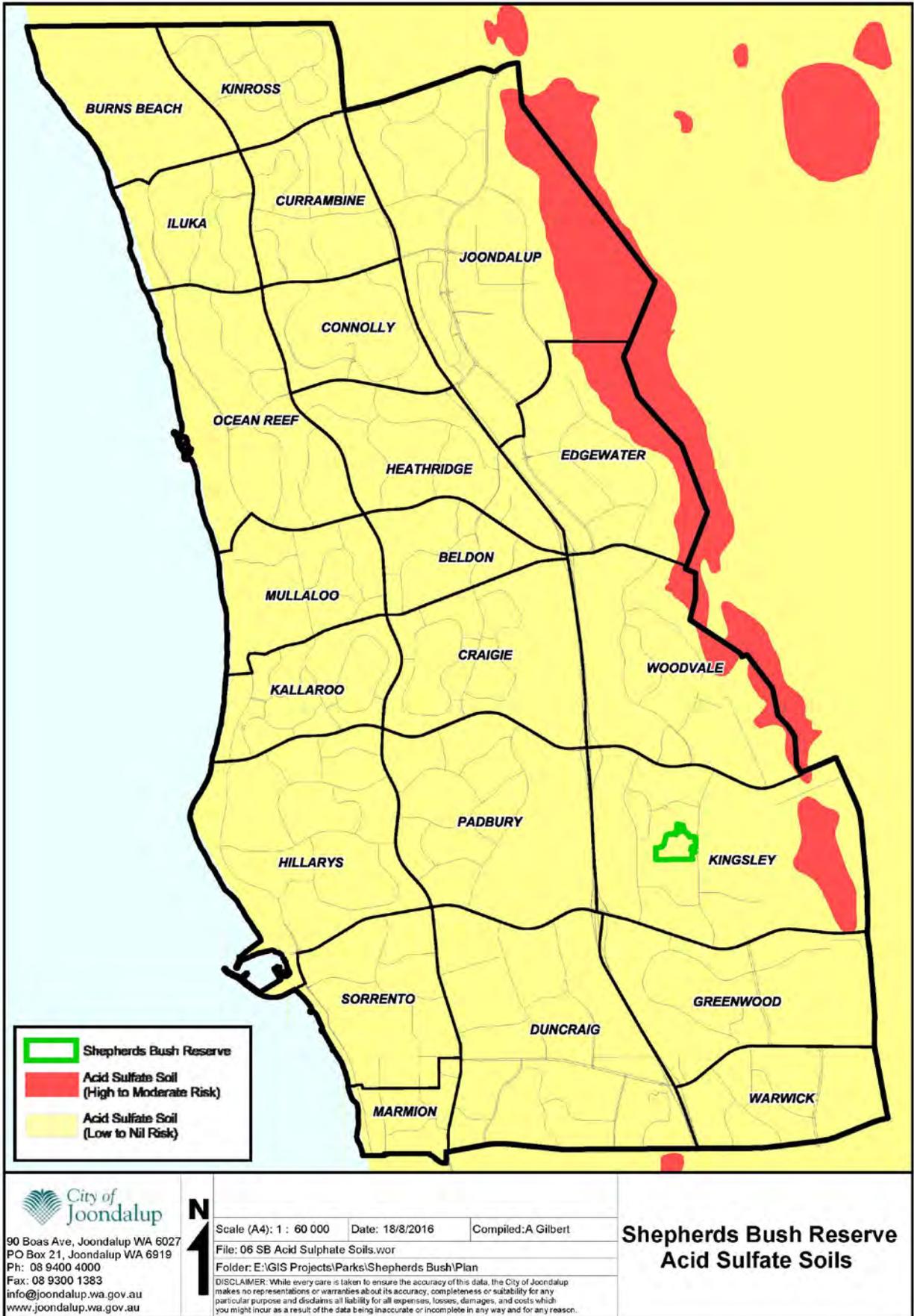


Figure 6: Shepherds Bush Reserve Acid Sulfate Soil Risk

2.2 Hydrology

Groundwater

The City of Joondalup is located on Perth's largest source of groundwater, the Gnangara Groundwater System, comprising four main aquifers: superficial (shallow, unconfined), Mirrabooka (deeper, semi-confined), Leederville (deep, mostly confined) and the Yarragadee (deep, mostly confined). The Gnangara Mound extends across most of the superficial aquifer and refers to the water table creating a mound shape, as shown in Figure 7. Groundwater levels in the superficial aquifer have been declining over recent years due to pressure from extraction and the impacts of climate change, as shown in Figure 8.¹⁷

Gnangara Groundwater System

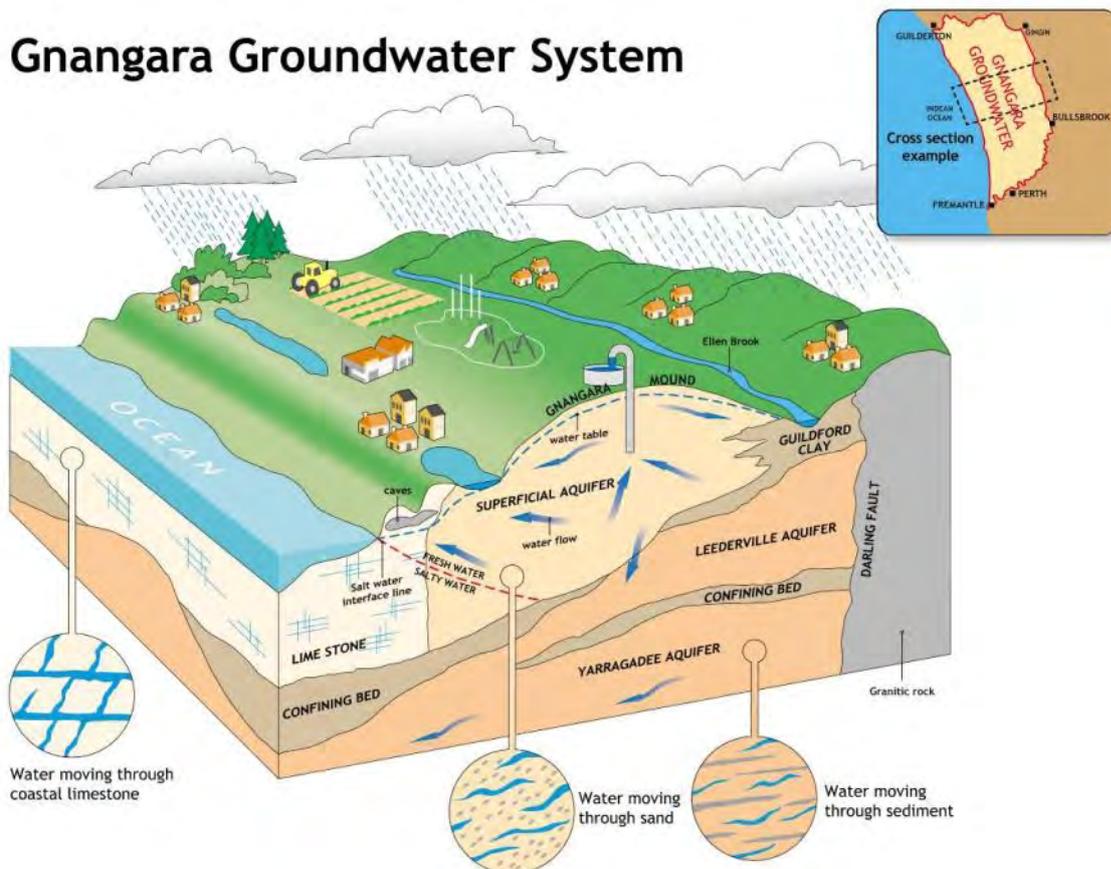


Figure 7: Gnangara Groundwater System (sourced from DoW 2016)

There is a natural seasonal variance in Perth's groundwater system due to annual rainfall recharge, as shown in Figure 8.

¹⁷ City of Joondalup (2012a)

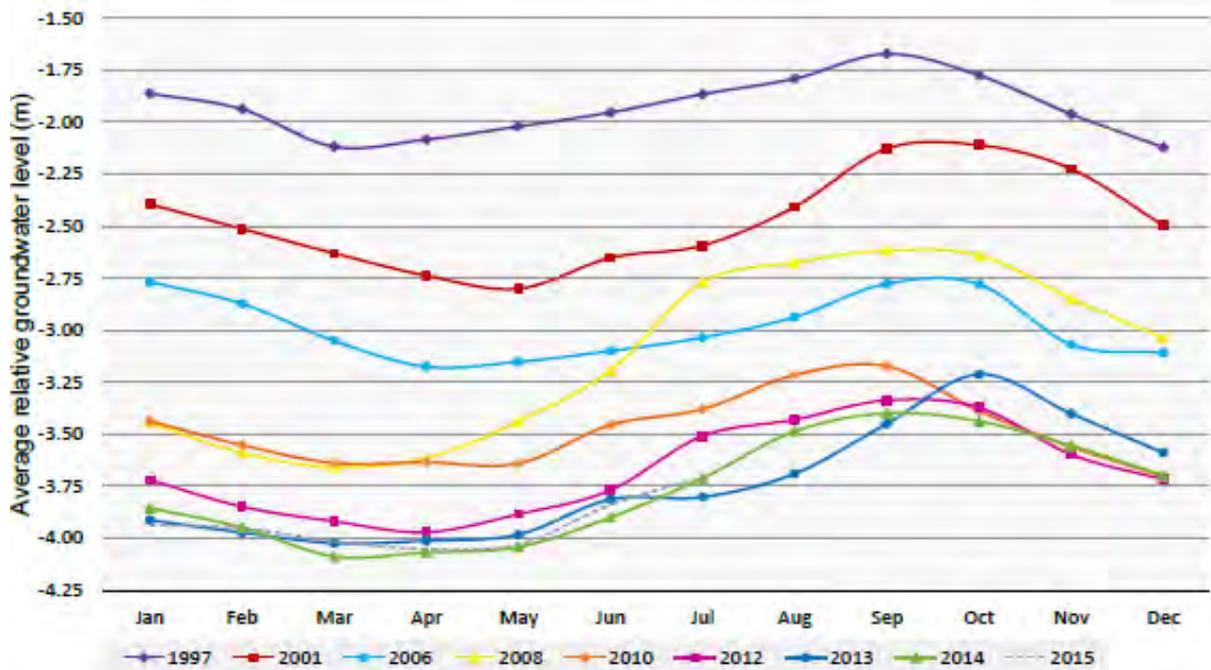


Figure 8: Nngangara Mound Average Relative Groundwater Levels (sourced from DoW 2015)

It is unlikely that plant species at Shepherds Bush utilise groundwater as the depth to water varies from 21m in the centre of the site up to 33m in the north-eastern corner, with a +/- range of 3m seasonal variance.¹³ In general, some plant species (usually larger tree species) in the Perth metropolitan area within approximately 10m of groundwater are likely to access the water table.¹⁸ Depth to water is the depth from the natural surface contours to the water table (see Figure 9). Groundwater salinity at Shepherds Bush is marginal (500 – 1000 TDS in mg/L).

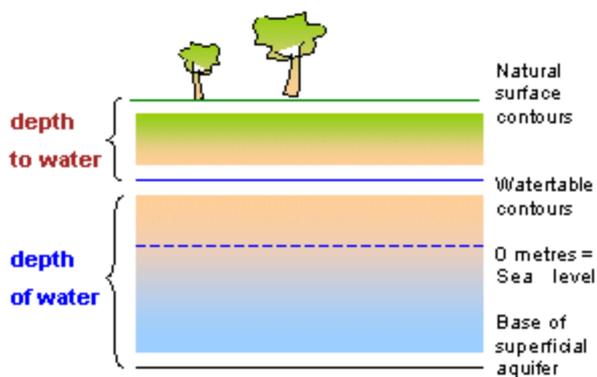


Figure 9: Groundwater Depth Explanation (sourced from DoW 2004)

No current information is available on groundwater levels located directly beneath Shepherds Bush. There are two groundwater monitoring bores located within Shepherds Bush, however the last groundwater level measurements were taken in 1983.¹⁹

The effect of long-term persistent hydrological change can cause changes in vegetation community composition and structure, with a potential loss of some species and a gradual

¹⁸ A Paton (DoW) 2013, pers. comm., 26 March

¹⁹ DoW (2015)

replacement by more drought-tolerant species. The rate (m/yr) and magnitude (metres) of groundwater level change are also relevant to potential vegetation impact.²⁰

The use of groundwater for domestic irrigation through bores is deemed suitable in the area and is supported in preference to scheme water. The area is high in iron concentration, resulting in a high iron staining risk.¹³

Stormwater Drainage

Stormwater consists of runoff from rainfall and material mobilised and dissolved in its path of flow. Stormwater is channelled and collected in sumps and swales to recharge the superficial aquifer and prevent the spread of weeds, pollutants, pathogens and sediment to vegetation.²¹

Sumps allow some stormwater to infiltrate retention basins (sumps), detain the water, collect sediment and over time the water is absorbed back into groundwater. Most sumps are steeply graded rectangular excavations with an inflow at the bottom. Sumps are fenced off in the interest of community safety due to the potential for rapid stormwater inflow.²²

Shepherds Bush contains several drainage lines and a sump. The drainage line from the Shepherds Bush Drive Sump into the drainage line entering Shepherds Bush is in the south-east corner of the site, as shown in Figure 10. The Shepherds Bush Reserve catchment area is 124,737 m².

Swales are broad, shallow channels that are grassed or vegetated and used to collect and convey stormwater flows, promote infiltration and removal of sediment.²³ A swale is located on Barridale Drive, labelled as Barridale Drive Sump on Figure 10.

The natural contours of the site also channel water to the centre of the site.

²⁰ Loomes and Froend (no date)

²¹ DoE (2004)

²² Grose and Hedgcock (no date)

²³ DoW (2011)

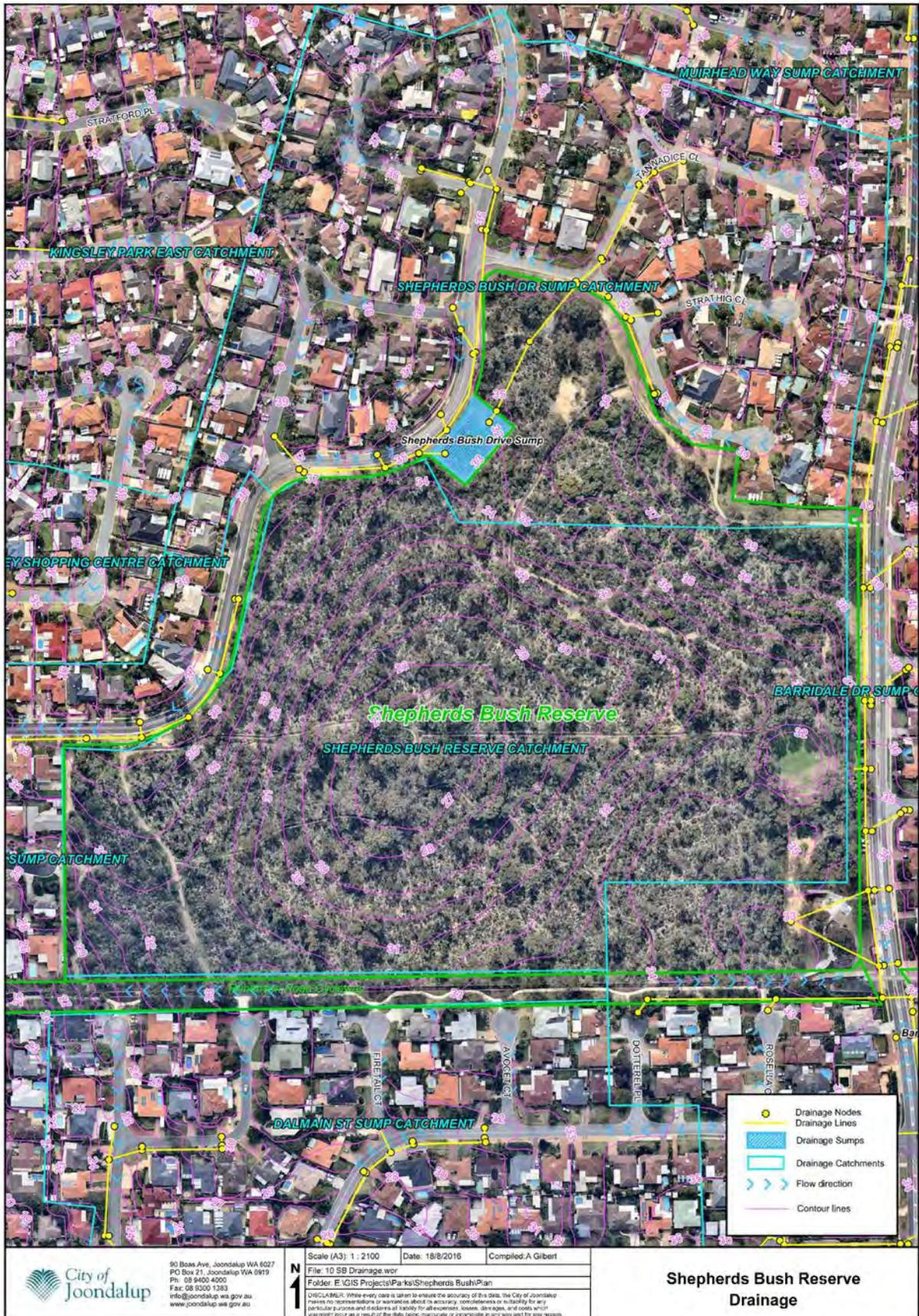


Figure 10: Shepherds Bush Reserve Drainage

2.3 Climate

The City of Joondalup experiences a Mediterranean climate of hot dry summers with an average temperature of 32°C during the day and mild wet winters with an average day time temperature of 20°C.²⁴

In the Perth metropolitan area mean maximum air temperatures range from approximately 16.5°C in July to 34.5°C in February, with mean minimum air temperatures ranging from approximately 4.5°C in July to 21°C in February.²⁵

The average annual rainfall in the City of Joondalup from 2004 to 2015 was 660mm. The average annual rainfall from 1993 to 2003 was 716mm, indicating an annual decrease of approximately 56mm in the past two decades. Approximately 77% of the annual rain falls between the months of May and September, as shown in Figure 11.²⁶

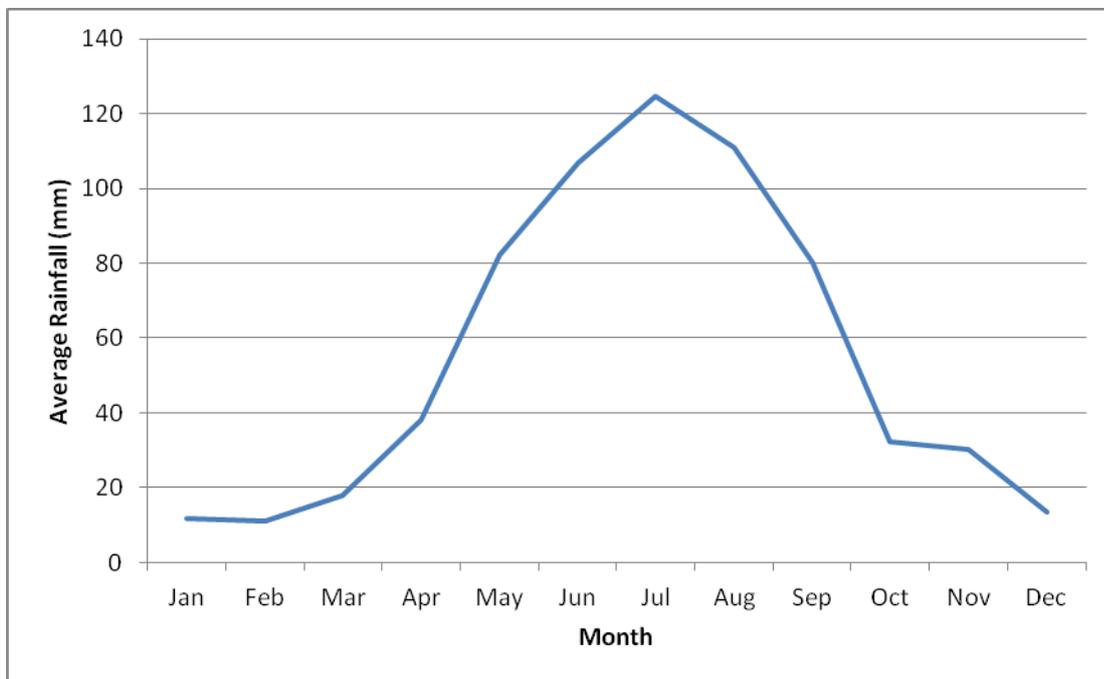


Figure 11: Mean Monthly Rainfall Recorded at Perth Airport Weather Station 2004-2015 (sourced from BoM 2016)

Current Climate Change

The City of Joondalup is located in the southwest of Western Australia, an area that is already being impacted by the effects of climate change particularly through rising temperatures and decreasing rainfall.

The long-term trend in WA's average temperature has been steadily increasing since the 1950's with overall temperature rising approximately 0.8°C in this time, as shown in Figure 12.²⁷

²⁴ Perth Tourist Centre (2016)

²⁵ BoM cited in Eco Logical Australia (2016)

²⁶ BoM (2016)

²⁷ Climate Commission (2011)

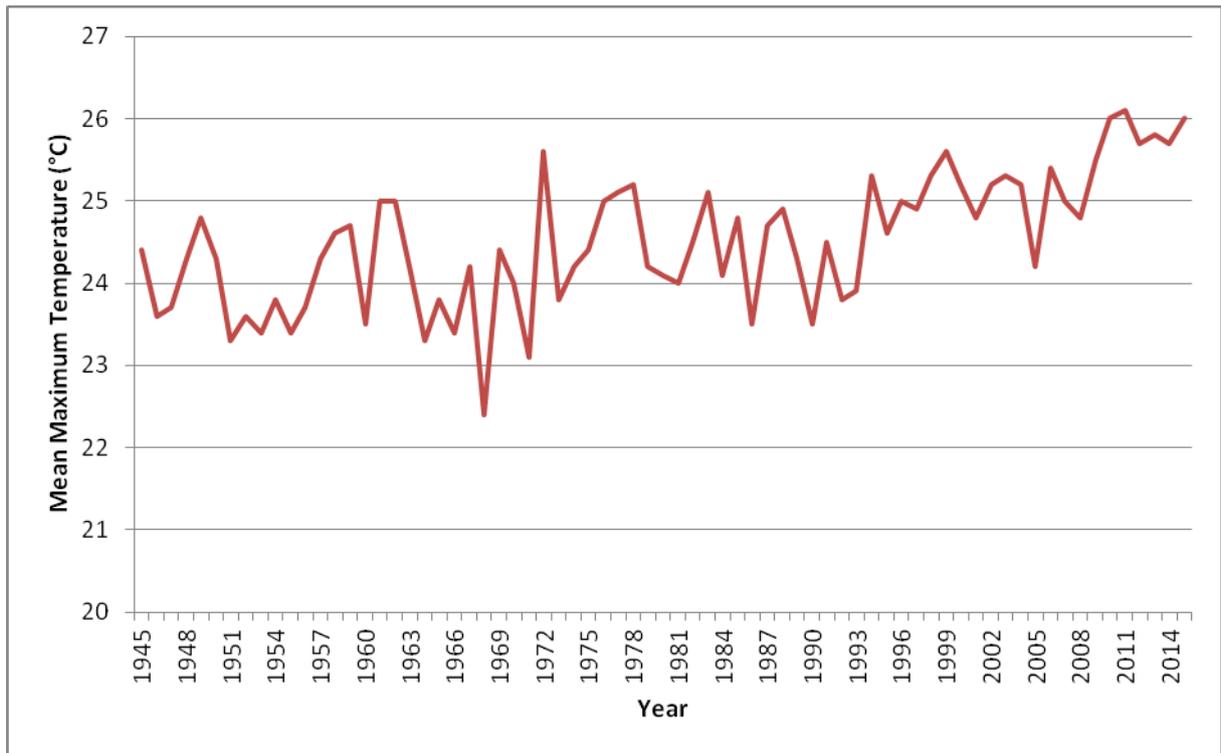


Figure 12: Mean Maximum Temperature Recorded at Perth Airport Weather Station 1945-2015 (sourced from BoM 2016)

In addition, the South-west of WA has experienced a 15% reduction in rainfall since the mid-1970s. This is a result of fewer winter low pressure systems, more prevalent high pressure systems and, since 2000, a decrease in the rainfall associated with each system, as shown in Figure 13.²⁸

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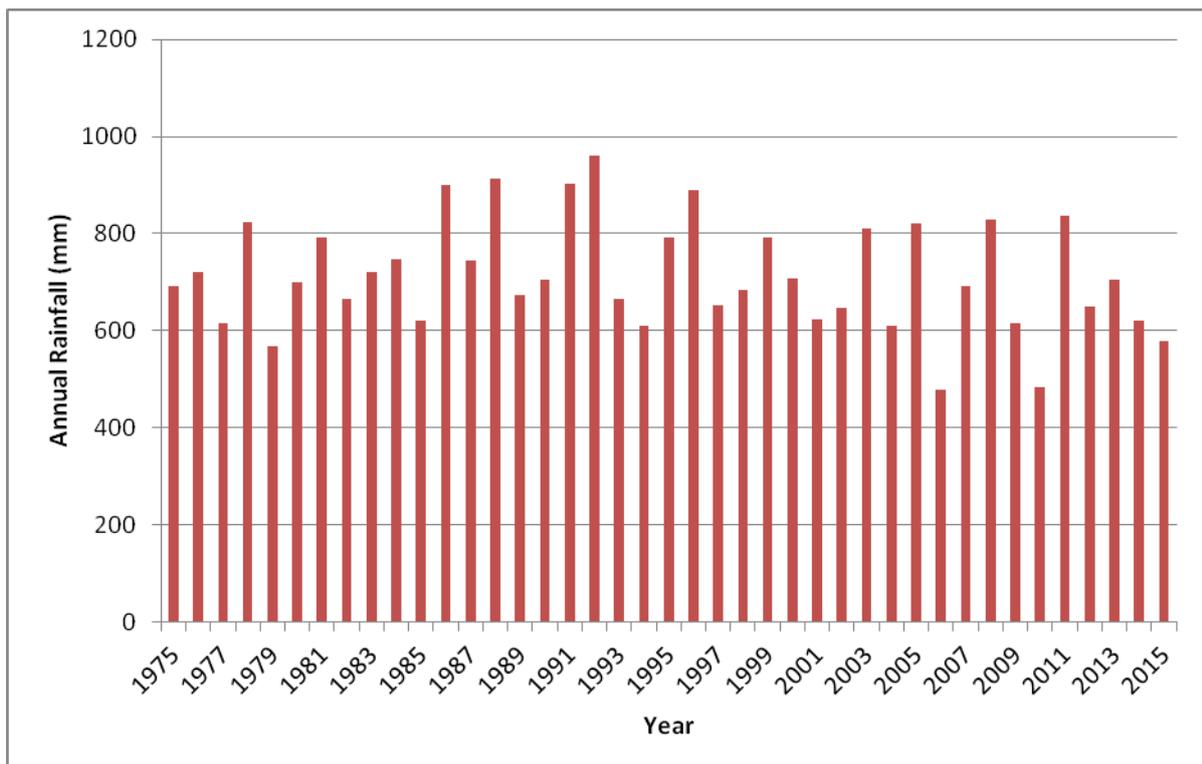


Figure 13: Mean Annual Rainfall Recorded at Perth Airport Weather Station 1975-2015 (sourced from BoM 2016)

Future Climate Change

The hotter drier climate within the South-west Western Australian region is impacting on bushland areas and ecosystems, particularly through reduced water availability. Adaptation to the drying climate is critical, particularly as the impacts of climate change will increase in the future.

The City has adopted a future climate scenario in its *Climate Change Strategy 2014-2019*, based on the best available science and best-practice climate adaptation planning. Under this scenario in 2070 the City of Joondalup will have hotter, drier and windier summers with the number of days over 35°C nearly doubling. Winters will be drier, warmer and less windy as a result of fewer low pressure systems, see Table 1. More extreme weather events are also predicted, including more frequent and severe droughts.²⁹

Climate Change Scenario for the City of Joondalup in 2070
2.7°C ↑ Temperature
Extreme Heat days ↑ from 28 to 54
19% ↓ Rainfall
7% ↑ Potential Evaporation
Wind Speed ↑ 8% in Summer ↓ 14% in Winter
2% ↓ Relative Humidity
1.4% Solar Radiation

Table 1: Climate Change Scenario for the City of Joondalup in 2070

Note: Climate Change projections for Perth in 2070 compared to 1990 under a high emissions scenario (A1FI). The projections have been generated using data from 23 climate models and global warming estimates IPCC Fourth Assessment Report 2007²⁹

The future changes to the climate are expected to have the following impacts on local bushland areas:

- Increase threats to the natural environment such as incidence of weeds, fire and disease;
- Changes to habitats and distribution patterns of species. A drier climate will result in reduced water availability for ecosystems and fauna and flora species; and
- Greater occurrence of extreme weather events such as heat-waves and intense storms.

Whilst climate change is difficult to address directly, many of the management actions in this Plan focus on maintaining vegetation resilience and will assist to minimise the effects of climate change.

2.4 Vegetation

Vegetation Complexes

Vegetation complexes are classified by the soil and landforms contained in medium to large areas along the Swan Coastal Plain. Regional scale mapping shows the study area is classified as having Karrakatta Complex - Central and South (see Figure 14). This complex is described as predominantly open forest of *Eucalyptus gomphocephala* – *Eucalyptus marginata* – *Eucalyptus calophylla* and woodland of *Eucalyptus marginata* – *Banksia* species.³⁰ This vegetation complex currently has 23% of pre-European extent remaining within the Swan Coastal Plain IBRA region.³¹

The State Government's Bush Forever Strategy (2000) aims to protect 51,000 ha of regionally significant vegetation within the Swan Coastal Plain portion of the Perth

²⁹ CSIRO (2007)

³⁰ Heddle et. al. cited in ELA (2016)

³¹ EPA cited in ELA (2016)

Metropolitan Region. The State Government has established targets under Bush Forever which aim to protect at least 10% of each of the 26 vegetation complexes,^{1 31} to achieve a comprehensive representation of all the ecological communities originally occurring in the region.³² The Strategy identifies 287 bushland sites. Shepherds Bush has been identified as an area containing regionally significant bushland and is included within the Bush Forever Strategy as site 39.^{1 33}

The predominant vegetation complex in Shepherds Bush is Karrakatta Complex – Central and South. Approximately 24% (11,906 ha) of the original extent of Karrakatta Complex – Central and South vegetation complex remains within the Perth and Peel region,³⁴ with 7% (350 ha) of this remaining vegetation existing within the City of Joondalup.³²

Due to the limited extent of the Karrakatta Complex – Central and South vegetation complex remaining within the Perth Metropolitan Region, it is important to retain bushland within Shepherds Bush for its conservation value.

³² WALGA (2010)

³³ Government of Western Australia cited in ELA (2016)

³⁴ WALGA (2013)

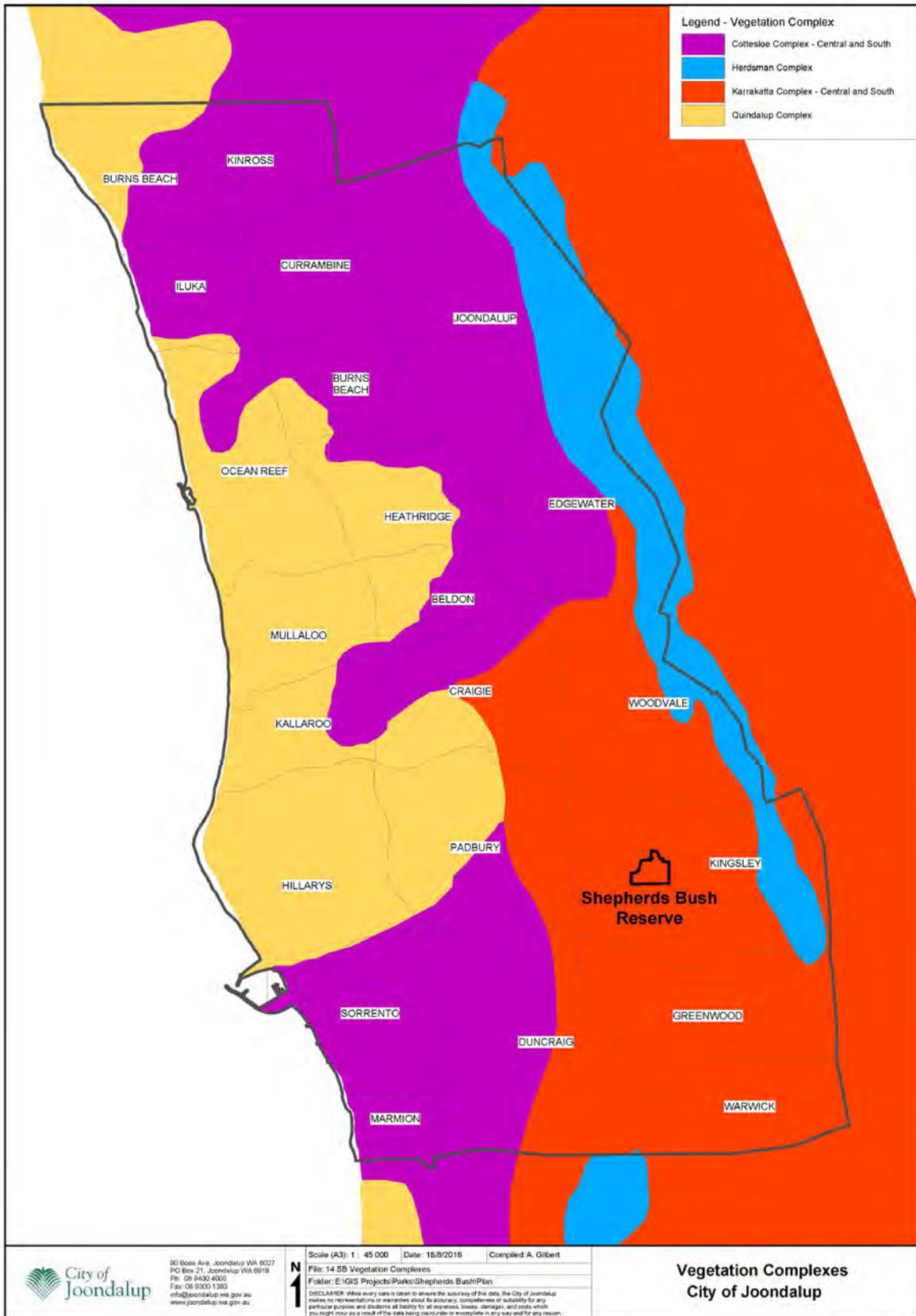


Figure 14: City of Joondalup Vegetation Complexes

Floristic Community Types

The vegetation of the Swan Coastal Plain has been systematically surveyed and defined into Floristic Community Types (FCTs). This floristic analysis defined 30 FCTs with some groups further subdivided, with a total of 43 types and sub-types recognised.³⁵

The Spearwood Dunes unit supports FCTs 24, 25, 26a, 26b, 27 and 28. The following FCTs were inferred to occur in the study area through the State Government's Bush Forever assessment in 2000:

- FCT 24 – Northern Spearwood shrublands and woodlands
- FCT 28 – Spearwood *Banksia attenuata* or *B. attenuata* – *Eucalyptus* woodlands.

FCT 24 is currently listed as a Priority 3 (i), Priority Ecological Community (PEC)³⁶ which means that it is poorly known from several to many occurrences but does not appear to be under threat of habitat destruction or degradation.³⁷

Only FCT 28 was identified in Shepherds Bush during the October 2015 field survey by consultants, Eco Logical Australia.⁹

FCT 28 is largely restricted to the Spearwood landform and has been recorded from Thompson's Lake north to Seabird. Species richness averages for FCT 28 is 55.2 native species per quadrat and average weed frequency is at 8 species per quadrat. The quadrats surveyed by ELA recorded an average of 33 native species per quadrat and 13 weed species. However, it must be noted that these comparisons are based on quadrats being established in the highest condition and species diverse sites, therefore lower species counts are expected when sampling areas with poorer vegetation condition.⁹

The ELA quadrats recorded the typical species that represent FCT 28, which are known to occur in more than 75% of quadrats.^{9 35}

Although FCT 24 Northern Spearwood shrublands and woodlands was also identified in the State Government's Bush Forever Strategy (2000),³⁸ this FCT was only inferred to be present within the study area and was not supported by field sampling. FCT 24 was inferred based on the floristics of the general area and the site's geographic location, therefore this does not necessarily indicate that FCT 24 exists at the site.⁹

The FCT flora survey and the statistical analysis conducted by Eco Logical Australia did not support similarities with FCT 24, therefore the vegetation community in the study area does not represent this FCT. This is largely due to the absence of an indicator mid storey species, *Banksia sessilis* from the bushland at Shepherds Bush. *Banksia sessilis* is a key dominate species that defines FCT 24.^{9 34 35} Although *Banksia sessilis* was recorded from Shepherds Bush, it did not form a dominate species within the mid storey.⁹

Whilst FCTs can be a useful way of describing groups of flora species, or defining Threatened or Priority Ecological Communities on the Swan Coastal Plain, vegetation communities are more commonly used to define plant communities.

³⁵ Gibson et al cited in ELA (2016)

³⁶ DPaW (2015b)

³⁷ DEC (2010a)

³⁸ Government of Western Australia (2000)

Vegetation Communities

Field sampling confirmed one vegetation community occurring within the study area. Although only one main vegetation community exists within the Shepherds Bush area, consisting of 87% of the site, it is of high conservation value and described in full in Table 2 and shown in Figure 15.

Vegetation Community Reference	Vegetation Community Description	Site Coverage
BaEmHIXpEc	<i>Banksia attenuata</i> and <i>Eucalyptus marginata</i> open woodland with occasional <i>Allocasuarina fraseriana</i> and <i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i> over <i>Hakea lissocarpa</i> and <i>Xanthorrhoea preissii</i> open shrubland over <i>Hibbertia hypericoides</i> low open shrubland over * <i>Ehrharta calycina</i> very open grassland over <i>Desmocladius flexuosus</i> very open sedgeland	14.8 ha or 87%

*indicates weed species.

Note: The remaining vegetation on site has been cleared for parkland (and BMX jumps) (2.2 ha or 13%).

Table 2: Vegetation Community at Shepherds Bush Reserve

No Threatened Ecological Communities were identified within Shepherds Bush⁹

The Commonwealth Government, Department of the Environment is undergoing a review of the Banksia Woodlands ecological community of the Swan Coastal Plain, to assess whether the vegetation community meets the criteria of ‘Endangered,’ under the *EPBC Act 1999*. The assessment is due for completion in July 2016.³⁹ The findings of the assessment may result in increased importance and protection of the vegetation community present at Shepherds Bush.

Vegetation Condition

The Keighery Scale is a tool used to rate the condition of vegetation from pristine to completely degraded, as detailed in Appendix 5. The City of Joondalup conducted Natural Areas Initial Assessments in April 2004 and 2014 to assess the vegetation condition at the site. Eco Logical Australia conducted a vegetation condition assessment in October 2015, with the majority of the vegetation condition being rated as “very good”, followed by “good”, as shown in Table 3.

The vegetation condition at Shepherds Bush ranges from very good to good to completely degraded. Shepherds Bush contains various formal paths and informal tracks and these have been categorised as completely degraded. The majority of the remnant vegetation within the site is in very good condition, with the condition reducing to good to completely degraded in the eastern section of the site and areas directly surrounding pathways, known as ‘edge effects’.

The good condition areas surrounding pathways and the Robertson Road Cycleway reflects the reduction in vegetation condition caused by disturbances, through the construction of formal and informal paths. Reduction in vegetation condition also commonly exists on the boundary edges of bushland areas, due to various factors including the introduction of invasive species from surrounding areas, informal access and garden refuse dumping.

Degraded to completely degraded areas generally surround the BMX (bike jump) park, the lawned swale and the road boundary in the north-east of the site. Vegetation condition is shown in Table 3 and Figure 16.

³⁹ Australian Government, DoE (no date a)

Vegetation condition assessments include observations regarding the numbers of native species, weed cover, vegetation structure, species diversity, amount of understorey, health condition of most species' populations and physical disturbance.

The vegetation condition assessment undertaken by Eco Logical Australia in 2015 incorporated the assessment of tracks, including formal and informal pathways within Shepherds Bush. As a result of the inclusion of these tracks within the survey, the percentage of vegetation classified as Completely Degraded has increased from previous surveys, which did not consider tracks as part of the survey. The Completely Degraded classification has been applied to tracks due to the complete removal of the original vegetation.

Since 2004 there has been a reduction in the amount of vegetation rated as "excellent" and an increase in the amount of vegetation rated as "very good". Variances in vegetation assessments can often be attributed to differing interpretations of the Keighery Scale definitions by assessors as well as external factors such as different variance in the seasonal timings of vegetation assessments, frequency and intensity of recent fire occurrences and other disturbances such as the incidence of weeds can also result in variance in vegetation assessments.

Year	Pristine	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Degraded	Completely Degraded	Total
Oct. 2015 (ELA)	0%	0%	57.3%	31.4%	1.1%	10.2%	100%
April 2014 (CoJ)	0%	10%	45%	25%	15%	5%	100%
April 2004 (CoJ)	0%	10%	45%	25%	15%	5%	100%

Table 3: Shepherds Bush Reserve Vegetation Condition Assessment(2004, 2014 and 2015) using Keighery Scale

Additionally the State Government's Bush Forever Strategy (2000), rated the vegetation condition of Shepherds Bush as more than 75% Very Good to Good, less than 25% Degraded, with areas of severe localised disturbance.

High resolution multi-spectral imagery has been obtained for the City of Joondalup in October 2012 and October 2014 and analysed to measure canopy cover and change in vigour of vegetation in key City conservation areas. The vegetation vigour change in Shepherds Bush over a two year period is shown in Figure 17. The majority of the site has increased in vegetation vigour with some minor areas showing decline.

Vegetation Cover

The height of the majority of vegetation cover at Shepherds Bush is 0-3m, with a moderate amount of vegetation with a height of 3-15m and a very minor amount of vegetation with a height of 15m or more, as shown in Figure 18.

Vegetation communities

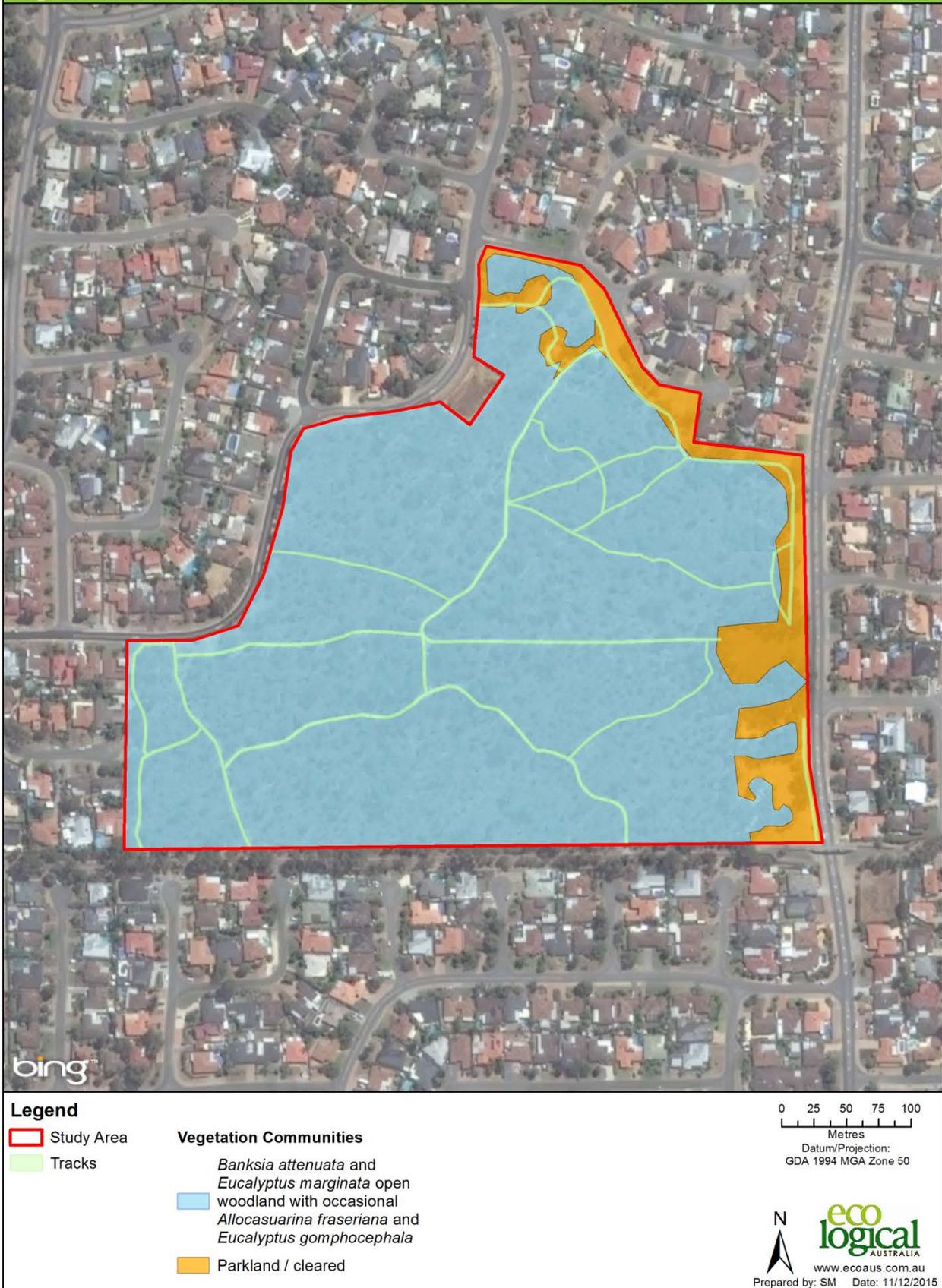


Figure 15: Shepherds Bush Reserve Vegetation Communities (sourced from ELA 2016)



Figure 16: Shepherds Bush Reserve Vegetation Condition – October 2015⁶ (sourced from ELA 2016)



Figure 17: Shepherds Bush Reserve Vegetation Condition Change Oct 2012 – Oct 2014 (Arbor Carbon 2014)

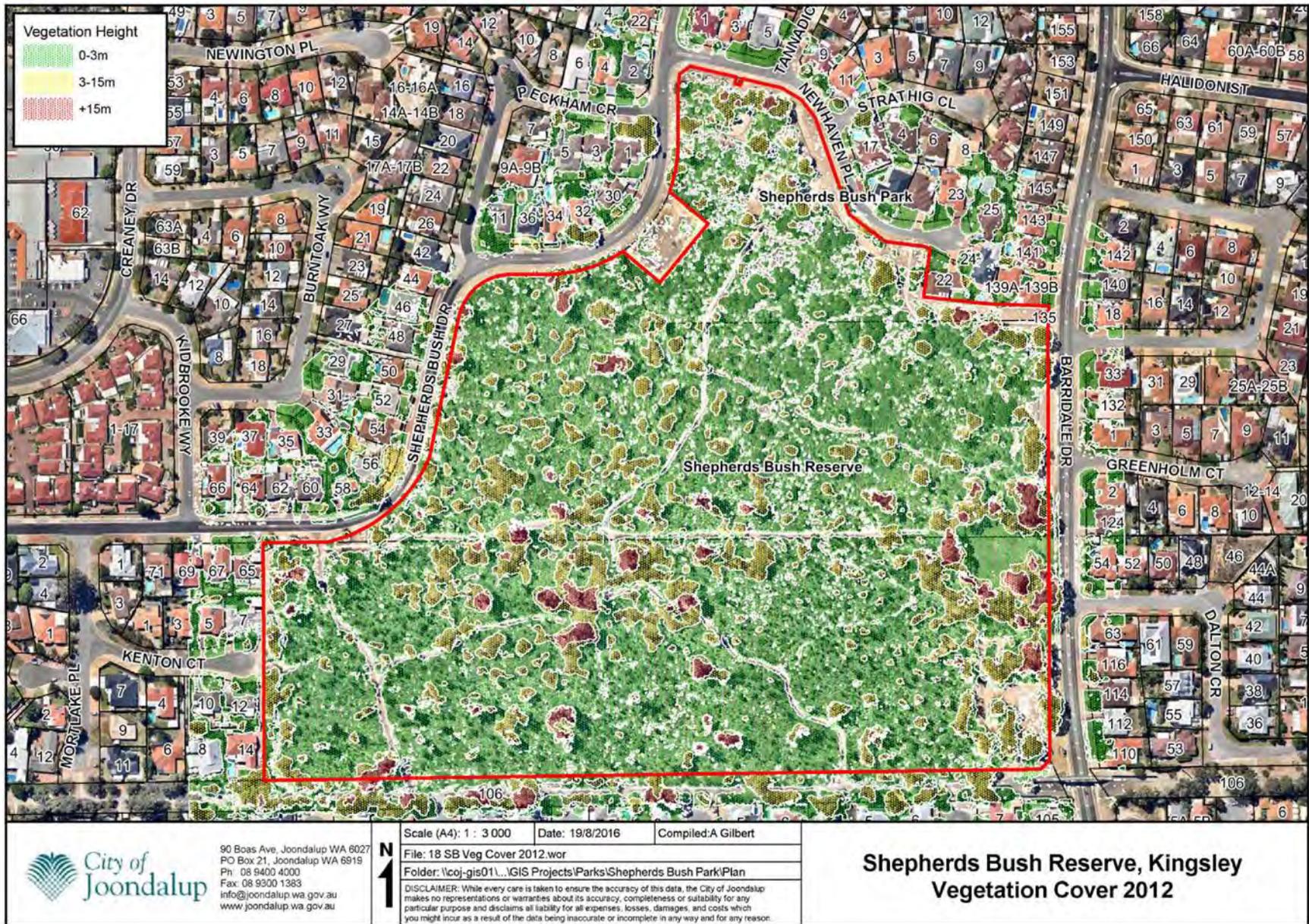


Figure 18: Shepherds Bush Reserve Vegetation Cover (Arbor Carbon 2012)

3.0 Biodiversity Management

Shepherds Bush supports an abundance of plant and animal species, including species listed as priority based on their endangered, threatened and migratory status. The long term protection of biodiversity values within Shepherds Bush is critical to ensure the conservation of this important bushland habitat. The protection and enhancement of biodiversity within Shepherds Bush also benefits the community through the provision of ecosystem services such as:

- the production of oxygen and capture of carbon dioxide;
- noise and air quality regulation;
- cooling of urban environments;
- regulation of freshwater supplies;
- generation and maintenance of topsoil;
- generation and recycling of nutrients;⁴⁰
- control of pests and diseases;
- supporting seed dispersal and pollination;
- providing a genetic store;⁴¹ and
- a number of recreational and cultural experiences.⁴²

There are a number of environmental threats that pose a risk to the biodiversity of Shepherds Bush. The key environmental threats at Shepherds Bush addressed in this Section include:

- Weeds;
- Pathogens and disease;
- Non-native fauna species;
- Human impacts;
- Access and infrastructure; and
- Fire.

Management actions to address the key environmental threats have been established and are discussed in the following sections.

There are other additional environmental threats that are out of the scope of this Plan and therefore not addressed such as climate change and groundwater decline.

3.1 Flora

Shepherds Bush is located within the Southwest Australia biodiversity hotspot. Southwest Australia, from Shark Bay in the north to Israelite Bay in the south, is one of 35 biodiversity hotspots in the world with over 1,500 endemic plant species occurring in this region. Approximately 30% of the original vegetation extent of this area remains, with habitat loss being primarily due to agricultural and urban expansion and biological factors such as feral animals, weeds and the plant pathogen *Phytophthora cinnamomi*.^{43 44}

⁴⁰ Burbidge (2004)

⁴¹ Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005)

⁴² City of Joondalup (2012b)

⁴³ Conservation International (2012)

⁴⁴ Australian Government, DoE (no date)

Flora surveys enable collection of scientific data related to the occurrence and distribution of flora species and vegetation communities. Information obtained from flora surveys is used as a baseline to monitor the ecological health of flora populations and vegetation communities.⁴³

The City engaged consultants, Eco Logical Australia (ELA), to undertake a desktop and field flora survey of Shepherds Bush in October 2015.

The design of the flora survey was aligned with methodology outlined in EPA *Guidance Statement No. 51: Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia* (2004). The survey was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Western Australian (WA) *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The survey methodology included the use of 10m x 10m quadrats and opportunistic sampling of species not recorded within the quadrats, to inform a species inventory of the study area. Six quadrats were installed within the study area, following analysis of aerial imagery, review of previous City of Joondalup field survey reports and ground-truthing.

Eco Logical recorded a total of 139 flora taxa at Shepherds Bush during their survey. This total included 89 native (64%) and 50 (36%) introduced taxa. The taxa comprised 43 families and 107 genera. The most commonly occurring family was Fabaceae (20 taxa) and *Acacia* was the most common genus with five taxa.

Previous flora surveys conducted in Shepherds Bush include:

- City of Joondalup Natural Areas Initial Assessments (NAIAs) (2004 and 2014)
- Murdoch University (1989) Shepherds Bush Park Management Proposal

The combination of results from Shepherds Bush flora surveys indicates that there are 166 species, including 110 native species (66%) and 56 introduced species (34%).

The optimal time for surveying is spring for native flora and winter for weeds. Rainfall was not recorded during the five day survey conducted by ELA, and a total of 237 mm of rainfall was received in the three months prior to the survey.²⁵ This is below the long-term average for the period June – August (354.4 mm), however it is still considered suitable for flora and fauna survey timing.⁹

Native Flora

Native flora is an important part of the Shepherds Bush ecosystem. The loss of native plant species can lead to a loss of fauna that depend on flora for food and shelter. A total of 110 native flora species have been recorded at Shepherds Bush (see Appendix 2).

The number of native flora species recorded at Shepherds Bush is comparable to the number of species recorded in similar bushland areas nearby.⁴⁵ The diversity is also considered to be very good for remnant vegetation in a built-up urbanised area.⁹

One naturally occurring priority species rated by the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) listed under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* has been recorded at Shepherds Bush, *Jacksonia sericea sericea*, which is listed as Priority Four (Rare, Near Threatened and

⁴⁵ ELA 2013 cited in ELA (2016)

other species in need of monitoring). This species is also listed as Significant Flora of the Perth Metropolitan Region, under the State Governments' Bush Forever Strategy (2000). Other significant flora species of the Perth Metropolitan Region recorded at Shepherds Bush include the Prickly Conostylis (*Conostylis aculeata* subsp. *cygnorum*), see Appendix 3.

Lomandra hermaphrodita and *Lomandra maritima* are the food source for the threatened fauna species the Graceful Sun Moth (*Synemon gratiosa*). These species were listed through database searches as potentially occurring within Shepherds Bush Park Reserve and have been observed in Hepburn Heights Conservation Area, (located approximately 1.8 km west of the study area), although no specimens were observed in the spring 2015 survey.

The 2004 CoJ NAIA assessment recorded *Lomandra hermaphrodita* as one of the dominant herbaceous species present, although there is a possibility this species was mistaken for another *Lomandra* species, as three species of *Lomandra* have been recorded at Shepherds Bush. The priority and significant flora species recorded in Shepherds Bush are shown in Appendix 3.

Evidence of chewed vegetation (seeds and pods) have been observed at Shepherds Bush and are attributed to foraging activity by the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) and potentially the Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii* subsp. *naso*). The diversity of flora species present at Shepherds Bush Reserve, particularly those belonging to the Proteaceae family, provide foraging habitat for these Cockatoos.^{9 46}

The large Tuart (*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*) trees at Shepherds Bush provide potential breeding and roosting habitat for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos.⁴⁷ Tuarts take 200 years to develop hollows that are a suitable size for nesting.⁴⁷ Many Tuart trees on the Swan Coastal Plain have died in the past 20 years due to stress factors such as the lowering of the water table, insect infestations and fungal pathogens.⁴⁸ Planting of Tuart trees in Shepherds Bush may provide habitat for nesting and roosting in the long term for Carnaby's Black Cockatoos.

There are a number of dead or declining mid storey and upper storey trees at Shepherds Bush. These large trees (dead or alive) provide habitat for nesting, shelter and protection for fauna and should be retained on site.

Weeds

Weeds are exotic or native species that grow in ecosystems where they did not originally belong. Weeds are commonly introduced and distributed within bushland areas through the dispersal of seed by water, wind and animals such as birds, fire, through dumping of garden refuse, and by human or vehicle movement in natural areas.

Weeds have major economic, environmental and social impacts in Australia and can:

- displace native plant species;
- alter ecosystems, nutrient recycling and soil quality;
- harbour pests and diseases;
- increase fuel loads for fires;
- impact negatively on fauna and flora and their habitats; and
- compete with native species for space, water and nutrients.⁴⁹

⁴⁶ DEC (2011a)

⁴⁷ DEC (2010b)

⁴⁸ Matusick, Hardy and Ruthrof (2012)

⁴⁹ DSEWPC (2012)

Over 28,000 known alien plant species have been introduced to Australia with approximately 10% now being established in the environment.⁵⁰ Garden plants are the main source of Australia's weeds, accounting for 66% of recognised weed species.⁴⁹

A combined total of 56 weed species have been recorded at Shepherds Bush (see Appendix 2), from the flora surveys undertaken by Eco Logical (2015), CoJ NAIA assessments (2004 and 2014) and Murdoch University (1989). From these 56 weed species, 29 have been identified as priority species.

Environmental weeds are classified as priority if they meet any of the following criteria:

- Weed species listed as a Weed of National Significance (WONS) ~~under the *National Weeds Strategy (1997)*~~ **by the Australian Government.**
- The weed species is listed as a Declared Pest Plant according to the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*.
- The weed species is rated as High Priority in regards to its ecological impact according to the *Draft DPaW Weed Prioritisation Process for the Swan Region (2013)*.
- The weed species is listed as a Pest Plant under the City's *Pest Plant Local Law 2012*.
- The City of Joondalup has determined that the weed species; poses a major threat to vegetation or the structure of vegetation communities; is likely to lead to a significant outbreak of individual weed species; and/or contribute to a high fuel load (e.g. grasses). These species are classed as priority weeds in the City of Joondalup.

The majority of the weed species recorded are daisies from the Asteraceae family and grasses from the Poaceae family. Many of the weed species adjoin disturbed areas, particularly pathways and informal tracks. Areas surrounding the boundary of Shepherds Bush, where the bushland meets the road, particularly in the northern section of the site, contain a high weed presence. The most common species observed in the 2015 survey at Shepherds Bush were *Hypochaeris glabra* (Smooth Catsear), *Ehrharta calycina* (Perennial Veldt Grass), *Euphorbia terracina* (Geraldton Carnation Weed) and *Pelargonium capitatum* (Rose Pelargonium).⁹

Weeds have been recorded using density coverage percentages ranging from less than 5%, to 6-30% and 31-60%. *Cynodon dactylon* (*Couch Grass*) was the only weed species recorded to occur in more than 60% coverage of a given area. This was due to the species comprising in the designated cleared parkland area and the swale and sump on site.⁹

Twenty six weed species have been recorded in Shepherds Bush and are rated as priority weed species in the City of Joondalup, one of which is ranked as a Pest Plant under the City of Joondalup Local Law.

The City of Joondalup has a Pest Plant Local Law (2012) for the management of Caltrop (*Tribulus terrestris*). This species was recorded in the City's 2014 NAIA assessment (see below section Pest Plant Local Law), although no caltrop was recorded in the 2015 weed survey undertaken by Eco Logical.

Two species recorded are listed as Declared Pests under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (one of which is also listed on the City's priority weed list).

⁵⁰ Groves, Boden and Lonsdale (2005)

Twenty seven species recorded at Shepherds Bush are ranked as high priority in regards to their ecological impact, under the *Draft Department of Parks and Wildlife Swan Region Species Prioritisation Process 2013*.

Examples of Identified priority weeds are illustrated in Appendix 6 and their recommended weed treatment methodology is detailed in Appendix 7, which is used for City of Joondalup on ground management of priority weeds.

Current Management Approach

The City's current approach to monitoring, conserving and protecting native flora in Shepherds Bush is outlined below.

Site Assessments

Flora surveys are conducted approximately every 5-7 years in Shepherds Bush to record the occurrence and distribution of flora species and vegetation communities. Information obtained from flora surveys is used to monitor the ecological health of flora populations and vegetation communities on site.

Natural Area Initial Assessments are conducted approximately every 5-10 years in Shepherds Bush to assess site-specific ecological values, biodiversity significance and threatening processes, at a level that is consistent with regional scientific standards.⁵¹

Weed Management

The City undertakes an integrated approach to weed management, including:

- Preventing weed introduction through weed hygiene measures.
- Regular monitoring and reporting of weed populations.
- On ground weed control, including prioritisation of natural areas and priority weeds to target.
- Community education initiatives.
- Fire prevention measures.

Weed Monitoring

The following table outlines the various weed monitoring methods undertaken by the City in Shepherds Bush.

Weed Monitoring Method	Detail
Monthly weed inspections	Monthly weed inspections are conducted at Shepherds Bush to establish the extent and distribution of weed species and to identify priority weeds. Monthly weed inspections are used to inform on ground weed management programs.
Annual weed percentage cover monitoring	The City monitors the percentage cover of environmental weeds in Shepherds Bush on an annual basis, measured by three transects within the reserve.

⁵¹ WALGA (2004)

Weed Monitoring Method	Detail
Flora surveys	Flora surveys are conducted every 5-7 years in Shepherds Bush. Flora surveys include mapping of priority weeds and a vegetation condition assessment. The vegetation condition assessment (see Figure 16) also informs weed management as the vegetation in the best condition can be prioritised for weed control. Comparisons will be made between flora surveys to assess site changes every 5-7 years.
Natural Area Assessments	Natural Area Assessments are conducted every 5-10 years at Shepherds Bush using a variety of ecological criteria to monitor the environmental health of the site, including identifying weed species.

Annual weed percentage cover monitoring is conducted in Shepherds Bush, measured by three quadrats within the reserve. There has been a significant decrease in the percentage cover of weeds in 2014/15, compared to 2013/14, however the methodology for calculating the percentage cover of weeds has been amended to include quadrats at three different locations in the bushland, to increase the comprehensiveness of the sampling. Therefore it is difficult to make direct comparisons and the 2014/15 data should be treated as baseline information to enable comparisons in future years (see Figure 19).

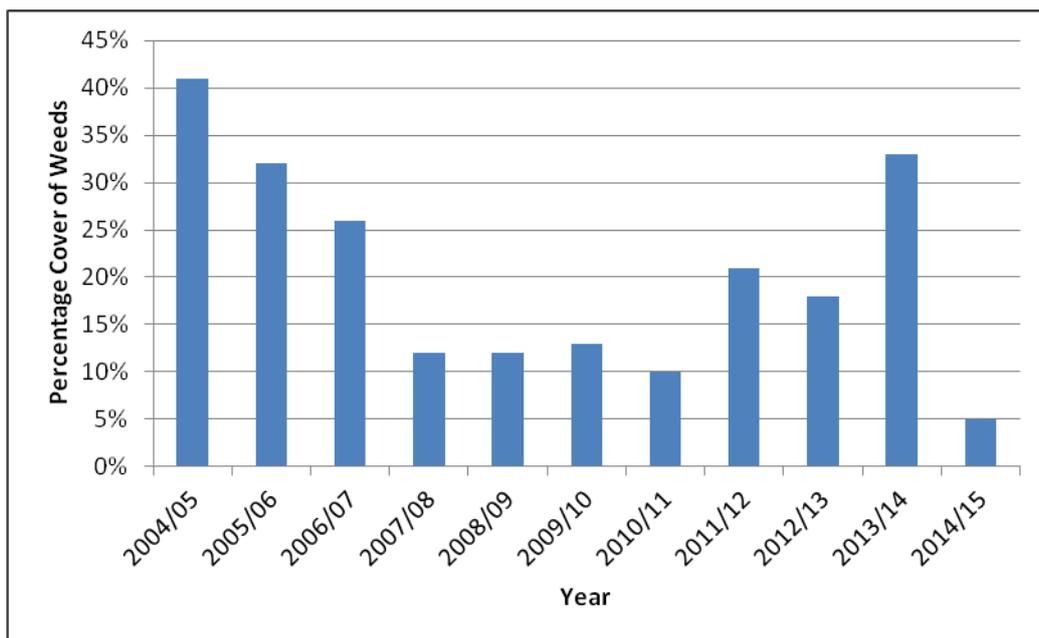


Figure 19: Percentage Cover of Weeds in Shepherds Bush Park Reserve 2004 – 2015

Weed Control

In accordance with the City's Annual Bushland Schedule, on ground weed management in Shepherds Bush occurs through weed spraying and hand weeding methods. In addition to this, contractors are engaged to spray weeds and hand weed. City of Joondalup staff use a weed spraying procedure and conduct weed control trials periodically to evaluate the most effective weed management methods.

Resources, such as the DPaW's Florabase website, the *Western Weeds, A guide to the Weeds of Western Australia* book or *Southern Weeds and their Control* (DAFWA Bulletin 4744) are consulted in regards to weed control. Weeds on verges within and surrounding

Shepherds Bush are managed by mowing verges to reduce seed spread, spraying weeds and spreading certified mulch, where required.

Weed control is also conducted regularly in the Robertson Road Cycleway, adjacent to Shepherds Bush Park Reserve, to prevent weed spread into the natural area.

A *Draft City of Joondalup Weed Management Plan* has been developed during 2015/16 to provide an ongoing strategic approach to weed management in the City and reduce the incidence of weeds.

Pest Plant Local Law 2012

The purpose of the *Pest Plant Local Law 2012* is to prescribe pest plants within the City of Joondalup that are likely to adversely affect the value of property in the district or the health, comfort or convenience of the inhabitants of the district.

Pest plants are generally highly adaptable, out compete native species and spread easily, leading to quick establishment, particularly after a disturbance event such as fire, or through unrestricted access. If pest plants are allowed to establish they have the potential to decrease the City's unique floristic diversity.

The *Pest Plant Local Law 2012* requires the owner or occupier of private land within the City of Joondalup district to destroy, eradicate or otherwise control scheduled pest plants on notice by the City. Currently one weed species is scheduled under the Local Law – Caltrop (*Tribulus terrestris*). Caltrop has previously been identified at Shepherds Bush and was removed at the time of identification.

There is signage installed at Shepherds Bush indicating the species should be reported to the City if sighted.

Community Education

A number of education initiatives are undertaken to raise the awareness of weeds in the community, these include:

- Delivery of Gardening Workshops, promoting the use of native species in residential gardens;
- Development and distribution of brochures including *Environmental Weeds*, *Garden Escapees*, *Protecting our Natural Areas and Parks* and a series of *Growing Locals* brochures (available in hard copy and on the City's website); and
- Weed Education Workshops for Local Friends Groups.

Revegetation

The City of Joondalup encourages natural bushland regeneration through weed management and conservation fencing, to allow natural regeneration to occur and vegetation to re-establish itself. This is important in maintaining species diversity and populations.

The City supports revegetation in degraded or completely degraded areas using direct seeding techniques with local provenance seeds and seedlings, as required.

Recommended Flora Management Actions

To monitor, conserve and protect native flora in Shepherds Bush, the following management actions are proposed:

Action	Details
Flora survey	Undertake a follow up flora survey in spring to supplement previous flora surveys, within 5 years. Make comparisons between flora surveys to assess site changes every 5-7 years.
Weed survey	Undertake a follow up weed survey in winter to supplement previous weed surveys, within 5 years.
Investigate planting trees (and vegetation) for habitat	Investigate planting Tuart (<i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i>) and Marri (<i>Corymbia calophylla</i>) trees in Shepherds Bush to provide nesting and roosting habitat and a feeding resource in the long term for Carnaby's Black Cockatoos. ⁵² Investigate planting other species of local trees and shrubs (such as Jarrah and <i>Hakea</i> species) to provide opportunities for nesting sites and shelter for fauna.
Revegetation	Support revegetation being conducted in degraded or completely degraded areas using local provenance species, as required.
Monthly weed inspections	Conduct monthly weed inspections to establish the extent of weeds and to identify priority weed species.
Natural Areas Initial Assessment	Conduct five to ten yearly follow up of Natural Areas Initial Assessment to monitor ecological health of site.
Annual weed percentage cover monitoring and reporting	Monitor and report on the percentage cover of environmental weeds in Shepherds Bush on an annual basis, using three quadrats.
Weed control	Undertake a coordinated approach to regular weed control by implementing the Annual Bushland Schedule.
Weed control on verges	Conduct weed management of weeds on verges within Shepherds Bush including mowing of verges to reduce seed spread, spraying of weeds and spreading of certified mulch, where required.
Weed Management Plan	Implement the <i>City of Joondalup Weed Management Plan</i> to provide an ongoing strategic approach to the management of natural areas in order to reduce the incidence of weeds.

3.2 Fungi

It is estimated that there are 10 times more species of fungi than plants in the world, equating to approximately 140,000 fungi and 14,000 plant species in Western Australia.⁵³ Fungi is an important part of an ecosystem as they recycle and break down organic matter and debris to provide nutrients for plants. Many plants can thrive in poor soils because they have beneficial connections with fungi. The amount of species of fungi present in bushland can be an indicator of ecosystem health.⁵⁴ Fungi also provide food and habitat for mammals such as bandicoots and other fauna including invertebrates.⁵⁵

⁵² DEC (2011b)

⁵³ Bougher (2009)

⁵⁴ Robinson (no date)

⁵⁵ DPaW (no date a)

Research into the importance of fungi is leading to the discovery of how fungi can help reduce the likelihood of extinction of plants, animals and the loss of ecological communities.⁵⁵

Fungi surveys are important in providing baseline information and to highlight changes in fungi occurrence over time. Undertaking fungi surveys also enables the comparison of ecological data with other natural areas within the City of Joondalup.

Fungi Survey (2015)

Whilst undertaking the flora and fauna survey in October 2015, consultants Eco Logical Australia were also engaged to undertake an opportunistic fungi survey of Shepherds Bush and record all incidental sightings of fungi. The optimum time for fungi surveys is in autumn or winter after substantial rainfall.⁵⁶ Due to time limitations, the incidental fungi survey was conducted in spring (dry conditions) and no fungi were recorded by the consultant.

The City of Joondalup has reported observing fungi species at the site, although no formal records of this have been kept.

The Perth Urban Bushland Fungi (PUBF) project started in 2004 as a community initiative in response to growing public interest about local fungi. The aims of the PUBF project were to raise awareness about the role of fungi in the ecosystem, increase the capacity of the community to confidently identify fungi and conduct surveys of fungi in bushland areas to collect baseline data, with the objective of integrating fungi into biodiversity management strategies.⁵⁶ In 2005 a fungi workshop was undertaken in Warwick Open Space through the PUBF project, which recorded 47 species of fungi.⁵⁷

In August and September 2013, the City engaged consultants, Syrinx Environmental PL, to undertake a fungi survey at Hepburn Heights Conservation Area, located 1.8 kms from Shepherds Bush. Fourteen species of fungi were recorded during this survey.

In September 2012, the City engaged the same consultants (Eco Logical Australia) to undertake a fungi survey at Warwick Open Space, located 5 kms from Shepherds Bush. Three species of fungi were recorded during this survey.

Fungi species recorded in the nearby natural areas of Warwick Open Space and Hepburn Heights are potentially likely to be present in Shepherds Bush. The full list of fungi recorded in the these areas and photographic examples is provided in Appendix 11 and 12 respectively.

Current Management Approach

The City of Joondalup currently monitor fungi in Shepherds Bush through recording incidental sightings of fungi species during the City's five yearly flora and fauna surveys.

⁵⁶ Urban Bushland Council (2016)

⁵⁷ Perth Urban Bushland Fungi Project (2005)

Recommended Fungi Management Action:

To monitor fungi health in Shepherds Bush, the following management action is proposed:

Action	Details
Fungi survey	Undertake a comprehensive fungi survey in autumn or winter after substantial rain, to supplement previous incidental fungi surveys, within 5 years.

3.3 Plant Diseases

Organisms such as fungi, bacteria and viruses that cause plant diseases are known as pathogens. Whilst some pathogens are naturally occurring within the soil, others have been introduced to the environment through the movement of plant materials and soils.⁵⁸

The symptoms produced by plants that are affected by pathogens vary depending upon the species of pathogen, host species, environment and climatic conditions. Some pathogens can live in the soil for a long period without impacting the health of plants, whilst others can cause rapid death or result in a slow, perennial decline in health.⁶¹

Phytophthora dieback refers to the disease caused by the introduced plant pathogen *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. While there are numerous species of *Phytophthora*, the most aggressive species affecting native plants throughout South-western Western Australia is *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. Previously *Phytophthora* dieback was commonly referred to as 'Jarrah dieback' as Jarrah (*Eucalyptus marginata*) trees were one of the first plant species observed to be impacted by *P.cinnamomi*.⁵⁹ However as the pathogen has become more widespread, up to 22% of plant species in South-western Western Australia are likely to be susceptible to the pathogen,⁶⁰ thus the term *Phytophthora* dieback is most appropriate when describing *P.cinnamomi*.⁶²

Whilst *Phytophthora cinnamomi* is the most common species of *Phytophthora* dieback within Western Australia, other species of *Phytophthora* are common in urban areas of Perth.

Pathogen sampling of the City's parks, natural areas and coastal sites in accordance with the *City of Joondalup Pathogen Management Plan 2013-2016* has recovered a number of *Phytophthora* species, which include *P.alticola*, *P.arenaria*, *P.multivora* and *P.nicotianae*. Of these *Phytophthora* species, *P.multivora* and *P.nicotianae* are the most prevalent.^{61 62}

Phytophthora multivora is a common pathogen in urban areas of Perth, particularly along the inland dune systems. It is widespread throughout the South-west of Western Australia with a similar distribution to *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. *Phytophthora multivora* is named due to its wide host range, including *Banksia* and Eucalypt species. *Phytophthora multivora* can cause rapid death of plants, or a slow, perennial decline in the health of the tree crown and is commonly associated with individual spot deaths and areas of tree decline.⁶¹

Phytophthora nicotianae has been identified in herbaceous and woody plants used in agriculture and horticulture, although it is now considered established within natural ecosystems in Western Australia. The pathogen is widely found within nursery stock and

⁵⁸ City of Joondalup (2013a)

⁵⁹ DWG (no date)

⁶⁰ CPSM (2012)

⁶¹ ArborCarbon (2014)

⁶² ArborCarbon (2015)

therefore has a higher probability of infecting parks and reserves, rather than natural areas due to the introduction of nursery stock and soil through planting programs and the regular use of machinery and vehicles. *Phytophthora nicotianae* is associated with large lesions at the base of *Eucalyptus* trees and causes collar rot of *Grevillea* species. *Phytophthora nicotianae* has also been identified as causing fine root death of numerous other native plant species.⁶¹

Armillaria luteobubalina has also been identified within a number of parks within the City of Joondalup. *Armillaria* is a soil-borne fungus that causes root rot of a wide variety of plants including many species of native flora. The fungus is native to Australia and can also cause major damage to natural ecosystems. *Armillaria luteobubalina* is commonly known as the “Honey Fungus” due to the colour of the fruiting body seen above the ground during certain times of the year, as shown in Figure 20. Fruiting bodies (mushrooms) are not evident at all infected sites and their presence is usually a sign that the fungus is well established in that area.⁶¹



Figure 20: Fruiting Bodies of *Armillaria luteobubalina* (sourced from CoJ 2013a)

At present there is no reliable mechanism for the complete eradication of *Phytophthora* species and the control of *Armillaria luteobubalina* is both expensive and labour intensive.⁶¹

Current Management Approach

The City of Joondalup has developed a *Pathogen Management Plan 2013-2016* to protect native vegetation and ecosystems by establishing the level of risk for areas to be infected by pathogens, prioritise areas and detail preventative and management actions to be implemented within the City, including guidelines for dieback-free purchasing of plant stock and materials and a hygiene procedure. The City has further developed *Pathogen and Weed Hygiene Guidelines* and *Purchasing of Landscaping Materials Guidelines* to minimise the spread of pathogens.

Pathogen sampling was also undertaken in Shepherds Bush in May 2014 and fungi belonging to the known canker and latent pathogen family *Botryosphaeriaceae* was

confirmed from diseased material. The confirmed occurrence of this fungi from sampled areas within the City, have in most cases been associated with distinct lesions causing decline or death of individual plants.⁶⁴

Botryosphaeriaceous fungi are considered latent (dormant) pathogens or endophytes meaning they will exist within healthy trees without causing disease, unless the tree experiences stress such as drought, wounding, extreme climatic events or insect predation. The symptoms displayed by vegetation likely to be impacted by *Botryosphaeriaceous* fungi in the City’s parks and natural areas suggest that deaths due to this fungi have been occurring for a number of years, particularly to older *Banksia* trees, which is evident in Shepherds Bush.⁶⁴

Shepherds Bush was previously thought to be infested with *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. As a result, ‘dieback’ awareness signage was installed at a number of access points to the reserve.

Previous *Phytophthora cinnamomi* assessments undertaken in Shepherds Bush include –

- Dieback Treatment Services (2008) Shepherds Bushland *Phytophthora* Assessment.
- Dieback Working Group (2004) Management of *Phytophthora* Dieback in Shepherds Bush Reserve, Kingsley.

Laboratory testing of samples collected from these assessments did not detect *P.cinnamomi*.^{63 64}

In March 2016, further sampling was undertaken in the southern area of Shepherds Bush, adjoining the Robertson Road Cycleway and along the Cycleway itself. *Phytophthora multivora* was recovered from Marri (*Corymbia calophylla*) trees along the Robertson Road Cycleway and other species were observed to be showing severe decline, which is consistent with data the City has obtained from previous assessments, indicating there has been an approximate 4% reduction in canopy cover along the Robertson Road Cycleway from 2014 to 2015. These samples also tested negative to *Phytophthora* testing.⁶⁵

Although *Phytophthora* species were not specifically recovered through laboratory testing, at Shepherds Bush Reserve, other pathogens belonging to *Botryosphaeriaceous* and *Fusarium* fungi are having an impact on the vegetation within the reserve.^{65 66} at Shepherds Bush. Therefore it is recommended the current dieback signage be upgraded to continue raising awareness about hygiene practices to the community, in an attempt to limit the spread and introduction of plant pathogens into Shepherds Bush.

Recommended Pathogen Management Action:

To prevent pathogen and weed spread and protect biodiversity values at Shepherds Bush, the following management actions are proposed:

Action	Details
Pathogen Management	Implement recommendations from the Pathogen Management Plan that are applicable to the management of Shepherds Bush Reserve.
Hygiene Guidelines	Implement <i>Pathogen and Weed Hygiene Guidelines</i> and <i>Purchasing of Landscaping Materials Guidelines</i> to prevent the introduction or spread of weed or pathogens into Shepherds Bush Park Reserve.

⁶³ DWG (2004)

⁶⁴ Dieback Treatment Services (2008)

⁶⁵ ArborCarbon (2016)

Education and Training	Investigate the upgrade and installation of signage within Shepherds Bush Reserve to raise the awareness of the threats of pathogens within the site.
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3.4 Fauna

Fauna surveys document the occurrence, distribution and population of fauna species. Information from fauna surveys is used as a baseline to monitor the health of fauna species.

The City engaged consultants, Eco Logical Australia (ELA), to undertake a fauna survey of Shepherds Bush in October 2015. As part of the fauna survey, ELA reviewed data from previous surveys provided by City of Joondalup to compile a comprehensive data set to be used in the development of this Plan.

The fauna survey design was aligned with *EPA Guidance Statement No. 56: Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia* (2004), the principles outlined in *EPA Position Statement No. 3: Terrestrial Biological Surveys as an Element of Biodiversity Protection*, and the *Technical Guide – Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment*.⁹

Two conservation listed fauna species were recorded during the survey, both were species of birds and include the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) and the migratory Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*).

The fauna survey method included a variety of sampling techniques, both systematic and opportunistic. Systematic trapping was conducted over 4 nights in October 2015 using a combination of pitfall traps, Elliot box traps, cage traps and funnel traps in six trapping transects. Other fauna survey methods included a bird census at each transect, a bat survey, hand searches, installation of motion sensor cameras (over four nights) and a nocturnal search (over one night), in addition to opportunistic sampling and sightings.

The optimum season for fauna detectability in the south west bioregions is spring. Trapping periods of 5 to 7 nights are recommended to show species diversity, richness trends and provide reliable indications of species composition and abundance data.

Previous fauna records at Shepherds Bush include:

- City of Joondalup (CoJ) Natural Area Initial Assessments (NAIA) (2004 and 2014).
- Murdoch University (1989) Shepherds Bush Park Management Proposal.

The combination of results from the 2015 fauna survey and the previous fauna assessments undertaken (CoJ and Murdoch University) indicate the following species inhabit Shepherds Bush –

- Two native mammals;
- Twenty nine native birds (including 2 species of conservation significance);
- ~~Eleven~~ Ten native reptile species; and
- Thirty four native invertebrates (including 1 short range endemic species).

In addition, the following non-native fauna have been identified at Shepherds Bush –

- Six mammals (including the domestic dog and domestic/feral cat);
- Five birds; and
- Two invertebrates.

The full fauna species list incorporating all the above assessments is provided in Appendix 8.

Fauna Habitat

The bushland at Shepherds Bush provides an important area of remnant fauna habitat within the City of Joondalup. The vegetation community and habitat resources it contains support a relatively diverse and species-rich assemblage of native birds and reptiles and the bushland is considered to have high local conservation value⁹

The vegetation condition at Shepherds Bush ranges from excellent to completely degraded. There are large areas of localised disturbance due to the BMX park, the drainage sump, the swale and several established pathways. Vegetation, trees, leaf litter, soil, fungi, sticks, logs and dead trees at Shepherds Bush provide habitat for fauna to nest, shelter, forage and roost. The *Banksia* and *Eucalyptus* species and the Marri trees at the site provide significant habitat value for nesting, roosting and foraging for the endangered Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos as well as many other native bird species. The conservation significant Rainbow Bee-eater has been also been recorded at Shepherds Bush. The Rainbow Bee-eater usually selects a spot in the ground to nest, commonly in bare sand or along turfed areas, located closeby to mature trees, where it can perch from to watch over its nest.

The study area contains one broad vegetation community type described by having an upper stratum of mixed open woodland of *Banksia attenuata* (Slender/Candle *Banksia*) and *Eucalyptus marginata* (Jarrah) with occasional *Allocasuarina fraseriana* (Sheok) and *Eucalyptus gomphocephala* (Tuart). The lower shrub and ground strata are composed of mixed shrubs including *Hakea lissocarpa* (Honey Bush) and *Xanthorrhoea preissii* (Grasstree) over *Hibbertia hypericoides* (Yellow Buttercups) and mixed grasses, including *Desmocladius flexuosus* and an open sedge land. This community provides foraging and nesting habitat for a diversity of nectar and seed eating birds, as well as habitat for a range of reptiles and invertebrates.⁹

Whilst the site provides habitat for a large diversity of avifauna, the highly developed urban surroundings of Shepherds Bush limit the ability for other fauna such as mammals to access and use the ecosystem at Shepherds Bush.

The ELA fauna survey in 2015 highlighted the invertebrate species diversity within Shepherds Bush is expected to be higher than what was recorded, given the extent of good quality remnant native bushland habitat present and the diversity of flora species at the site.⁹

Native Fauna

Fauna and flora are interconnected in complex relationships with each other and with factors such as soil, water, climate and landscape. The decline of native fauna can cause loss of plant species and changes to ecological communities.⁴⁹ Alternatively, the decline of native flora can cause loss of fauna species.

Mammals

Two native mammals were recorded at Shepherds Bush, the Western Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus fuliginosus*) and the Gould's Wattled Bat (*Chalinolobus gouldii*).

During the 2015 fauna survey, only three two kangaroos were identified together at any one time, indicating that only a few individuals currently reside in the study area.⁹ The Murdoch University survey (1989) indicated only two kangaroos were sighted during the survey. The

1989 report also stated that ‘as recently as a couple of years ago local residents had observed “a dozen or so” kangaroos.’⁶ The CoJ NAIA (2014) recorded only one had been observed at the site previously, which supports the most recent assessment that only a few kangaroos inhabit the site.

It is not known whether these kangaroos are permanent or transient within the study area, although given the habitat isolation and the unavailability of ecological linkages, it is likely the small group of kangaroos recorded are marooned or are present at Shepherds Bush most of the time. However, anecdotal evidence provided during the development of this Plan by nearby residents, suggests the kangaroos do not become permanent within Shepherds Bush as they move seasonally along the Robertson Road Cycleway. It is possible the kangaroos may have originated from Pinnaroo Valley to the west or Yellagonga Regional Park to the east⁹ and may have been living in Shepherds Bush for a significant period of time.⁹

Depending on factors such as vegetation community type and kangaroo sex, home range size is known to vary widely, with estimates for individual kangaroos between 30 and over 200 ha.⁶⁶ Given the size of the study area (16.5 ha), it is unlikely to be large enough to support three Western Grey Kangaroos. It is likely the kangaroos could be feeding on primarily introduced grasses, herbs and other weeds within the study area during winter and spring and the irrigated lawns of the designated parkland area during summer and autumn.⁹

There is a likelihood the kangaroos at Shepherds Bush are providing an ecological benefit due to weed reduction.⁹

It is difficult to ascertain whether the kangaroos are also feeding and subsequently impacting on native vegetation in the study area, as the impact from grazing does not appear to be significant. If the kangaroos reproduce and remain in the study area in the medium term, they could potentially have a negative impact on the native vegetation.⁹

Investigation into how the kangaroos access or previously accessed the site is recommended to determine whether the kangaroos can move onto other natural areas or if they are marooned at Shepherds Bush.

Gould’s Wattled Bat (*Chalinolobus gouldii*) is one of approximately 75 species of bat in Australia. These native mammals fall into two main groups: the megabats and the microbats. Two groups of bat occur in Western Australia, flying-foxes (megabats) and insectivorous bats (microbats). Bats can be useful for pest control, feeding on moths, beetles, mosquitoes, invertebrate larvae, flying ants and other invertebrates.⁶⁷ A comprehensive bat survey would require a one week remote monitoring bat survey during summer.⁶⁸ Bats can be encouraged to roost in the area by installing bat boxes.

The Eucalypt trees within the study area provide suitable breeding habitat for Gould’s Wattled Bat. Although the size of the bushland at Shepherds Bush is limited, the high mobility and the known occurrence of the species across the metropolitan area, indicate the Gould’s Wattled Bat may utilise the habitat at Shepherds Bush for breeding and foraging.⁹

Reptiles

Eleven ~~Eleven~~ Ten native reptile species have been recorded at Shepherds Bush, the most common being species from the Scincidae family (skinks). All species recorded are

⁶⁶ DPaW cited in ELA (2016)

⁶⁷ DEC (2007)

⁶⁸ J Tonga (2012), pers. comm., 6 July

considered common and widespread throughout the Perth region and wider South-west WA. None are considered conservation significant.^{9 69 70}

Several species not recorded are considered likely to occur; these include but are not limited to *Anilius australis* (Southern Blind Snake), *Lerista elegans* (Elegant Skink), and *Pogona minor* subsp. *minor* (Western Bearded Dragon).

One species recorded, *Lialis burtonis* (Burton's Legless Lizard) is a specialist predator of skink lizards, and its occurrence indicates adequate abundance of skinks to support a population of this species.⁹

The 2015 fauna survey noted that all reptile specimens trapped were considered to be in good physical condition and that some were noted as immature or sub-adult age reptiles. These are likely to be offspring from the 2014 spring breeding season and indicate that the study area supports viable populations.⁹

Skeletal remains of three *Tiliqua rugosa* subsp. *rugosa* (Bobtails) were recorded throughout the study area, however no live individuals were identified during the survey. This indicates that feral predators are impacting upon native species within the study area.⁹

Amphibians

No amphibians have been recorded at Shepherds Bush. Two species have been recorded from within 5 km of the study area in nearby bushland areas of Hepburn Heights and Warwick Open Space, including *Limnodynastes dorsalis* (Western Banjo Frog) and *Myobatrachus gouldii* (Turtle Frog) (see Appendix 8). The Turtle Frog in particular is considered likely to occur at Shepherds Bush as this species does not rely on wetlands for breeding. It is most readily detected via breeding call during rainy spring nights.⁹

Birds

A total of 29 native birds have been recorded at Shepherds Bush, including the endangered Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) and the migratory Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*), both of high conservation significance (see Appendix 9).

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos (Carnaby's) are endemic to the South-west of Western Australia and are listed on state, national and international threatened species lists. The *Banksia*, *Hakea* and Marri species on site provide a significant food source which Carnaby's use for foraging. Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos nest in hollows of smooth-barked eucalypts, including Tuarts (*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*) and Marris (*Corymbia calophylla*) which are found on site.⁷¹

Evidence of foraging activity has also been observed within the study area (chewed *Banksia* and Marri pods), which are most likely from either the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo or the Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii* subsp. *naso*), which are also known to regularly feed on Marri trees locally. The Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo is also of conservation significance,⁷² although no sightings have been recorded at Shepherds Bush.

⁶⁹ Australian Government, Atlas of Living Australia (no date a)

⁷⁰ Australian Government, Atlas of Living Australia (no date b)

⁷¹ DEC (2011a)

⁷² BirdLife Australia (no date a)

The vegetation community throughout Shepherds Bush provides foraging habitat for both species of Black Cockatoo. This includes Jarrah, Marri, *Banksia sessilis*, *B. attenuata*, *B. menziesii*, and *Hakea* species, which are all primary foraging species for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo.⁷³ The Marri is also highly likely to be a local food source for the Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.⁹

The large Tuart trees within Shepherds Bush provide potential breeding and roosting habitat for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo,^{9 73} although no indication of current breeding (such as Cockatoos observed within hollows) was observed in the 2015 fauna survey and bird census undertaken during the development of this Plan.

Artificial hollows could be installed in trees such as Tuart or Marri to encourage Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos or Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos to nest, however research indicates that they are most successful when placed where Carnaby's are already known to breed. Further research is still required to ascertain whether it is possible to encourage the birds to breed in areas where they currently aren't breeding. Artificial hollows have been used successfully at Murdoch University and resulted in the breeding of Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos. Artificial hollows require regular monitoring due to competitors for nests including European Honey Bees, Galahs, non-native Corellas and Rainbow Lorikeets.^{73 74}

In February 2016, Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos were sighted breeding in a large mature tree in the car park at Edith Cowan University, Joondalup campus, located approximately 8 km from Shepherds Bush.⁷⁵

Due to the endangered status of the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo and the limited remaining vegetation within the Perth Metropolitan Area, it is important that good quality vegetation and a diversity of flora species known to be used by the endangered Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo is maintained for habitat at Shepherds Bush.

Rainbow Bee-eaters

The Rainbow Bee-eater builds nests in sandy banks and digs tunnels approximately 90 cm long which lead to a nesting chamber, making it vulnerable to trampling by humans or dogs or predation by foxes and cats.⁷⁶ Shepherds Bush provides an abundance of food (bees) during the spring-summer breeding period for when the Rainbow Bee-eater is present in the South West of WA.⁹ Monitoring for Rainbow Bee-eater nesting sites through monthly inspections and the installation of fencing and signage around exposed nesting sites may decrease trampling of nests by humans or dogs and non-native fauna.

Common Native Birds

The most common bird species recorded at Shepherds Bush included a range of seasonal and resident nectar feeders such as honey eaters and wattle birds, opportunistic insectivores such as *Gerygone fusca* (Western Gerygone), *Pardalotus striatus* (Striated Pardalote), and *Smicronis brevirostris* (Weebill), as well as raptors such as *Falco longipennis* (Brown Goshawk), and nocturnal species such as *Podargus strigoides* (Tawny Frogmouth). The *Manorina flavigula* (Yellow-throated Minor) recorded within the study area is known to occur locally, although this record is towards the South-western limit of this species' current distribution. All species observed at Shepherds Bush are known to be widespread

⁷³ DEC (2011b)

⁷⁴ DPaW (2015c)

⁷⁵ ECU (2016)

⁷⁶ Birdlife Australia (no date (b))

throughout the South-west of WA and considered as common on the northern Swan Coastal Plain.⁹

Shepherds Bush was included in a study investigating Southern Boobook Owls (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*) in the northern metropolitan area. In 2015, a nest hollow with a pair of Southern Boobook Owls and two of their fledglings were recorded in a large mature Tuart tree (*E.gomphocephala*) in the South-west of Shepherds Bush. The tree was observed to contain feral bees which are known to impact bird species particularly Owls and Cockatoos utilising nest hollows. These birds are often found dead or engulfed by feral bees competing for the same hollow.⁷⁷

Retaining large trees containing known and potential nesting hollows, along with the management of feral bees is recommended to improve nesting opportunities for the Southern Boobook Owls utilising Shepherds Bush.⁷⁷

Invertebrates

Invertebrates are animals without backbones such as insects, worms and molluscs. Invertebrates constitute more than 95% of all living animal species, with Australia having documented 100,000 species and an estimated 200,000 undescribed invertebrate species.⁷⁸ Some invertebrates are important indicators of ecosystem health, such as ants (seed dispersers), bees (pollinators) or spiders (top invertebrate predators).⁷⁹

Invertebrates recycle organic matter, putting it back into circulation for use by other parts of the ecosystem and are instrumental in controlling the numbers of other species.⁸⁰

During the 2015 fauna survey, invertebrates were recorded opportunistically by observations, during hand searching for vertebrates, or as bycatch within vertebrate pitfall traps.

A total of 34 native invertebrates were recorded during the survey, reflecting a somewhat rich invertebrate diversity given the isolated nature of Shepherds Bush.⁹ The majority of invertebrate species recorded were spiders and beetles.

One millipede species recorded was identified down to the genus *Antichiropus*, which is known to include many species of Short Range Endemics (SREs). One potential SRE millipede from this genus was recorded approximately 1.8 km west in Hepburn Heights (CoJ 2015). At the time of the 2015 survey, only one specimen was recorded at Hepburn Heights and it has also been discovered at Salter Point, approximately 25 km to the south (CoJ 2015).

One conservation significant invertebrate species, *Synemon gratiosa* (Graceful Sun-moth), was identified from the database searches as potentially occurring in the study area. This species is listed as a Priority 4 species by Parks and Wildlife, and has previously been recorded from nearby areas including Hepburn Heights and Warwick Open Space. The Graceful Sun-moth is considered unlikely to occur, as the study area did not contain its known host plants *Lomandra maritima* and *L. hermaphrodita*, which provide breeding habitat for this species.⁹

⁷⁷ M Lohr (2016), PhD candidate ECU University, email 19 May

⁷⁸ DEC (no date b)

⁷⁹ V Framenau (2012), email, 9 July

⁸⁰ DPaW (no date b)

The invertebrates recorded during the survey, in most cases were only able to be identified to the taxonomic order level, therefore it is assumed based on the limited identification available that the 34 out of the 35 36 species identified were native. Therefore a targeted invertebrate survey is recommended to formally assess invertebrate species richness. A targeted survey would determine the presence of any Short Range Endemics in the study area (including the locally occurring SRE millipede *Antichiropus* sp.).⁹

Non-native Fauna

Non-native fauna impact native fauna and flora through predation, competition for food and shelter, spreading diseases and destroying habitat. These impacts can result in the diminishing or extinction of native species.^{49 81}

Non-native animals such as cats, foxes, rabbits, rats, mice, birds, millipedes, ants and bees inhabit the City's bushland, wetland and coastal areas.

Mammals

Australia is home to some of the world's most unique animals. More than 80 per cent of our mammals occur nowhere else on earth,⁸² however Australian mammals are becoming extinct at an alarming rate due to non-native (feral animal) predation.⁸³

No non-native mammals were recorded in the 2015 survey. Although, the fauna survey undertaken in 1989 by Murdoch University identified six non-native mammals, these include the house mouse (*Mus musculus*), rat (*Rattus* sp.), fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) and rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*). The survey also recorded free roaming dogs (*Canis lupus*) and cats (*Felis catus*) but it was not possible to determine whether they were feral at the time of the survey. Large numbers of rabbits were reported during the survey and these were noted as potentially impacting the establishment of native flora species.⁸⁴

The lack of small native mammals recorded (other than the Gould's Wattled Bat) is expected due to the small size, fragmented nature and location of Shepherds Bush, however the likely presence of feral predators could also be having an impact on the microbar population.

Three recorded skeletal remains of bobtail (*Tiliqua rugosa* subsp. *rugosa*) in the 2015 fauna survey are likely to be a result of feral predation. Given no live bobtails were trapped or observed during the survey, predation by feral animals is a key concern for native animals present in Shepherds Bush.

Although no fox sightings were recorded in the 2015 fauna survey, foxes are common within the City's bushland areas and have caused the decline of many native birds, reptiles and small mammals.⁸⁵ Anecdotal evidence provided during the development of this Plan suggests foxes have been recently sighted within the reserve.

Domestic animals such as dogs (*Canis lupus*) can also cause damage to the City's natural environment, particularly when exercised unleashed within natural areas. Shepherds Bush is a dog on lead area. Dogs can harass native fauna, including large mammals such as kangaroos, often resulting in stress and harm to the animals. Dogs can also spread pathogens if they disturb the soil, particularly around trees which may contain soil-based

⁸¹ Australian Government, DoE (no date c)

⁸² Australian Government, DoE (2015a)

⁸³ Australian Wildlife Conservancy (2014)

⁸⁴ Murdoch University (1989)

⁸⁵ DPI (2012)

diseases. Dog droppings, if not removed, contribute a significant amount of nutrients to the site, encouraging weed growth and potentially polluting groundwater. Some dog droppings contain harmful bacteria.⁸⁶

The City Rangers patrol Shepherds Bush Reserve to ensure dogs are kept on leads and their droppings are collected.

Domestic and feral cats (*Felis catus*) have the potential to cause significant environmental harm when allowed to roam within urban natural areas. Feral cats are attributed to be the major threat to mammalian fauna extinction in Australia. The Australian Wildlife Conservancy estimates 'feral cats kill at least 75 million native animals every night across Australia.'⁸³ The Federal Government in 2015 endorsed the *National Declaration of Feral Cats as Pests*.⁸⁷ In order to combat this threat to native fauna populations, the Australian Government has set an objective through the *Threatened Species Strategy 2015*, for 2 million cats to be culled across Australia by 2020.

Under the *Cat Act 2011* the City of Joondalup may seize cats if they are reported to be on private property without the consent of the owner/occupier. The *Cat Act 2011* encourages responsible pet ownership by ensuring cats are registered, sterilised and microchipped.

The City has a fox and rabbit control program and operates under the *Cat Act 2011* to manage these non-native mammals at Shepherds Bush.

Birds

A total of 5 non-native species of birds have been recorded at Shepherds Bush including *Trichoglossus haematodus* (Rainbow Lorikeet), *Columba livia* (Domestic Pigeon), *Dacelo novaeguineae* (Laughing Kookaburra), *Streptopelia chinensis* (Spotted Turtle Dove) and *Streptopelia senegalensis* (Laughing Turtle-dove).

The Laughing Kookaburra has been widely introduced into Western Australia and Tasmania where they breed in tree hollows that would usually be used by parrots and owls. Laughing Kookaburras also prey on small reptiles, mammals and nestlings, placing undue pressure on these native species.⁸⁸

Rainbow Lorikeets are a declared pest in WA and were one of the most commonly occurring birds recorded in Shepherds Bush. They compete with native species for hollows and for food, are aggressive when defending their nests and pose a risk of disease spread as they are carriers of Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease⁸⁹ (See Appendix 10).

Invertebrates

Two non-native invertebrate species were recorded in Shepherds Bush, the European Honey Bee (*Apis mellifera*) and Portuguese millipede (*Ommatoiulus moreletii*).

Portuguese millipedes were first recorded in Western Australia in 1986 and are now widespread in the South-west of the State. They feed on organic matter such as leaf litter and are not known to impact native flora or fauna. Portuguese millipedes can reach high population levels and be a domestic nuisance when they invade homes and gardens.⁹⁰ This

⁸⁶ DEPI (2013)

⁸⁷ Australian Government, DoE (2015b)

⁸⁸ Birdlife Australia (no date (c))

⁸⁹ DAFWA cited in ELA (2016)

⁹⁰ Widmer (2006)

species is known to be distasteful and therefore avoided by many predators. It plays a useful role in breaking down organic matter in the soil, however is considered a pest when it reaches high population levels.⁸⁸ This species has become widespread across the Perth metropolitan area in both bushland and suburban areas.⁹

Portuguese millipedes are attracted to lights at night and this is presumably why they invade homes. There are a number of biological, chemical and physical controls residents surrounding Shepherds Bush can implement to reduce the impact of portuguese millipedes around their home. These measures include limiting the amount of light released from the home at night (i.e. drawing curtains), reducing the amount of organic matter surrounding the home, such as moving compost piles and removing leaf litter away from the home and installing smooth barriers around the home, as the species cannot travel along smooth surfaces. Biological controls such as predation by other insects and chemical measures such as insecticides, can also be used to reduce portuguese millipede numbers surrounding residential properties.⁹¹

European honey bees are frequently observed at the site. The European honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) is common within the City's natural areas and may impact upon native flora and fauna through competing with native fauna (including native bees) for floral resources, disrupting natural pollination processes and displacing endemic wildlife from tree hollows. European honey bees are feral animals, however, European honey bees are important to Australian horticulture and agricultural industries with approximately 65% of agricultural production in Australia being dependent on pollination by European honey bees.⁹²

Ecological Linkages

Naturally connected landscapes and ecosystems are generally healthier, protect a diversity of species, provide pathways for species movement and can store carbon more effectively than degraded landscapes.⁹³ In urban areas where there is engineered infrastructure dividing the landscape, it may be beneficial to provide wildlife crossings such as underpasses, tunnels, viaducts or overpasses to enable wildlife movement.

Shepherds Bush does not form a direct part of an ecological linkage, however it is situated between two north-south ecological corridors. There is a north-south ecological corridor of Yellagonga Regional Park and Neerabup National Park and a north-south ecological corridor of Lilburne Park, Hepburn Heights Conservation Area, Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Craigie Open Space, Water Corporation land and Woodvale Nature Reserve. Both ecological corridors have main arterial roads dividing the landscape, as shown in Figure 21.

Shepherd's Bush Park Reserve, although isolated from other bushland remnants, is situated proximally to other important local bushland reserves, namely Craigie Open Space and Pinnaroo Valley to the west, Yellagonga Regional Park to the east, and Warwick Open Space to the south-east. It provides habitat connectivity for many species, particularly woodland birds and this is important for the continued presence of a range of local bird species, including Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo. The occurrence of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo and the Rainbow Bee-eater highlight the foraging and potential breeding value of the study area.⁹

Current Management Approach

The City of Joondalup is implementing a number of management actions to monitor native fauna and address the environmental impacts of domestic and pest animals within the City's

⁹¹ DAFWA (2016a)

⁹² Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (no date)

⁹³ NWCPAG (2012)

natural areas. Monitoring of native fauna occurs through fauna surveys. Control of non-native fauna such as foxes and rabbits is undertaken annually within selected bushland, wetland and coastal areas. Fox and rabbit control methods employed include biological and chemical control, trapping, baiting and exclusion methods such as fencing. Fox control is conducted when fox warrens are identified on site, however fox control has not been conducted in Shepherds Bush.

The City's current management practices have greatly reduced the incidence of pest animal populations within the City. However, continued and coordinated action is required to ensure that populations remain at controllable numbers and that the impacts on natural areas remain acceptably low.

The City also promotes responsible pet ownership and encourages the community to ensure that domestic pets do not have a negative impact on the natural environment. Shepherds Bush is designated as a place where dogs must be on a ~~leash~~ **lead** at all times by Council resolution in accordance with the *Dog Act 1976*. Cats may be seized where they are found wandering in public areas, such as Shepherds Bush, in accordance with the *Cat Act 2011*.

Recommended Fauna Management Actions:

To monitor and protect native fauna in Shepherds Bush, the following management actions are proposed:

Action	Details
Fauna survey	Undertake a follow up fauna survey, in mid-late spring to supplement previous fauna survey, within 5 years.
Fauna / Ecological Linkages investigations	During on ground maintenance tasks, investigate the access points utilised by kangaroos, in order to guide suitable management of these mammals within the reserve. Based on the findings, undertake an in house study aiming to improve ecological linkages between Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Hepburn Heights, and Yellagonga Regional Park and Craigie Open Space.
Bat survey	Undertake a one week remote monitoring bat survey in summer to supplement previous one night bat survey undertaken in spring.
Installation of bat boxes	Pending results of survey, consider installing bat boxes to encourage bats to roost.
Artificial hollows	Investigate installation of artificial hollows in trees such as Tuart or Marri to encourage Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos or Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos to nest.
Rainbow Bee-eater nesting sites	Monitor for Rainbow Bee-eater nesting sites through monthly inspections and install fencing and signage around exposed nesting sites to decrease trampling of nests by humans or dogs.
Invertebrates survey	Undertake targeted survey for invertebrates in spring to supplement previous opportunistic invertebrate survey undertaken, within 5 years.
Feral animal control	Monitor feral animal populations and implement regular control to reduce pressures on native fauna and flora. Remove feral beehives if they are identified on site and are accessible.
Patrols to ensure dogs are kept on leads and owners are cleaning up after their dogs	Patrols undertaken by City Rangers to ensure dogs are kept on leads and their droppings are collected.

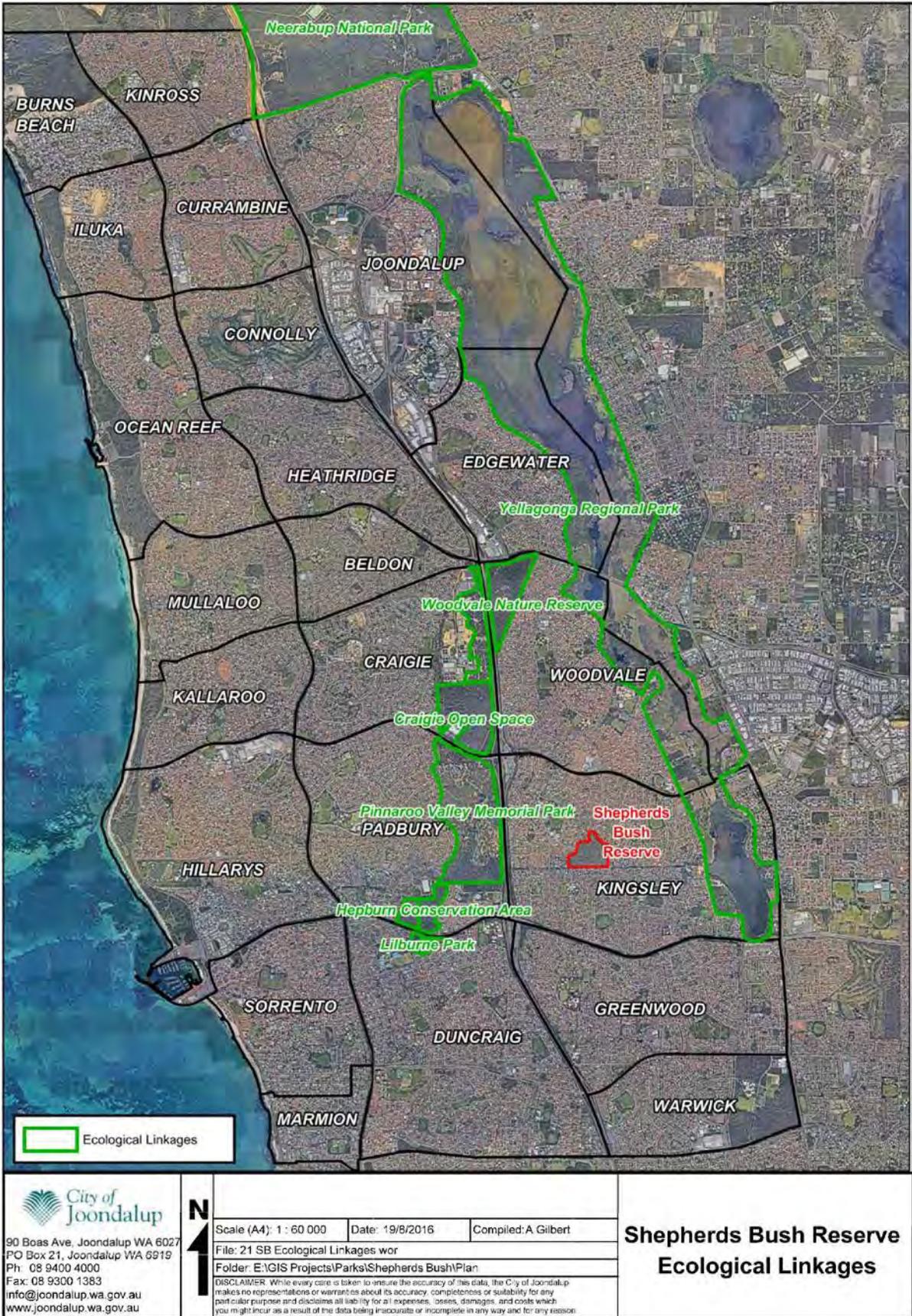


Figure 21: Ecological Linkages near Shepherds Bush Reserve

3.5 Social and Built Environment

History and Heritage

Shepherds Bush is listed on the State Heritage Register (place number 9487) due to the social and ecological significance of the site. Shepherds Bush is not listed on any State or Federal Indigenous heritage inventory or register.

Social Value

Australians have reported they would be willing to pay an average of \$35,000 more (approximately 7%, assuming a base value of \$500,000) to live in a home in a 'green' neighbourhood, with a third of Australians willing to pay an extra \$100,000 or more to live in a 'green' area. Approximately two thirds of Australians would prefer to buy a home in a nature-filled neighbourhood, even if it cost them more to do so. Living in a home with a 'green' neighbourhood is important to Australians, even more important than proximity to work, shops and public transport.⁹⁴

Urban natural areas can provide social, psychological, physical and spiritual benefits and play a role in community health, wellbeing and quality of life. Some of the benefits of urban natural areas for the community include:

- Reduction of mental fatigue and stress
- Provide opportunities for reflective thought, peace and quiet
- Create opportunities for informal social interactions
- Provide opportunities for activities that can increase physical health
- Assists to reduce the crime rate by relaxing people and encouraging people to be outdoors.⁹⁵

The main uses of Shepherds Bush are for purposes such as walking, cycling (including use of BMX bicycles on the BMX track) or dog exercising. Shepherds Bush may also be used as a thoroughfare for people walking to and from Kingsley Village Shopping Centre and residential homes. User surveys would provide information on the reasons why people visit Shepherds Bush, the number of people and frequency of visits and enable a more targeted environmental education campaign regarding bushland management.

A former Friends of Shepherds Bush group was operational from 1999 to 2002. Recently there has been renewed interest in reforming a group to assist in maintaining the conservation values of the site.

Access and Infrastructure

Shepherds Bush contains power, lighting, water and sewerage utilities and infrastructure, such as fencing, paths and seating. A BMX track, playground, drinking fountain, picnic table and a BBQ facilities are also located in the south eastern corner of the site.

In 2015 the City was awarded funding from the Western Australian Department of Transport as part of their 'Bike Boulevard Safe Active Streets' program to upgrade the Robertson Road Cycleway in 2016. The Robertson Road Cycleway is a 2.4 km bicycle route that services residents within the suburb of Kingsley. The cycleway provides a direct link for pedestrians and bike riders from Lake Goollelal path networks in the east to the Mitchell Freeway

⁹⁴ Planet Ark (2014)

⁹⁵ Tarran (2006)

Principal Share Path in the west. Shepherds Bush is located in the western end of the Robertson Road Cycleway and directly borders the Cycleway for 530m.

The 2016 Robertson Road Cycleway upgrade will include the installation of LED lighting, an asphalt bike skills track, ~~a bike repair station~~ and a designated red asphalt cycle path for cyclists and concrete path for pedestrians. In conjunction with the cycleway the City will upgrade and improve infrastructure to Shepherds Bush with municipal funds in 2016. These works will include installation of a new picnic setting and shelter, a BBQ facility, a drinking fountain, bike parking, a park seat, a new bin and play space.

The asphalt bike skills track was installed as part of the Robertson Road Cycleway project to provide an educational tool to make children of all ages road and bike safety aware.

Utilities

Several public utilities operate within or surrounding Shepherds Bush, as shown in Figure 22, Figure 23 and Figure 24.

Power and Lighting

Shepherds Bush has power and lighting infrastructure surrounding the site, as shown in Figure 22.

Water

Figure 23 outlines the public hydrants and distribution mains surrounding Shepherds Bush. The public hydrants are owned, serviced and maintained by the DFES in conjunction with the Water Corporation.

Sewerage

Figure 24 shows the Water Corporation sewerage infrastructure in place surrounding Shepherds Bush. The Water Corporation maintain the sewerage infrastructure on an as required basis.



Figure 22: Shepherds Bush Reserve Power and Lighting Utilities



Figure 23: Shepherds Bush Reserve Water Utilities



Figure 24: Shepherds Bush Reserve Sewerage Utilities

Conservation Fencing

Conservation fencing is used to restrict access and protect areas of bushland. Timber post and plastic coated galvanized chain mesh fencing surrounds the outer perimeter of Shepherds Bush (see Figure 25 and Figure 29). Fencing also surrounds the sump located in the north west of the site.

Fencing is inspected on a monthly basis and repairs are conducted as required.



Figure 25: Conservation Fencing on the perimeter of Shepherds Bush Reserve

Access Points

Access points allow people to enter natural areas that are fenced off and often give access to paths. There are numerous access points in Shepherds Bush, as shown in Figure 29. Some of these access points are open with a bar in the middle or have vehicular gates, farm gates or chained gates. Access gates prevent unauthorised vehicle and motorbike access.

Paths and Trails

Paths in Shepherds Bush are used for pedestrian and cyclist access, fire access ways and bushland management and maintenance purposes. The paths in Shepherds Bush are mostly used by pedestrians, dog walkers and cyclists. In May 2016, all the formal limestone paths were converted to asphalt. The upgrade of these paths will result in increased longevity of the path infrastructure and reduce maintenance tasks associated with runoff, compared to the limestone paths. These paths will also improve accessibility for people with prams and wheelchairs.

A number of informal tracks and BMX bike jumps also exist within the bushland. The use of informal tracks and the disturbance of soil through the construction of bike jumps, has the potential to spread and establish weeds and reduce healthy vegetation condition.

The City's *Walkability Plan 2013-2018* includes a recommendation to 'review bushland trail designs to include a network of short and long looped trails for visitors to natural bushland areas'.

The current gates are easy for cyclists or people with prams or wheelchairs to use, however gates that allow easy access on site also allow motorbikes to enter.

Paths in Shepherds Bush allow wheelchair access. The paths can be accessed from entries in the north and south of the site, with the southern entry points also connecting to the Robertson Road Cycleway.

The City's *Walkability Plan 2013-2018* also includes a recommendation to 'review access points to natural bushland areas utilising "crime prevention through environmental design" principles'. The principles of "crime prevention through environmental design" rely on the ability to influence offender decisions that precede criminal acts by enhancing the perceived risk of being caught; and hence, deterring criminal activities.⁹⁶

Access and Inclusion

In the Survey Of Disability, Ageing and Carers conducted in 2012, 31,400 people, or 18.73% of the population in the City of Joondalup currently have a core activity limitation associated with communication, mobility or self-care, for which assistance is required. A further 5,800 or 3.4% of the population have a disability that restricts schooling or employment opportunities but does not limit their daily core activities.⁹⁷

The City of Joondalup has an *Access and Inclusion Plan 2015-2017*, outlining that 'the City is committed to including people with disability through the continuous improvement of access to its information, facilities and services.'⁹⁷

The *Walkability Plan 2013-18* includes a recommendation to 'maintain existing internal and external trails to meet trail useability and accessibility standards'.⁹⁶ The upgrade of the limestone paths in May 2016 will improve accessibility for people using wheelchairs and prams, as asphalt generally provides a more even surface and less loose debris is present.

Signage

Signage is important to encourage appropriate use of the site and inform the community about the ecological values of Shepherds Bush. There are numerous signs at Shepherds Bush on the periphery of the site and near the main entrances, detailing information such as the name of the site and that the site is managed by City of Joondalup. Shepherds Bush is commonly referred to as 'Shepherds Bush Park', although there is large wooden signage at entry points referring to the site as 'Shepherds Bush Conservation Area' or 'Shepherds Bush Conservation Reserve'. This Plan promotes the use of the latter names, given the high conservation value of the Reserve.

There are also 'dogs must be on a lead' signs and signs raising awareness about the presence of Dieback (see Plant Diseases), at the main entrance points.

Directional signage uses maps to indicate trails, entrances and infrastructure. Interpretive signage increases awareness of the ecological values of the bushland. The City has developed a *Signage Strategy* to guide the provision of information and interpretive

⁹⁶ CoJ (2013b)

⁹⁷ CoJ (2015)

messages within the City's natural areas. As part of the *City's Walkability Plan 2013-2018*, three interpretive signs, five 'You Are Here' signs and four directional signs **were** ~~will be~~ installed during 2016/17. All signs **were** ~~will be~~ installed along designated pathways, see Figure 29.

Toilets

There are no toilet facilities on site due to the site mainly being used for short periods by walkers or cyclists.

Parking

There are no car parks on site at Shepherds Bush. Street parking is available along Shepherds Bush Drive, Newhaven Place and Barridale Drive.

Seating

Shepherds Bush contains one park bench seat in the south-eastern section of the bushland and one park bench seat and one platform bench located near the play space and other infrastructure in the southern area the bushland, adjacent to the Robertson Road Cycleway, as shown in Figure 26 and Figure 29.



Figure 26: Seating at Shepherds Bush **Reserve**

Antisocial Behaviour

There is a history of suspicious fire activities, dumping of garden refuse and cubby houses and bike jumps being built in Shepherds Bush, resulting in damage to surrounding vegetation and impacts to the healthy vegetation condition of the site. Monthly inspections are conducted and if cubbies are identified, they are dismantled by the City of Joondalup as required.

A new bike skills track has been installed within the recreation area of Shepherds Bush. During 2016/17 the existing BMX park in the south east section of Shepherds Bush will also be upgraded, with the addition of a pump and jump track. It is anticipated that the provision of this upgraded infrastructure will provide better surveillance and deter anti-social behaviour occurring within bushland, reducing the disturbance to the conservation values of the site. Additionally City Rangers conduct regular visits to Shepherds Bush Reserve as part of the City Rangers patrol regime, with their presence forming active surveillance of the bushland and adjoining recreational parkland.

It is expected more young people may utilise the new bike infrastructure at Shepherds Bush and their presence will result in the passive surveillance of antisocial behaviour.

Rubbish

Rubbish bins are generally installed in locations where people gather to socialise or undertake recreational activities. Dog poo bins are generally installed in locations where people walk their dogs. There are dog poo bins located in the south-east corner and the South-west corner near paths and access points to the site (see Figure 29). These dog poo bins can also be used to dispose of general rubbish.

Since the upgrade and the installation of new infrastructure in the recreational parkland in 2016, residents have reported the occurrence of more litter due to an increase in the number of patrons using the facilities. The City will monitor this and investigate if the provision of additional bins or an increase in the frequency of litter collections in Shepherds Bush.

Litter can have negative impacts on flora and fauna. Litter is collected by the City on an as needed basis, sometimes in conjunction with hand weeding activities. Frequently litter is found when cubby houses are dismantled or in areas where bike jumps have been constructed.

The City monitors the amount of litter present in Shepherds Bush bushland on an annual basis, measured on three transects within the reserve. The amount of litter present in Shepherds Bush in 2014/15 is the same as in 2013/14, however the methodology for calculating the percentage cover of litter has been amended and therefore it is difficult to make direct comparisons. It is suggested the 2014/15 data be used as baseline information (see Figure 27).

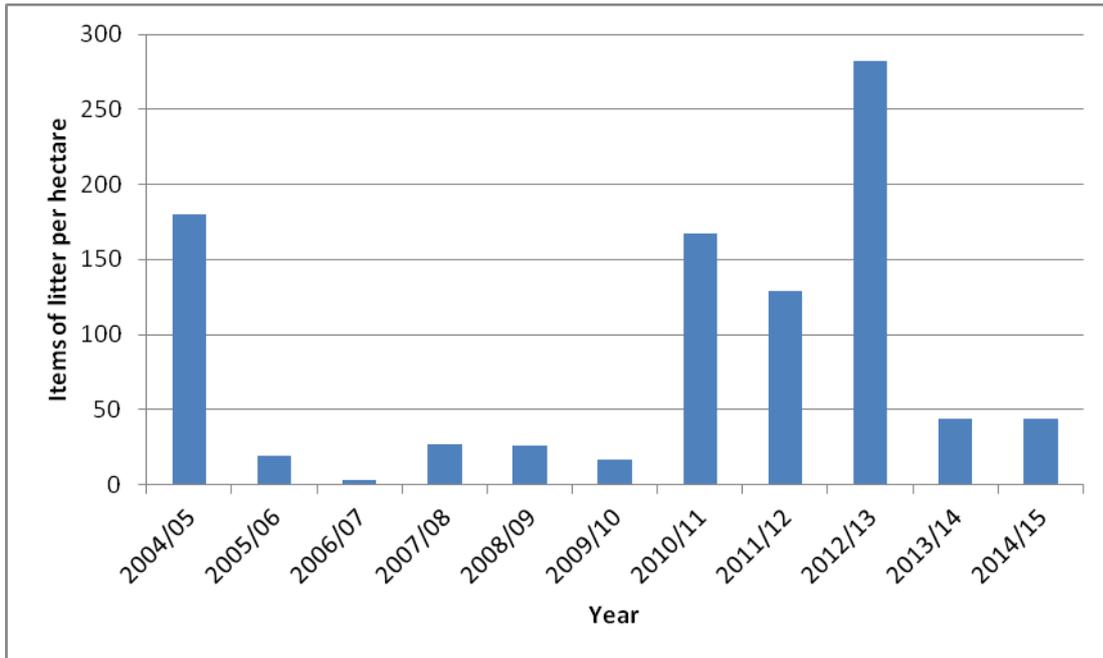


Figure 27: Amount of Litter Present within Shepherds Bush Park Reserve

Water Sensitive Urban Design

A fenced off sump is located at Shepherds Bush on the Shepherds Bush Drive in the north-west of the site (see Figure 28). The sump in Shepherds Bush was assessed for the City's Sump Improvement Program but is unlikely to have works undertaken in the short or medium term due to its priority ranking. Landscaping works using local native species have been proposed along the sump edge on Shepherds Bush Drive.

There is also a swale located on Barrisdale Drive.



Figure 28: Fenced off Sump at Shepherds Bush Reserve

Recommended Social and Built Environment Management Actions:

To enhance the social and built environment in Shepherds Bush, the following management actions are proposed:

Action	Details
User survey	Conduct user surveys, as required, to provide information on the reasons why people visit Shepherds Bush, the number of people and frequency of visits and enable a more targeted environmental education campaign regarding bushland management.
Maintain conservation fencing	Maintain conservation fencing on an as needed basis (informed by monthly inspections) to protect the native vegetation, flora and fauna from informal access.
Investigate closure and rehabilitation of informal tracks	Investigate closure and rehabilitation of informal tracks that are used infrequently to protect vegetation.
Implement <i>Walkability Plan 2013-2018</i>	Implement recommendations from the <i>Walkability Plan 2013-2018</i> that are applicable to the management of Shepherds Bush.
Monitor and report litter	Monitor and report the amount of litter present in Shepherds Bush bushland on an annual basis.
Dismantle cubby houses and BMX (and motorbike) tracks and jumps in the bushland.	Dismantle cubby houses and bike tracks and jumps as required to discourage vegetation degradation and littering in the surrounding area.
Patrols undertaken by City Rangers	Conduct regular visits to Shepherds Bush Reserve as part of the City Rangers patrol regime, as a form of active surveillance of the bushland and adjoining recreational parkland.
Investigate the provision of additional waste services	Monitor and investigate the provision of additional waste services to mitigate litter, as a result of increased public use and infrastructure upgrades in the active parkland.

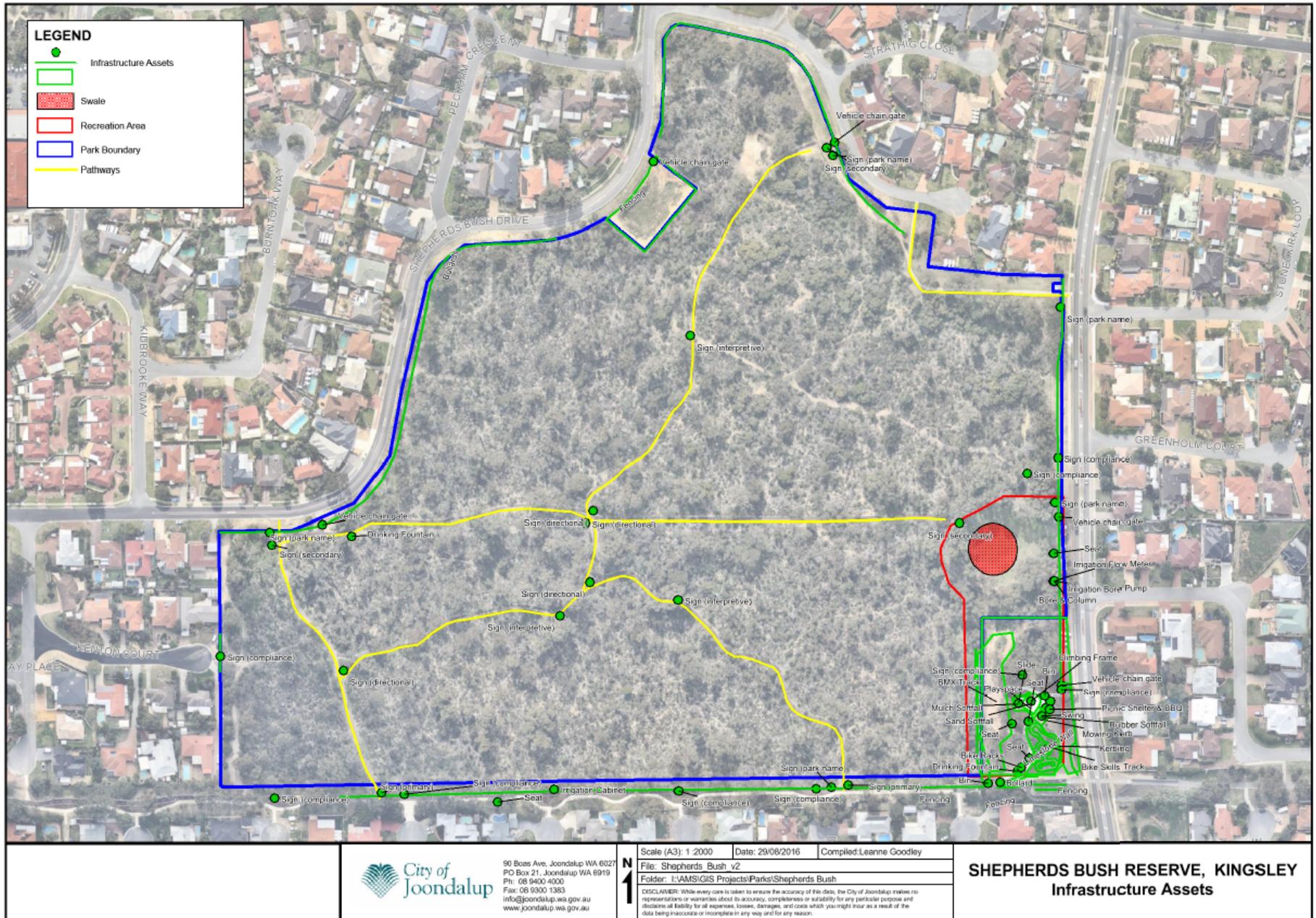


Figure 29: Infrastructure at Shepherds Bush Reserve

3.6 Fire Management

Fire is an important natural feature of the Western Australian landscape. Fire helps to shape the diversity of plant communities with many native plants having developed fire-related adaptations over time, for example fire expedites many species to flower or germinate.

Before Aboriginal people populated the Australian continent approximately 40,000 to 60,000 years ago, the major cause of fires would have been lightning. The major cause of fire prior to European settlement, would have been lightning. Aboriginal people learnt to harness the naturally recurring fire caused by lightning and other sources to their advantage, which resulted in skilful burning of landscapes for many different purposes, such as to gain access to difficult areas, promote the development of food plants, for cooking, warmth and signalling and attracting animals for hunting.⁹⁸

Although there are benefits to fire, an increase of fire occurrences particularly in the same area over a short period of time, referred to as fire intervals or measured as time since last fire, has the potential to adversely impact flora and fauna populations.

Human activity such as accidents and arson have resulted in increased incidences of fire within many urban bushland reserves, which can encourage growth of highly flammable and invasive weeds.

The climate in the South-west of Western Australia has become warmer and drier and is likely to continue to dry, with lower winter rainfall and increased average temperatures resulting in a longer 'fire season' and a greater proportion of the landscape that is sufficiently dry enough to burn.^{99 100}

Bushfires are unplanned fires that can be caused by events such as lightning, unplanned effects from controlled burning operations, escape from industrial activities, damaged power transmission lines, discarded cigarette butts or deliberate arson. Bushfires can cause significant damage to people, property and the environment.¹⁰¹ In 2015 the State Government released *State Planning Policy 3.7, Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* and corresponding guidelines in response to several extreme fire events in Australia.

Under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, local government have the responsibility of preventing and responding to bushfires, hence fire management of Shepherds Bush is the responsibility of the City of Joondalup. The City of Joondalup has a "duty of care" to take all reasonable precautions to prevent any bushfire from spreading onto neighbouring properties. The City of Joondalup does not currently have a prescribed burn management regime for the area.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) work with the community and local government to provide education on hazard risk management and to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from a diverse range of emergencies.^{102 103}

The DFES have developed a *Fire Pre-Plan for the Urban Bushland Area of Shepherds Bush Reserve* including site specific information on ecologically sensitive areas, risk management strategies, hazards, communications plan and fire suppression strategy and tactics. The Fire

⁹⁸ DPaW (2013a)

⁹⁹ DPaW (2013b)

¹⁰⁰ City of Joondalup (2014)

¹⁰¹ EDOWA (2011)

¹⁰² DFES (2013)

¹⁰³ DFES 2014

Pre-Plan is updated by the DFES annually in conjunction with key stakeholders including City of Joondalup.¹⁰⁴

There are numerous public water hydrants located around Shepherds Bush which are installed and maintained by the Water Corporation and DFES, as shown in Figure 23.

Undertaking fire management within Shepherds Bush will help to:

- Protect life, property and environment in Shepherds Bush and adjacent residential areas and privately owned buildings.
- Fulfil obligations under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.
- Protect the ecological and amenity values of Shepherds Bush bushland.
- Protect landscape values (including flora and fauna) from uncontrolled fire and inappropriate suppression techniques.
- Reduce the frequency, impact and area of unplanned fires.
- Minimise the spread of disease and weeds during fire fighting operations and when establishing firebreaks.
- Minimise impacts on air quality.

Fire Risk

A fire fuel load assessment was conducted at Shepherds Bush in October 2015 by the City of Joondalup which indicated the site has a very high fuel load of 21 tonnes / ha. The fuel load assessment was undertaken according to the methodology from the Fire and Emergency Services Australia (FESA) *Visual Fuel Load Guide for the Scrub Vegetation of the Swan Coastal Plain*.¹⁰⁵ Fuel load assessments are conducted annually at Shepherds Bush and the results used to inform fire management of the site.

Fire Occurrences

There have been a substantial amount of fires at Shepherds Bush, the majority of which are believed to have been deliberately lit. The frequency of fires has lessened since 2007. This could be due to factors such as the DFES bushfire awareness campaigns.

Murdoch University (1989) recorded 2 fires in the three month period between November 1988 and January 1989 and stated through discussions with local residents that fires are ‘a regular occurrence,’ particularly in the degraded south east (the location of the current BMX track) and northern areas of Shepherds Bush. Aerial photographs from 1974 assessed by Murdoch University (1989) indicated the ‘absence of degraded areas and no apparent signs of fire.’ Records of fire occurrences at Shepherds Bush are detailed in Table 4.

Monitoring of fire occurrences and detailing fire incidents and frequency through mapping and updating the City’s Geographic Information System (GIS) layer could inform fire prevention actions.

Dates	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	*Nov 1988- Jan 1989
Fire Occurrences	1	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	3	9	0	10	8	16	2

Table 4: Fire Occurrences at Shepherds Bush Reserve (DFES 2016)

*1988-1989 Data sourced from Murdoch University (1989)

¹⁰⁴ DFES (no date)

¹⁰⁵ FESA (2007)

Fire Response

The closest Fire and Rescue Service Station is located ~~branch of the DFES is located at the Duncraig Fire Station~~ on Hepburn Avenue in Duncraig and they are responsible for suppressing fires within Shepherds Bush. The Western Australia Police are responsible for the evacuation of residents and visitors, if required.

Fire Recovery

Weed control is revised after fire incidents to aid regrowth by selecting appropriate chemicals, targeting weeds if safe to do so for new seedlings, and spraying weedy grasses using targeted approaches.

Current Management Approach

The City of Joondalup implements a number of on ground measures to reduce the risk of fire, including undertaking:

- Controlled access;
- Weed (invasive) species management;
- Fuel load assessment and management; and
- Maintenance and installation of fire access tracks (fire access ways and strategic firebreaks).

Fuel load assessments are conducted annually at Shepherds Bush and the results used to inform fire management of the site.

Weed control and maintenance of fire access tracks are conducted in accordance with the City's Annual Bushland Schedule. A *Draft Bushfire Risk Management Plan* is being developed by the City of Joondalup. The Plan will outline the City's strategy for assessing fire risk, prevention, response and recovery.

The City has also developed Fire Weed Management Guidelines to mitigate the impact of weeds within the post fire environment of the City's natural areas. These Guidelines are implemented within the City's natural areas after a fire event.

Recommended Fire Management Actions:

To prevent fire occurrences and minimise the environmental impact of fire occurrences in Shepherds Bush, the following management actions are proposed:

Action	Details
Assess fire fuel load	Annually assess and report fire fuel load using the FESA <i>Visual Fuel Load Guide for the Scrub Vegetation of the Swan Coastal Plain</i> to inform fire prevention actions.
Maintain fire access tracks and footpaths	Maintain fire access tracks and footpaths, including weed control and pruning of vegetation, by implementing the Annual Bushland Schedule.
Develop and implement Bushfire Risk Management Plan	Develop and implement a <i>Bushfire Risk Management Plan</i> , outlining the City's strategy for assessing fire risk, prevention, response and recovery.

Action	Details
Monitor fire occurrences	Monitor fire occurrences through mapping and updating Geographic Information System (GIS) layers detailing fire incidents and frequency to inform fire prevention actions.
Revise weed control after fire incidents	Revise weed control after fire incidents to aid regrowth by selecting appropriate chemicals, targeting weeds if safe to do so for new seedlings, and spraying weedy grasses using backpacks.
Implement Fire Weed Management Guidelines	Implement the Fire Weed Management Guidelines, when required, to reduce the infestation of weeds in natural areas after a fire.

3.7 Education and Training

An important objective of this Plan is to ensure that the local community, visitors to the City's natural areas and those that manage the City's natural areas have the necessary awareness, knowledge, motivation and behaviour to assist in protecting the City's natural areas.

Environmental objectives cannot be achieved through the actions of the City alone; the community can also affect the local environment in both positive and negative ways. Environmental outcomes require the support of an engaged community that is aware and participating in environmental activities.

The local community can protect and enhance Shepherds Bush through the following actions:

- Contact the City of Joondalup if they are interested in initiating or participating in an environmental volunteer group such as the Friends of Shepherds Bush to assist with bushland restoration and maintenance activities.
- Minimising access and disturbance to the site by staying on paths, not taking vehicles into natural areas, and not allowing dogs to run off-leads leash.
- Contain cats, particularly at night, and ensure they stay out of Shepherds Bush.
- Planting local, native species in gardens where possible.
- Avoid touching or feeding wildlife and picking wildflowers or native plants.
- Undertaking appropriate hygiene practices such as cleaning footwear when entering and leaving the site, removing any weed seeds attached to clothing and removing and disposing appropriately of dog excrement (may contain weed seed).
- Not dumping garden rubbish or littering on site. Litter could be collected from site when spotted, or people could organise or get involved with a Clean Up Australia Day event.

Schools are also an important avenue for raising awareness and interest in environmental issues and creating future community members that are aware of, appreciate and actively participate in local environmental management. There are a number of schools (Dalmain, Halidon, Creaney and Goollelal Primary Schoos) within close proximity to Shepherds Bush which creates possible bushland learning opportunities for students.

Current Management Approach

The City implements an Annual Environmental Education Program to address key environmental issues and encourage greater environmental stewardship by the community. The Environmental Education Program includes a Think Green Biodiversity campaign,

focussed on raising awareness of key environmental issues within the City and encouraging community participation in protecting the natural environment.

As part of the Environmental Education Program, the City has developed an Adopt a Bushland Program for students from years 4 to 6 to provide an interactive educational bushland management program. The Adopt a Bushland program could be trialled with students from years 4 to 6 at the abovementioned schools.

In order to educate the community about how they can protect natural areas, the City has developed a number of key brochures titled '*Being WEEDwise: Garden Escapees in the City of Joondalup*', '*Being WEEDwise: Environmental Weeds in the City of Joondalup*' and '*Protecting our Natural Areas and Parks*'.

The City of Joondalup Natural Areas Team currently conduct regular plant identification training, including weed management. New members in the Natural Areas Team undertake training for the management of pathogens.

The City's Friends Groups are instrumental in assisting to protect, preserve and enhance significant bushland areas within the City and may also benefit from training.

Recommended Education and Training Management Actions:

To increase community awareness and training opportunities regarding natural areas management, the following actions are proposed:

Action	Details
Environmental Education Program	Implement initiatives of a 'Think Green Biodiversity' campaign (part of the Environmental Education Program) targeting environmental issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pathogens; • weeds; • litter; • fire; • flora, fungi and fauna awareness; • preventing hand feeding of wildlife; and • responsible pet ownership.
Support establishment of 'Friends of Shepherds Bush'	Support the establishment of a 'Friends of Shepherds Bush' group and encourage community participation in the management of this natural area.
Adopt a Bushland program	Implement an Adopt a Bushland program for students to provide an interactive bushland management program.
Liaise with local schools	Liaise with nearby schools such as Dalmain, Halidon, Creaney and Goollelal Primary Schools to increase awareness of the bushland ecological values.
Natural Areas Team training	Conduct regular Natural Areas Team plant identification training, including weed management, to increase the effectiveness of weed control activities, as required.
Friends Groups training	Provide training including pathogen management and weed identification to community members interested in forming a 'Friends of Shepherds Bush.'

4.0 Implementation Plan

To ensure the Shepherds Bush Reserve Management Plan is being implemented in an effective and timely manner the following steps will be undertaken:

- Monthly weed inspections;
- City of Joondalup Annual Report, Natural Area Key Performance Indicators;
- Scientific research;
- Field monitoring; and
- Review of the Management Plan.

4.1 Monthly Weed Inspections

Weed inspections of Shepherds Bush are conducted by the City of Joondalup once every 4 weeks.

4.2 Monitoring and Reporting

A review of the Shepherds Bush Park Reserve Management Plan will be undertaken annually through reporting against progress made in implementing recommended management actions.

Ongoing reporting against Council endorsed Natural Key Performance Indicators will also be undertaken to ascertain whether current management practices are leading to positive environmental outcomes. These indicators will be measured and reported on an annual, biennial and five yearly basis, as shown in Table 5.

Key Performance Indicator	Source	Reporting Period
Density of weeds per area – expressed as a percentage.	Data obtained from site investigations of transects positioned within natural areas.	Annual 2016/17- 2021/22
Waste present in natural areas – items per hectare	This data is collected on an annual basis from ten of the City's reserves.	Annual 2016/17- 2021/22
Percentage of natural areas protected within City reserves	Areas (hectares) included in the City's proposed Conservation Reserves within the District/Local Planning Scheme (previously Schedule 5 and City of Joondalup Bush Forever sites).	Annual 2016/17- 2021/22
Overall change in vegetation vigour (condition) per area – expressed as an increase or decrease in the Vegetation Condition Index (VCI)	Source- Data obtained from analysis of remote multi spectral imagery. The imagery is currently obtained every two years.	Biennial (every two years) 2017/2018 2019/2020 2021/2022

Canopy Cover – expressed as a percentage per natural area	Source- Data obtained from analysis of remote multi spectral imagery. The imagery is currently obtained every two years.	Biennial (every two years) 2017/2018 2019/2020 2021/2022
Vegetation condition per area – expressed using the Keighery Scale* of vegetation condition, expressed as a percentage for each classification (pristine to degraded).	Data obtained through on site floristic survey undertaken to inform the review of the Management Plan, service provided by specialised consultants.	Five Yearly 2021/2022

Table 5: Natural Area Key Performance Indicators

4.3 Scientific Research and Monitoring

A Natural Areas Initial Assessment is to be conducted on Shepherds Bush every 5-10 years. The most recent assessment was conducted in 2014. The next assessment is to be conducted in 2020/21, prior to the review of the Shepherds Bush Park Reserve Management Plan.

Surveys in Shepherds Bush of flora, weeds, fungi, fauna, invertebrates and bats are to be conducted in 2020-2022. Comparisons to previous surveys will be made to assess site changes over time.

Fire fuel load assessments of Shepherds Bush are to be undertaken annually.

4.4 Management Plan Review

The Shepherds Bush Park Reserve Management Plan is to be reviewed every 5 years. The next review is due in 2021/22.

4.5 Summary of Recommended Management Actions

Biodiversity Conservation Area	Recommended Management Action	Detail	Timeframe
Flora	Flora survey	Undertake a follow up flora survey in spring to supplement previous flora surveys, within 5 years. Make comparisons between flora surveys to assess site changes every 5-7 years.	Within 4-5 years
	Weed survey	Undertake a follow up weed survey in winter to supplement previous weed surveys, within 5 years.	Within 4-5 years
	Investigate planting trees (and vegetation) for habitat	Investigate planting Tuart (<i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i>) and Marri (<i>Corymbia calophylla</i>) trees in Shepherds Bush to provide nesting and roosting habitat and a feeding resource in the long term for Carnaby's Black Cockatoos. ¹⁰⁶ Investigate planting other species of local trees and shrubs (such as Jarrah and <i>Hakea</i> species) to provide opportunities for nesting sites and shelter for fauna.	Within 1-2 years
	Revegetation	Support revegetation being conducted in degraded or completely degraded areas using local provenance species, as required.	On going
	Monthly weed inspections	Conduct monthly weed inspections to establish the extent of weeds and to identify priority weed species.	Ongoing
	Natural Areas Initial Assessment	Conduct five to ten yearly follow up of Natural Areas Initial Assessment to monitor ecological health of site.	Within 4-5 years
	Annual weed percentage cover monitoring and reporting	Monitor and report on the percentage cover of environmental weeds in Shepherds Bush on an annual basis, using three transects.	Ongoing
	Pathogen management	Undertake appropriate hygiene measures when conducting works within Shepherds Bush, as per the <i>City of Joondalup Pathogen Management Plan</i> .	Ongoing
	Weed control	Undertake a coordinated approach to regular weed control by implementing the Annual Bushland Schedule.	Ongoing
	Weed control on verges	Conduct weed management of weeds on verges within Shepherds Bush including mowing of verges to reduce seed spread, spraying of weeds and spreading of certified mulch, where required.	Ongoing
Weed Management Plan	Implement the <i>City of Joondalup Weed Management Plan</i> to provide an ongoing strategic approach to the management of natural areas in order to reduce the incidence of weeds.	Within 1-2 years	

¹⁰⁶ DEC (2011)

Biodiversity Conservation Area	Recommended Management Action	Detail	Timeframe
Fungi	Fungi survey	Undertake a comprehensive fungi survey in autumn or winter after substantial rain, to supplement previous incidental fungi survey, within 5 years.	Within 4-5 years
Pathogens	Pathogen Management	Implement recommendations from the Pathogen Management Plan that are applicable to the management of Shepherds Bush Reserve.	Ongoing
	Hygiene Guidelines	Implement <i>Pathogen and Weed Hygiene Guidelines</i> and <i>Purchasing of Landscaping Materials Guidelines</i> to prevent the introduction or spread of weed or pathogens into Shepherds Bush Park Reserve.	Ongoing
	Education and Training	Investigate the installation of signage within Shepherds Bush Reserve to raise the awareness of the threats of pathogens within the site.	Within 1-2 years
Fauna	Fauna survey	Undertake a follow up fauna survey, in mid-late spring to supplement previous fauna survey, within 5 years.	Within 4-5 years
	Fauna / Ecological Linkage investigations	During on ground maintenance tasks, investigate the access points utilised by kangaroos, in order to guide suitable management of these mammals within the reserve. Based on the findings, undertake an in house study aiming to improve ecological linkages between Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Hepburn Heights, and Yellagonga Regional Park and Craigie Open Space.	Within 1-2 years
	Patrols undertaken by City Rangers	Patrols undertaken by City Rangers to ensure dogs are kept on leads and their droppings are collected.	Ongoing
	Bat survey	Undertake a one week remote monitoring bat survey in summer to supplement previous one night bat survey undertaken in spring.	Within 4-5 years
	Installation of bat boxes	If bat survey indicates presence of bats, consider installing bat boxes to encourage bats to roost.	Within 4-5 years
	Artificial hollows	Investigate installation of artificial hollows in trees such as Tuart or Marri to encourage Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos or Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos to nest.	Within 4-5 years
	Rainbow Bee-eater nesting sites	Monitor for Rainbow Bee-eater nesting sites through monthly inspections and install fencing and signage around exposed nesting sites to decrease trampling of nests by humans or dogs.	Ongoing
	Invertebrates survey	Undertake targeted survey for invertebrates in spring to supplement previous opportunistic invertebrate survey undertaken, within 5 years.	Within 4-5 years
Feral animal control	Implement regular feral animal control to reduce pressures on native fauna and flora. Remove feral beehives if they are identified on site and are accessible.	Ongoing	

Biodiversity Conservation Area	Recommended Management Action	Detail	Timeframe
Social and Built Environment	User survey	Conduct user surveys, as required, to provide information on the reasons why people visit Shepherds Bush, the number of people and frequency of visits and enable a more targeted environmental education campaign regarding bushland management.	Within 4-5 years
	Maintain conservation fencing	Maintain conservation fencing on an as needed basis (informed by monthly inspections) to protect the native vegetation, flora and fauna from informal access.	Ongoing
	Investigate closure and rehabilitation of informal tracks	Investigate closure and rehabilitation of informal tracks that are used infrequently to protect vegetation.	Ongoing
	Implement <i>Walkability Plan 2013-2018</i>	Implement recommendations from the <i>Walkability Plan 2013-2018</i> that are applicable to the management of Shepherds Bush.	Within 1-2 years
	Monitor and report litter	Monitor and report the amount of litter present in Shepherds Bush bushland on an annual basis.	Ongoing
	Dismantle cubby houses and BMX (and motorbike) tracks and jumps in the bushland.	Dismantle cubby houses and bike tracks and jumps as required to discourage vegetation degradation and littering in the surrounding area.	Ongoing
	Patrols undertaken by City Rangers	The City will continue to visit Shepherds Bush Reserve as part of the City Rangers patrol regime, as a form of active surveillance of the bushland and adjoining recreational parkland.	Ongoing
	Investigate the provision of additional waste services	Monitor and investigate the provision of additional waste services to mitigate litter, as a result of increased public use and infrastructure upgrades in the active parkland.	Ongoing
Fire Management	Assess fire fuel load	Annually assess and report fire fuel load using the FESA <i>Visual Fuel Load Guide for the Scrub Vegetation of the Swan Coastal Plain</i> to inform fire prevention actions.	Ongoing
	Maintain fire access tracks and footpaths	Maintain fire access tracks and footpaths, including weed control and pruning of vegetation, by implementing the Annual Bushland Schedule.	Ongoing
	Develop and implement Bushfire Risk Management Plan	Develop and implement a <i>Bushfire Risk Management Plan</i> , outlining the City's strategy for assessing fire risk, prevention, response and recovery.	Within 1-2 years
	Monitor fire occurrences	Monitor fire occurrences through mapping and updating Geographic Information System (GIS) layers detailing fire incidents and frequency to inform fire prevention actions.	Ongoing

Biodiversity Conservation Area	Recommended Management Action	Detail	Timeframe
	Revise weed control after fire incidents	Revise weed control after fire incidents to aid regrowth by selecting appropriate chemicals, targeting weeds if safe to do so for new seedlings, and spraying weedy grasses using backpacks.	Ongoing
	Implement Fire Weed Management Guidelines	Implement the Fire Weed Management Guidelines, when required, to reduce the infestation of weeds in natural areas after a fire.	Ongoing
	Environmental Education Program	Implement initiatives of a 'Think Green Biodiversity' campaign (part of the Environmental Education Program) targeting environmental issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pathogens; • weeds; • litter; • fire; • flora, fungi and fauna awareness; • preventing hand feeding of wildlife; and • responsible pet ownership. 	Ongoing
Education and Training	Support establishment of 'Friends of Shepherds Bush'	Support the establishment of a 'Friends of Shepherds Bush' group and encourage community participation in the management of this natural area.	Ongoing
	Implement Adopt a Bushland program	Implement an Adopt a Bushland program for students to provide an interactive bushland management program.	Within 1-2 years
	Liaise with local schools	Liaise with nearby schools such as Dalmain, Halidon, Creaney and Goollelal Primary Schools to increase awareness of the bushland ecological values.	Within 1-2 years
	Natural Areas Team training	Conduct regular Natural Areas Team plant identification training, including weed management, to increase the effectiveness of weed control activities, as required.	Ongoing
	Friends Groups training	Provide training including pathogen management and weed identification to community members interested in forming a 'Friends of Shepherds Bush.'	Ongoing

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Local Government

The purpose of the Shepherds Bush Reserve Management Plan aligns with the environmental aims and objectives of a number of City of Joondalup Plans including:

Strategic Community Plan

The City of Joondalup *Strategic Community Plan 2012-2022* highlights the focus on preservation, conservation and accessibility of the City's natural assets and the importance of engaging with the community and regional stakeholders.

Environment Plan

The *City of Joondalup Environment Plan 2014-2019* provides strategic direction in the delivery of environmental initiatives within the City of Joondalup.

Biodiversity Action Plan

The *City of Joondalup Biodiversity Action Plan 2009 – 2019* provides direction for the City's biodiversity management activities and details the development of individual Natural Areas Management Plans as an action.

City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2 Schedule 5

Planning for land use occurs under the District Planning Scheme No. 2. Schedule 5 (Clause 5.3.1) of the District Planning Scheme lists Places and Objects Having Significance for the Purpose of Protection of the Landscape or Environment.

Shepherds Bush is listed within Schedule 5 of the District Planning Scheme No 2.

City of Joondalup Pest Plant Local Law 2012

Under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* and the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Council of the City of Joondalup made the *Pest Plant Local Law 2012* to require the owner or occupier of private land within the City of Joondalup district to destroy, eradicate or otherwise control pest plants within a specified time. Caltrop (*Tribulus terrestris*) is designated as a pest plant.

Caltrop was identified in Shepherds Bush in 2014 by the City of Joondalup.

Local Biodiversity Program (formerly Perth Biodiversity Project)

The City of Joondalup is one of 32 local governments participating in the Western Australian Local Government Association's (WALGA's) Local Biodiversity Program. The aim of the Local Biodiversity Program is to support local governments to effectively integrate biodiversity conservation into land use planning to protect and manage local natural areas.

As part of the Local Biodiversity Program, the City of Joondalup assessed all natural areas from 2004 onwards using the ecological criteria of the Natural Area Assessment process, resulting in a priority ranking of natural areas. The City of Joondalup assesses major conservation, high priority and medium priority natural areas approximately every 5-7 years using this assessment tool.

Natural Area Assessments include a desktop assessment and field survey and document information such as:

- vegetation complexes;
- threatened or significant flora or ecological communities;
- structural plant communities;
- weed species;
- vegetation condition assessment;
- ecological criteria rankings;
- a viability estimate; and
- fauna species observed.

Shepherds Bush is one of the City's five Major Conservation Areas due to the high biodiversity values of the area.

State Government

Relevant Legislation, Policies and Documents

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972

The Act makes provision for the preservation on behalf of the community of places and objects customarily used by or traditional to the original inhabitants of Australia or their descendants.

Shepherds Bush is not listed on any State or Federal Indigenous heritage inventory or register.

Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007

The Act gives provision to control the entry, establishment, spread and impact of certain organisms that have or may have an adverse effect on other organisms, human beings, the environment, agricultural activities or related commercial activities. Pests, including plants, are declared under the Act as prohibited organisms.

Bushfires Act 1954

The Act makes provision for diminishing the dangers resulting from bush fires and for the prevention, control and extinguishment of bush fires.

Cat Act 2011

The Act makes provision for the control and management of cats and promotes and encourages the responsible ownership of cats.

Cats may be seized where they are found wandering in public areas, such as Shepherds Bush, in accordance with the *Cat Act 2011*.

Dog Act 1976

The Act makes provisions for the control of dogs in public and private spaces and promotes the responsible ownership of dogs.

Shepherds Bush is designated as a place where dogs must be on a leash at all times by Council resolution in accordance with the *Dog Act 1976*.

Environmental Protection Act 1986

The Act provides authority to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the prevention, control and abatement of pollution and environmental harm, for the conservation, preservation, protection, enhancement and management of the environment in Western Australia.

Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990

The Act provides for and encourages the conservation of places which have significance to the cultural heritage in the State.

Shepherds Bush is listed on the Register of the National Estate (place number 4522), a State cultural heritage register.

Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 (Department of Parks and Wildlife)

The Act provides the statute relating to conservation and legal protection of flora and fauna.

Two fauna species listed under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* utilise Shepherds Bush the threatened Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) and the migratory species Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*).

One priority flora species listed under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* has been recorded at Shepherds Bush, *Jacksonia sericea*. The Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) uses the International Union for Conservation of Nature for assigning species to threat categories. Under the DPaW Conservation Code, *Jacksonia sericea* is categorised as Priority Four (Rare, Near Threatened and other species in need of monitoring).

Government of Western Australia "Bush Forever" Strategy 2000

The Strategy identifies regionally significant bushland in the Perth Metropolitan Region to be retained, managed and protected forever.

Shepherds Bush is designated as a Bush Forever site (39). Two species identified in Shepherds Bush are listed as naturally occurring significant flora of the Perth Metropolitan Region, *Jacksonia sericea* and *Conostylis aculeata* subsp. *cygnorum*.

Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million (draft) (Green Growth Plan).

The *Green Growth Plan* delivers a comprehensive environmental program for the protection of both Commonwealth matters of national environmental significance and State environmental values. The draft *Green Growth Plan* provides a comprehensive approach to the avoidance and mitigation of environmental impacts and a committed Conservation Program that will deliver significant improvements to the protection and management of the environment as the Perth and Peel regions grow to a population of 3.5 million people.

State Planning Policy 2.8 – Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region

The *State Planning Policy 2.8 – Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region* aims to provide direction and an implementation framework that will ensure bushland protection and management issues in the Perth Metropolitan Region are appropriately addressed and integrated with broader land use planning and decision-making.

DPaW Draft Weed Prioritisation Process 2013

The DPaW conducted a weed prioritisation process for weeds in each DPaW region, with the aim being to establish a species-led and an asset-protection-based approach to weed management, focussing on infestations of species which are considered to be high impact, rapidly invasive and still at a population size which is feasible to eradicate or contain to a manageable size. The weed prioritisation process is based on the Environmental Weed Census and Prioritisation, Swan Natural Resource Management Region project (Bettink and Keighery 2008) and the Environmental Weed Strategy of Western Australia (DPaW 1999). The assessment prioritises weeds using criteria of potential distribution, current distribution, ecological impact, invasiveness and feasibility of control to rate weeds as very high, high, medium, low, negligible, further assessment required or alert.

Shepherds Bush contains 26 high priority weeds rated as high priority due to their ecological impact in the DPaW Weed Prioritisation Process for the Swan Region 2013.

Federal Government

Relevant Legislation and Strategies

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The Act provides for the protection of the environment and the conservation of biodiversity, and for related purposes.

Two *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999* listed species have been recorded in Hepburn Heights, the endangered Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) and the migratory species Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*).

Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2030

The Strategy aims to protect biological diversity and maintain ecological processes and systems.

Weeds of National Significance (WONS) (1999 and 2012)

National Weeds Strategy 1997

~~The National Weeds Strategy provides a strategic framework for managing weeds at a national level. As part of the implementation of the National Weeds Strategy,~~
The Australian Government endorsed a list of 20 WONS in 1999 and a further 12 were added in 2012. The 32 Weeds of National Significance are identified as nationally agreed priority plant species for control and management based on the criteria of invasiveness and impact characteristics, potential and current area of spread and economic, environmental and social impacts.

Shepherds Bush contains no known Weeds of National Significance.

Threatened Species Strategy 2015

The long-term goal of the Australian Government's Threatened Species Strategy is to recover threatened plants and animals. The Strategy provides guidance into how the Australian community can work together to protect threatened animals and plants, both now and into the future.

The Strategy contains a a five-year Action Plan, which outlines on-ground actions and measurable targets to turn around the decline of threatened species. The Action Plan focuses on:

- Tackling feral cats
- Creating safe havens for species most at risk
- Improving habitat
- Intervening in emergencies to avert extinctions.

International Conventions or Listings

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species

The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ provides taxonomic, conservation status and distribution information on plants and animals that have been globally evaluated using the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria.

One endangered IUCN Red List species has been recorded in Shepherds Bush, Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*).

Appendix 2 – Shepherds Bush Flora Species List

Family	Latin name	Common name	Conservation status		Database searches		Shepherds Bush surveys			Other CoJ natural areas	
			EPBC ACT	WC Act/ Department of Parks and Wildlife	PMST	NatureMap	ELA 2015	CoJ NAIA Assessments (2004 & 2014)	Murdoch University (1989)	Hepburn Heights (CoJ 2015)	WOS (ELA 2013)
Agaricaceae	<i>Agaricus</i> sp.									+	
Aizoaceae	* <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Hottentot Fig					+	+		+	+
Aizoaceae	* <i>Galenia pubescens</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>					•				+	
Aizoaceae	?* <i>Aptenia cordifolia</i>									+	
Aizoaceae	<i>Carpobrotus</i> sp. (sterile)									+	
Amaranthaceae	<i>Ptilotus drummondii</i>	Narrowleaf Mulla Mulla				+	+			+	
Amaranthaceae	<i>Ptilotus manglesii</i>	Pom Poms				+	+			+	+
Amaranthaceae	<i>Ptilotus polystachyus</i>	Prince of Wales Feather					+			+	+
Anarthriaceae	* <i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	Japanese Pepper								+	
Anarthriaceae	<i>Lyginia barbata</i>					•					
Anarthriaceae	<i>Lyginia imberbis</i>					•				+	
Apiaceae	* <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel								+	
Apiaceae	<i>Daucus glochidiatus</i>	Australian Carrot				•				+	+
Apiaceae	<i>Eryngium pinnatifidum</i> (formerly <i>E.rostratum</i>)	Blue Devils				+	+	+		+	+

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Asparagaceae	<i>Lomandra ?micrantha</i> subsp. <i>micrantha</i> (sterile)									+	
Asparagaceae	<i>Lomandra caespitosa</i>	Tufted Mat Rush				+	+			+	+
Asparagaceae	<i>Lomandra hermaphrodita</i>				•		+			+	
Asparagaceae	<i>Lomandra maritima</i>				•					+	
Asparagaceae	<i>Lomandra micrantha</i> subsp. <i>micrantha</i>									+	
Asparagaceae	<i>Lomandra preissii</i>					+	+				
Asparagaceae	<i>Lomandra</i> sp. (sterile)									+	+
Asparagaceae	<i>Lomandra</i> sp. <i>caespitosa/suaveolens</i> (sterile)									+	
Asparagaceae	<i>Lomandra suaveolens</i>					+	+			+	
Asparagaceae	<i>Sowerbaea laxiflora</i>	Purple Tassels				+	+			+	+
Asparagaceae	<i>Thysanotus arenarius</i>					+	+			+	
Asparagaceae	<i>Thysanotus manglesianus</i>	Fringed Lily					+			+	+
Asparagaceae	<i>Thysanotus</i> sp. (sterile)										+
Asparagaceae	<i>Thysanotus sparteus</i>					•				+	

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Asparagaceae	<i>Thysanotus thyrsoides</i>					•					
Asparagaceae	<i>Thysanotus triandrus</i>					•					
Asphodelaceae	* <i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>							+			
Asphodelaceae	* <i>Trachyandra divaricata</i>									+	+
Asteraceae	* <i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	Cape Weed						+		+	+
Asteraceae	* <i>Arctotheca populifolia</i>	Dune Arctotheca				•					
Asteraceae	* <i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Skeleton Weed				•					
Asteraceae	* <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>	Bitou Bush			•						
Asteraceae	* <i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	Flax leaf Fleabane				•		+		+	
Asteraceae	* <i>Conyza parva</i>					•					
Asteraceae	* <i>Conyza sumatrensis</i>					•					
Asteraceae	* <i>Cotula turbinata</i>	Funnel Weed				+		+			+
Asteraceae	* <i>Osteospermum ecklonis</i>							+		+	
Asteraceae	* <i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>					•					
Asteraceae	* <i>Galinsoga parviflora</i>	Potato Weed				•					
Asteraceae	* <i>Gamochaeta coarctata</i>					•					

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Asteraceae	* <i>Gazania linearis</i>					+	+	+		+	+
Asteraceae	* <i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>										+
Asteraceae	* <i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Cats ear				+	+	+		+	+
Asteraceae	* <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Flat Weed					+			+	
Asteraceae	* <i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce								+	
Asteraceae	* <i>Monoculus monstrosus</i> (formerly <i>Osteospermum clandestinum</i>)					•				+	+
Asteraceae	* <i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Common Groundsel				•					
Asteraceae	* <i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Common Sowthistle				+	+			+	+
Asteraceae	* <i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Dandelion				•					
Asteraceae	* <i>Urospermum picroides</i>	False Hawkbit					+	+		+	
Asteraceae	* <i>Ursinia anthemoides</i> subsp. <i>anthemoides</i>					+	+	+		+	+
Asteraceae	?* <i>Chrysanthemum</i> sp. (garden escapee)									+	
Asteraceae	<i>Asteridea pulverulenta</i>	Common Bristle Daisy				+	+				

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Asteraceae	<i>Cotula australis</i>	Common Cortula									+	
Asteraceae	<i>Helichrysum luteoalbum</i>	Jersey Cudweed				•						
Asteraceae	<i>Lagenophora huegelii</i>							+			+	
Asteraceae	<i>Millotia tenuifolia</i>	Soft Millotia				•						
Asteraceae	<i>Olearia axillaris</i>	Coastal Daisybush				•					+	
Asteraceae	<i>Pithocarpa cordata</i>										+	
Asteraceae	<i>Podolepis gracilis</i>	Slender Podolepis				•					+	+
Asteraceae	<i>Podotheca angustifolia</i>	Sticky Longheads				•					+	
Asteraceae	<i>Podotheca chrysantha</i>	Yellow Podotheca				•					+	
Asteraceae	<i>Podotheca gnaphalioides</i>	Golden Longheads				+		+			+	+
Asteraceae	<i>Quinetia urvillei</i>										+	+
Asteraceae	<i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i> var. <i>latilobus</i>										+	
Asteraceae	<i>Senecio</i> sp. (unresolved taxonomy)(WAH)										+	
Asteraceae	<i>Waitzia suaveolens</i>	Fragrant Waitzia						+			+	
Asteraceae	<i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i>					•						

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Basellaceae	<i>*Anredera cordifolia</i>	Madeira Vine			•						
Brassicaceae	<i>*Brassica tournefortii</i>	Mediterranean Turnip				+	+			+	
Brassicaceae	<i>*Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket				•					
Brassicaceae	<i>*Heliophila pusilla</i>					•	+			+	
Brassicaceae	<i>*Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alyssum				•					
Brassicaceae	<i>*Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish				•					+
Campanulaceae	<i>*Wahlenbergia capensis</i>	Cape Bluebell				+	+			+	+
Campanulaceae	<i>*Cuscuta epithymum</i>									+	
Campanulaceae	<i>Isotoma hypocrateriformis</i>	Woodbridge Poison				•					
Campanulaceae	<i>Wahlenbergia gracilentia</i>	Annual Bluebell				•				+	
Campanulaceae	<i>Wahlenbergia sp.</i>					•					
Campanulaceae	<i>Lobelia tenuior</i>	Slender Lobelia									+
Caprifoliaceae	<i>*Centranthus macrosiphon</i>									+	+
Caryophyllaceae	<i>*Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Mouse Ear Chickweed				+	+			+	
Caryophyllaceae	<i>*Petrohragia dubia</i> (formerly <i>P. velutina</i>)					+	+			+	+

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Caryophyllaceae	* <i>Sagina apetala</i>	Annual Pearlwort				•					
Caryophyllaceae	* <i>Silene gallica</i> var. <i>gallica</i>					+	+			+	+
Caryophyllaceae	* <i>Stellaria media</i>	Chickweed				•				+	
Casuarinaceae	<i>Allocasuarina fraseriana</i>	Sheoak				+	+	+	+	+	+
Casuarinaceae	<i>Allocasuarina humilis</i>	Dwarf Sheoak				+	+		+	+	+
Celastraceae	<i>Tripterococcus brunonis</i>									+	
Centrolepidaceae	<i>Centrolepis drummondiana</i>					•				+	+
Chenopodiaceae	* <i>Chenopodium macrospermum</i>					•					
Chenopodiaceae	* <i>Dysphania ambrosioides</i>	Mexican Tea				•					
Chenopodiaceae	<i>Rhagodia baccata</i> subsp. <i>baccata</i>	Berry Saltbush								+	
Colchicaceae	<i>Burchardia congesta</i> (formerly <i>Burchardia umbellata</i>)							+		+	+
Convolvulaceae	* <i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>									+	
Convolvulaceae	* <i>Dichondra micrantha</i>					•					
Crassulaceae	* <i>Crassula alata</i>					•					
Crassulaceae	* <i>Crassula glomerata</i>					+	+			+	

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Cyperaceae	<i>Mesomelaena pseudostygia</i>					+	+	+		+	+
Cyperaceae	<i>Schoenoplectus validus</i>	Lake Club-rush				.					
Cyperaceae	<i>Schoenus clandestinus</i>						+			+	
Cyperaceae	<i>Schoenus curvifolius</i>					.				+	+
Cyperaceae	<i>Schoenus grandiflorus</i>					+	+	+		+	+
Cyperaceae	<i>Tetraria octandra</i>					.				+	
Dasygongonaceae	<i>Calectasia narragara</i>					.					
Dasygongonaceae	<i>Dasygongon bromeliifolius</i>	Pineapple Bush				.					+
Dennstaedtiaceae	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i> subsp. <i>esculentum</i>					.					
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia aurea</i>					.					
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia crassifolia</i>					.					
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia cuneiformis</i>	Cutleaf Hibbertia				.				+	
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia huegelii</i>					.					+
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia hypericoides</i>	Yellow Buttercups				+	+	+	+	+	+
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia racemosa</i>					+	+	+		+	+

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Droseraceae	<i>Drosera erythrorhiza</i> subsp. <i>erythrorhiza</i>					+	+			+	+
Droseraceae	<i>Drosera glanduligera</i>	Pimpernel Sundew								+	
Droseraceae	<i>Drosera macrantha</i>					•				+	+
Droseraceae	<i>Drosera menziesii</i>					•			+		
Droseraceae	<i>Drosera paleacea</i>	Dwarf Sundew				•					
Droseraceae	<i>Drosera paleacea</i> subsp. <i>paleacea</i>					•					
Droseraceae	<i>Drosera pallida</i>	Pale Rainbow							+	+	+
Droseraceae	<i>Drosera platystigma</i>	Black-eyed Sundew									+
Epacridaceae	<i>Andersonia gracilis</i>		EN	VU	•						
Ericaceae	<i>Astroloma ciliatum</i>							+		+	
Ericaceae	<i>Astroloma pallidum</i>	Kick Bush				+	+	+		+	+
Ericaceae	<i>Conostephium minus</i>	Pink-tipped Pearl flower				•					
Ericaceae	<i>Conostephium pendulum</i>					•		+		+	+
Ericaceae	<i>Conostephium preissii</i>					•		+		+	
Ericaceae	<i>Leucopogon conostephioides</i>					•					

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Fabaceae	<i>*Genista sp. x Genista monspessulana</i>				•						
Fabaceae	<i>*Lupinus cosentinii</i>							+			+
Fabaceae	<i>*Medicago littoralis</i>							+			
Fabaceae	<i>*Melilotus indicus</i>					•					
Fabaceae	<i>*Ornithopus pinnatus</i>	Slender Serradella									+
Fabaceae	<i>*Trifolium arvense</i>					+		+			+
Fabaceae	<i>*Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Clover				+		+	+		+
Fabaceae	<i>*Trifolium hirtum</i>	Rose Clover				•					
Fabaceae	<i>*Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Subterranean Clover									+
Fabaceae	<i>*Vicia sativa</i>					+		+			+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia benthamii</i>			P2		•					+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia cochlearis</i>					•					+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia cyclops</i>	Coastal Wattle				+		+			+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia huegelii</i>					•					
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia lasiocarpa var. lasiocarpa</i>					•					

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Fabaceae	<i>Acacia lasiocarpa</i> var. <i>sedifolia</i>					•					
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia pulchella</i>	Prickly Moses				•					
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia pulchella</i> var. <i>glaberrima</i>							+	+		+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia rostellifera</i>							+			+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia saligna</i> subsp. <i>saligna</i>					+	+	+	+		+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia stenoptera</i>										+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia trigonophylla</i>										+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia truncata</i>					•					+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia willdenowiana</i>							+	+		+
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia xanthina</i>	White-stemmed Wattle				•					
Fabaceae	<i>Bossiaea eriocarpa</i>	Common Brown Pea				•			+		+
Fabaceae	<i>Daviesia divaricata</i>	Marno				•		+			+
Fabaceae	<i>Daviesia divaricata</i> subsp. <i>divaricata</i>					+	+				+
Fabaceae	<i>Daviesia gracilis</i> (formerly <i>D.juncea</i>)								+		
Fabaceae	<i>Daviesia nudiflora</i>					+	+	+			+
Fabaceae	<i>Daviesia pedunculata</i>					•					

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Fabaceae	<i>Daviesia triflora</i>					+	+	+		+	+
Fabaceae	<i>Euchilopsis linearis</i>	Swamp Pea				•					
Fabaceae	<i>Gastrolobium capitatum</i> (formerly <i>Nemcia capitata</i> and <i>Oxylobium capitatum</i>)					•				+	+
Fabaceae	<i>Gompholobium tomentosum</i>	Hairy Yellow Pea				+	+	+		+	+
Fabaceae	<i>Hardenbergia comptoniana</i>	Native Wisteria				+	+	+	+	+	+
Fabaceae	<i>Hovea pungens</i>	Devil's Pins								+	
Fabaceae	<i>Hovea trisperma</i>	Common Hovea				+	+	+		+	
Fabaceae	<i>Isotropis cuneifolia</i>					•					+
Fabaceae	<i>Isotropis cuneifolia</i> subsp. <i>cuneifolia</i>									+	
Fabaceae	<i>Jacksonia calcicola</i>					•				+	
Fabaceae	<i>Jacksonia floribunda</i>	Holly Pea				•					
Fabaceae	<i>Jacksonia furcellata</i>	Grey Stinkwood						+		+	+
Fabaceae	<i>Jacksonia sericea</i>			P4		+	+	+			+
Fabaceae	<i>Jacksonia sternbergiana</i>	Stinkwood						+		+	

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Fabaceae	<i>Kennedia coccinea</i>	Coral Vine				•					
Fabaceae	<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	Scarlet Runner				+	+		+	+	+
Fabaceae	<i>Sphaerolobium medium</i>									+	
Fabaceae	<i>Templetonia retusa</i>									+	
Fabaceae	<i>Viminaria juncea</i>	Swishbush				•					
Geraniaceae	* <i>Erodium botrys</i>	Long Storksbill					+			+	+
Geraniaceae	* <i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's Foot Cranesbill / Soft cranesbill							+		
Geraniaceae	?* <i>Pelargonium capitatum</i> (immat.)									+	
Geraniaceae	<i>Erodium cygnorum</i>	Blue Heronsbill									+
Geraniaceae	* <i>Pelargonium capitatum</i>	Rose Pelargonium				+	+	+		+	+
Goodeniaceae	<i>Dampiera linearis</i>	Common Dampiera				•				+	+
Goodeniaceae	<i>Lechenaultia floribunda</i>	Free-flowering Leschenaultia				•					
Goodeniaceae	<i>Lechenaultia linarioides</i>					•				+	
Goodeniaceae	<i>Scaevola ?thesioides</i> subsp. <i>thesioides</i> (sterile)									+	
Goodeniaceae	<i>Scaevola canescens</i>	Grey Scaevola				+	+	+		+	+

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Goodeniaceae	<i>Scaevola globulifera</i>					•					
Goodeniaceae	<i>Scaevola repens</i> var. <i>angustifolia</i>					•				+	+
Goodeniaceae	<i>Scaevola repens</i> var. <i>repens</i>					+	+	+			
Goodeniaceae	<i>Scaevola thesioides</i> subsp. <i>thesioides</i>									+	
Gyrostemonaceae	<i>Tersonia cyathiflora</i>	Button Creeper								+	+
Haemodoraceae	<i>Anigozanthos humilis</i>	Catspaw				+	+			+	+
Haemodoraceae	<i>Anigozanthos manglesii</i>	Mangles Kangaroo Paw				•				+	+
Haemodoraceae	<i>Anigozanthos viridis</i> subsp. <i>terraspectans</i>	Dwarf Green Kangaroo Paw	VU	VU	•						
Haemodoraceae	<i>Conostylis aculeata</i>	Prickly Conostylis				•					
Haemodoraceae	<i>Conostylis aculeata</i> subsp. <i>cygnorum</i>					+	+	+		+	+
Haemodoraceae	<i>Conostylis candicans</i> subsp. <i>candicans</i>					•					
Haemodoraceae	<i>Conostylis setigera</i>					•			+		+
Haemodoraceae	<i>Haemodorum laxum</i>					+	+	+			
Haemodoraceae	<i>Haemodorum paniculatum</i>	Mardja				•				+	+

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Lauraceae	<i>Cassythia racemosa</i> var ? <i>racemosa</i> (no fruit)										+	
Loranthaceae	<i>Nuytsia floribunda</i>	Christmas Tree							+		+	+
Malvaceae	* <i>Malva parviflora</i>	Marshmallow									+	+
Myrtaceae	* <i>Agonis flexuosa</i>										+	
Myrtaceae	* <i>Chamelaucium uncinatum</i>	Geraldton Wax					•	+	+		+	+
Myrtaceae	* <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coast Teatree										+
Myrtaceae	* <i>Melaleuca nesophila</i>						•				+	
Myrtaceae	<i>Agonis flexuosa</i>	Peppermint										+
Myrtaceae	<i>Baeckea</i> sp. Limestone (N. Gibson & M.N. Lyons 1425)			P1			•					
Myrtaceae	<i>Calothamnus quadrifidus</i>	One-sided Bottlebrush										+
Myrtaceae	<i>Calothamnus quadrifidus</i> subsp. <i>quadrifidus</i>							+			+	
Myrtaceae	<i>Calothamnus sanguineus</i>						•					
Myrtaceae	<i>Calytrix acutifolia</i>						•					
Myrtaceae	<i>Calytrix angulata</i>	Yellow Starflower					•					

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Myrtaceae	<i>Calytrix flavescens</i>	Summer Starflower							+		
Myrtaceae	<i>Calytrix fraseri</i>	Pink Summer Calytrix				•					
Myrtaceae	<i>Corymbia calophylla</i> (formerly <i>Eucalyptus calophylla</i>)	Marri						+	+	+	+
Myrtaceae	<i>Darwinia foetida</i>		CR	EN	•						
Myrtaceae	<i>Eremaea pauciflora</i>							+			+
Myrtaceae	<i>Eremaea pauciflora</i> var. <i>pauciflora</i>					•					
Myrtaceae	<i>Eremaea purpurea</i>					•					
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus decipiens</i> subsp. <i>decipiens</i>					•				+	
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus foecunda</i>	Narrow-leaved Red Mallee				•					
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i>	Tuart				+	+	+	+	+	+
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus marginata</i> subsp. <i>marginata</i>	Jarrah				+	+	+	+	+	+
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus petrensis</i>					•					
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus rudis</i>	Flooded Gum				•					
Myrtaceae	<i>Hypocalymma robustum</i>	Swan River Myrtle				+	+	+		+	+

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Myrtaceae	<i>Kunzea glabrescens</i>										+	
Myrtaceae	<i>Melaleuca cuticularis</i>	Saltwater Paperbark				•						
Myrtaceae	<i>Melaleuca</i> sp.					•						
Myrtaceae	<i>Melaleuca systema</i> (formerly <i>M.acerosa</i>)					+		+			+	
Myrtaceae	<i>Regelia inops</i>					•						
Myrtaceae	<i>Verticordia huegelii</i>	Variogated Featherflower				•						
Myrtaceae	<i>Verticordia nitens</i>	Morrison Featherflower				•						
Oleaceae	* <i>Olea europaea</i>				•	•		+			+	
Onagraceae	* <i>Oenothera drummondii</i>	Beach Evening Primrose				•						
Onagraceae	* <i>Oenothera stricta</i>	Common Evening Primrose				•						
Onagraceae	<i>Epilobium hirtigerum</i>	Hairy Willow Herb				•						
Orchidaceae	* <i>Disa bracteata</i>					•						
Orchidaceae	<i>Caladenia arenicola</i>					+		+			+	+
Orchidaceae	<i>Caladenia discoidea</i>	Dancing Orchid				•						
Orchidaceae	<i>Caladenia flava</i>					•					+	+

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Poaceae	<i>*Avena barbata</i>	Bearded Oat						+			+	+
Poaceae	<i>*Avena fatua</i>	Wild Oat				•						
Poaceae	<i>*Briza maxima</i>	Blowfly Grass				+	+	+			+	+
Poaceae	<i>*Briza minor</i>	Shivery Grass				•					+	+
Poaceae	<i>*Bromus diandrus</i>	Great Brome				+	+				+	+
Poaceae	<i>*Bromus madritensis</i>	Madrid Brome					+					
Poaceae	<i>*Cenchrus ciliaris</i>	Buffel Grass			•	•						
Poaceae	<i>*Cenchrus setaceus</i> (formerly <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>)	Fountain Grass										+
Poaceae	<i>*Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas Grass				•						
Poaceae	<i>*Cynodon dactylon</i>	Couch						+	+		+	
Poaceae	<i>*Ehrharta brevifolia</i> var. <i>cuspidata</i>					•						
Poaceae	<i>*Ehrharta calycina</i>	Perennial Veldt Grass				+	+				+	+
Poaceae	<i>*Ehrharta longiflora</i>	Annual Veldt Grass				+	+				+	+
Poaceae	<i>*Eragrostis curvula</i>	African Lovegrass				•						
Poaceae	<i>*Hordeum leporinum</i>	Barley Grass						+				+

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Poaceae	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i>	Bunch Speargrass				•					
Poaceae	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass				•				+	
Poaceae	<i>Poa drummondiana</i>									+	
Poaceae	<i>Poaceae</i> sp. (sterile)									+	
Poaceae	<i>Rytidosperma caespitosum</i> (formerly <i>Austrodanthonia caespitosa</i>)									+	
Poaceae	<i>Spinifex hirsutus</i>	Hairy Spinifex				•					
Polygonaceae	* <i>Emex australis</i> ^	Doublegee						+		+	
Polygonaceae	<i>Persicaria decipiens</i>					•					
Portulacaceae	<i>Calandrinia corrigioloides</i>									+	
Portulacaceae	<i>Calandrinia granulifera</i>	Pygmy Purslane								+	+
Primulaceae	* <i>Lysimachia arvensis</i> (formerly <i>Anagallis arvensis</i>)	Pimpernel						+		+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Banksia attenuata</i>	Slender Banksia				+		+	+	+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Banksia dallanneyi</i> var. <i>dallanneyi</i> (formerly <i>Dryandra lindleyana</i>)							+		+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Banksia grandis</i>	Bull Banksia						+	+		+

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Proteaceae	<i>Banksia ilicifolia</i>	Holly-leaved Banksia				•					
Proteaceae	<i>Banksia menziesii</i> <i>Banksia nivea</i> (formerly <i>Dryandra nivea</i>)	Firewood Banksia				+	+		+	+	
Proteaceae	<i>Banksia prionotes</i>									+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Banksia sessilis</i> var. <i>cygnorum</i>						+			+	
Proteaceae	<i>Conospermum incurvum</i>	Plume Smokebush				•					
Proteaceae	<i>Conospermum stoechadis</i>	Common Smokebush				•					
Proteaceae	<i>Conospermum triplinervium</i>	Tree Smokebush								+	
Proteaceae	<i>Grevillea ?preissii</i>									+	
Proteaceae	<i>Grevillea crithmifolia</i>									+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Grevillea preissii</i> subsp. <i>preissii</i>									+	
Proteaceae	<i>Grevillea</i> sp.					•					
Proteaceae	<i>Grevillea vestita</i> subsp. <i>vestita</i>					+	+	+		+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Hakea costata</i>	Ribbed Hakea				•					
Proteaceae	<i>Hakea lissocarpha</i>	Honey Bush				+	+	+		+	

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Proteaceae	<i>Hakea prostrata</i>	Harsh Hakea				+	+	+	+	+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Hakea trifurcata</i>	Two-leaf Hakea				•					+
Proteaceae	<i>Persoonia saccata</i>									+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Petrophile brevifolia</i>					•				+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Petrophile linearis</i>	Pixie Mops				+	+	+		+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Petrophile macrostachya</i>					+	+			+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Petrophile media</i>									+	
Proteaceae	<i>Stirlingia latifolia</i>	Blueboy				•			+	+	+
Proteaceae	<i>Synaphea spinulosa</i> subsp. <i>spinulosa</i>					•				+	
Ranunculaceae	<i>Clematis pubescens</i>	Common Clematis				•					
Restionaceae	<i>Alexgeorgea arenicola</i>									+	
Restionaceae	<i>Alexgeorgea nitens</i>					•				+	+
Restionaceae	<i>Chordifex microcodon</i>					•					
Restionaceae	<i>Desmocladus ?fascicularis</i> (poor material)									+	
Restionaceae	<i>Desmocladus asper</i>					•				+	+

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Restionaceae	<i>Desmocladus flexuosus</i>					+	+	+		+	+
Restionaceae	<i>Hypolaena exsulca</i>					•					
Restionaceae	<i>Lepidobolus preissianus</i>										+
Rhamnaceae	<i>Spyridium globulosum</i> (formerly <i>Spyridium tridentatum</i>)	Basket Bush				•				+	+
Rhamnaceae	<i>Stenanthemum notiale</i> subsp. <i>chamelum</i>							+		+	
Rhamnaceae	<i>Stenanthemum tridentatum</i>							+			
Rubiaceae	* <i>Galium murale</i>							+		+	
Rubiaceae	<i>Opercularia vaginata</i>	Dog Weed				+	+			+	+
Rutaceae	<i>Boronia purdieana</i> subsp. <i>purdieana</i>					•					
Rutaceae	<i>Diplolaena angustifolia</i>	Yanchep Rose				•					
Rutaceae	<i>Diplolaena dampieri</i>	Southern Diplolaena				•					+
Rutaceae	<i>Philotheca spicata</i>	Pepper and Salt								+	+
Rutaceae	<i>Rhadinothamnus anceps</i>					•					
Santalaceae	<i>Exocarpos sparteus</i>					•				+	
Santalaceae	<i>Leptomeria empetriformis</i>					•					

Family	Latin name	Common name	Conservation status		Database searches		Shepherds Bush surveys			Other CoJ natural areas	
			EPBC ACT	WC Act/ Department of Parks and Wildlife	PMST	NatureMap	ELA 2015	CoJ NAIA Assessments (2004 & 2014)	Murdoch University (1989)	Hepburn Heights (CoJ 2015)	WOS (ELA 2013)
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium bulbiferum</i>	Circus Triggerplant				•					
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium calcaratum</i>	Book Triggerplant				•					+
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium crossocephalum</i>	Posy Triggerplant				•					
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium hesperium</i> ms									+	
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium maritimum</i>			P3		•					
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium neurophyllum</i> ms									+	
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium piliferum</i>	Common Butterfly Triggerplant				•					
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium repens</i>	Matted Triggerplant						+		+	+
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium rigidulum</i>									+	
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium schoenoides</i>	Cow Kicks						+		+	
Tamaricaceae	* <i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	Athel Pine			•						
Thymelaeaceae	<i>Pimelea ?sulphurea</i> (sterile)									+	
Thymelaeaceae	<i>Pimelea argentea</i>	Silvery Leaved Pimelea				•					
Thymelaeaceae	<i>Pimelea calcicola</i>			P3		•					
Thymelaeaceae	<i>Pimelea floribunda</i>					•					

Family	Latin name	Common name	Conservation status		Database searches		Shepherds Bush surveys			Other CoJ natural areas	
			EPBC ACT	WC Act/ Department of Parks and Wildlife	PMST	NatureMap	ELA 2015	CoJ NAIA Assessments (2004 & 2014)	Murdoch University (1989)	Hepburn Heights (CoJ 2015)	WOS (ELA 2013)
Thymelaeaceae	<i>Pimelea leucantha</i>					+	+			+	+
Thymelaeaceae	<i>Pimelea sulphurea</i>	Yellow Banjine				•				+	+
Unknown	*Tree sp. (horticultural)									+	
Verbenaceae	* <i>Lantana camara</i>					•					
Violaceae	<i>Hybanthus calycinus</i>	Wild Violet				+	+			+	+
Xanthorrhoeaceae	<i>Xanthorrhoea preissii</i>	Grass tree				+	+	+	+	+	+
Zamiaceae	<i>Macrozamia riedlei</i>	Zamia				+	+	+		+	+
Zygophyllaceae	* <i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Caltrop						+			

+ = recorded during survey.

• = listed within database search for respective survey but not recorded during that survey.

* = introduced species.

CR = listed as Critically Endangered under the EPBC Act, WC Act and the IUCN red list.

EN = listed as Endangered under the EPBC Act, WC Act and the IUCN red list.

VU = listed as Vulnerable under the EPBC Act, WC Act and the IUCN red list.

P1, P2, P3 = Taxa that may be threatened or near threatened, but are data deficient or have not yet been adequately surveyed to be listed under the Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice

P4 = Taxa that are not currently threatened but could if present circumstances change. These taxa are usually represented on conservation lands.

Appendix 3 – Shepherds Bush Key Flora Species

Priority and Significant Flora at Shepherds Bush

Name	Common Name	Conservation Code	Image
<i>Jacksonia sericea</i>	Waldjumi	Priority Four, DPaW, <i>Wildlife Conservation Act 1950</i> ; Significant Flora of the Perth Metropolitan Region, Bush Forever Strategy (2000)	 <p>Photo: ELA, Shepherds Bush, 2016</p>
<i>Conostylis aculeata</i> subsp. <i>cygnorum</i>	Prickly Conostylis	Significant Flora of the Perth Metropolitan Region, Bush Forever Strategy (2000)	 <p><i>Conostylis aculeata</i> subsp. <i>cygnorum</i> Photos: K.C. Richardson</p> <p>Photos: K.C. Richardson (WA Herbarium no date)</p>

Note: For further explanations on Conservation Codes, refer to Appendix 4.

Appendix 4 – Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora and Fauna

IUCN categories and criteria (IUCN 2012)

Categories and criteria are also used for the Environment *Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and the Western Australian *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* (WC Act).

Category	Definition
Extinct (EX)	There is no reasonable doubt that the last member of the species has died.
Extinct in the Wild (EW)	Taxa known to survive only in captivity or as a naturalised population well outside its past range; or taxa has not been recorded in its known and/or expected habitat at appropriate seasons, anywhere in its past range, despite exhaustive surveys over a time frame appropriate to its life cycle and form.
Critically Endangered (CR)	Taxa considered to be facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild.
Endangered (EN)	Taxa considered to be facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild.
Vulnerable (VU)	Taxa considered to be facing a high risk of extinction in the wild.
Near Threatened (NT)	Taxa has been evaluated against the criteria but does not qualify for Critically Endangered, Endangered or Vulnerable now, but is close to qualifying for or is likely to qualify for a threatened category in the near future.
Least Concern (LC)	Taxa has been evaluated against the criteria and does not qualify for Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable or Near Threatened. Widespread and abundant taxa are included in this category.
Data Deficient (DD)	There is inadequate information to make a direct, or indirect, assessment of taxa's risk extinction based on its distribution and/or population status.
Not Evaluated (NE)	Taxa has not yet been evaluated against the criteria.
Migratory (M)	<p>Not an IUCN category.</p> <p>Species are defined as migratory if they are listed in an international agreement approved by the Commonwealth Environment Minister, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Bonn Convention (Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animal) for which Australia is a range state; • the agreement between the Government of Australian and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Protection of Migratory Birds and their environment (CAMBA); • the agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of Australia for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Birds in Danger of Extinction and their Environment (JAMBA); or • the agreement between Australia and the Republic of Korea to develop a bilateral migratory bird agreement similar to the JAMBA and CAMBA in respect to migratory bird conservation and provides a basis for collaboration on the protection of migratory shorebirds and their habitat (ROKAMBA).

The City of Joondalup has added a Category listed as Locally Significant to reflect locally significant native species within the City of Joondalup. Locally Significant species are defined below.

Category	Definition
Locally Significant (LS) - City of Joondalup	Taxa within the City of Joondalup who are at risk of predation or extinction from within the City due to a variety of environmental and external factors. These populations are in need of conservation and monitoring, thus are classed as Locally Significant species within the City of Joondalup.

Schedules under the State *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* (WC Act)

Schedule	Code	Conservation Status	Description
Schedule 1 Fauna and flora that are extant and considered likely to become extinct or rare as critically endangered species and therefore are in need of special protection.	S1 (CR)	Threatened Flora	Declared Rare Flora that is rare or likely to become extinct – Critically Endangered
		Threatened Fauna	Fauna that is rare or likely to become extinct – Critically Endangered
Schedule 2 Fauna and flora that are extant and considered likely to become extinct or rare as endangered species and therefore in need of special protection.	S2 (EN)	Threatened Flora	Declared Rare Flora that is rare or likely to become extinct – Endangered
		Threatened Fauna	Fauna that is rare or likely to become extinct – Endangered
Schedule 3 Fauna and flora that are extant and considered likely to become extinct or rare as vulnerable species and therefore in need of special protection.	S3 (VU)	Threatened Flora	Declared Rare Flora that is rare or likely to become extinct – Vulnerable
		Threatened Fauna	Fauna that is rare or likely to become extinct – Vulnerable
Schedule 4 Fauna and flora that is presumed to be extinct in the wild and therefore in need of special protection.	S4 (EX)	Presumed Extinct Fauna and Flora	
Schedule 5 Birds that are subject to international agreements relating to the protection of migratory birds, are declared to be that is in need of special protection.	S5 (IA)	Migratory	Birds protected under an international agreement
Schedule 6 Fauna that are of special conservation need being species dependent on ongoing conservation intervention, are declared to be fauna that is in need of special protection.	S6 (CD)	Conservation dependent	Ongoing conservation intervention required
Schedule 7 Fauna that is in need of special protection, otherwise than for the reasons mentioned in the above schedules.	S7 (OS)	Other specially protected	Other specially protected fauna

Priority flora and fauna categories used by the Parks and Wildlife (2015)

Category	Code	Definition
Priority 1	P1	<p><i>Poorly-known species</i></p> <p>Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less) which are potentially at risk. All occurrences are either: very small; or on lands not managed for conservation, e.g. agricultural or pastoral lands, urban areas, road and rail reserves, gravel reserves and active mineral leases; or otherwise under threat of habitat destruction or degradation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under immediate threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey.</p>
Priority 2	P2	<p><i>Poorly-known species</i></p> <p>Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less), some of which are on lands managed primarily for nature conservation, e.g. national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves and other lands with secure tenure being managed for conservation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey.</p>
Priority 3	P3	<p><i>Poorly-known species</i></p> <p>Species that are known from several locations, and the species does not appear to be under imminent threat, or from few but widespread locations with either large population size or significant remaining areas of apparently suitable habitat, much of it not under imminent threat. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from several locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and known threatening processes exist that could affect them. Such species are in need of further survey.</p>
Priority 4	P4	<p><i>Rare, Near Threatened and other species in need of monitoring</i></p> <p>(a) Rare. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed, or for which sufficient knowledge is available, and that are considered not currently threatened or in need of special protection, but could be if present circumstances change. These species are usually represented on conservation lands.</p> <p>(b) Near Threatened. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed and that are close to qualifying for Vulnerable, but are not listed as Conservation Dependent.</p> <p>(c) Species that have been removed from the list of threatened species during the past five years for reasons other than taxonomy.</p>

*Species includes all taxa (plural of taxon - a classificatory group of any taxonomic rank, e.g. a family, genus, species or any infraspecific category i.e. subspecies or variety, or a distinct population).

Appendix 5 – Keighery Scale Definitions

Vegetation Condition	Description
Pristine	Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of disturbance.
Excellent	Vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds are non- aggressive species.
Very Good	Vegetation structure altered obvious signs of disturbance. For example, disturbance to vegetation structure caused by repeated fires, the presence of some more aggressive weeds, dieback, logging and grazing.
Good	Vegetation structure significantly altered by very obvious signs of multiple disturbances. Retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate it. For example, disturbance to vegetation structure caused by very frequent fires, the presence of some very aggressive weeds at high density, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.
Degraded	Basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance. Scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management. For example, disturbance to vegetation structure caused by very frequent fires, the presence of some very aggressive weeds at high density, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.
Completely Degraded	The structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species. These areas are often described as 'parkland cleared' with the flora comprising weed or crop species with isolated native trees or shrubs.

(Sourced from Keighery1994)

Appendix 6 - Examples of Priority Weed Species at Shepherds Bush

Name	Common Name	Conservation Code	Image
<i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	Perennial Veldt Grass	High priority (DPaW Environmental Weed Strategy for WA)	 <p><i>Ehrharta calycina</i> Photos: S.M. Armstrong</p>
<i>Emex australis</i>	Doublegee	Declared pest (BAM Act 2007)	 <p>Photo: Department of Agriculture and Food (2016b)</p>
<i>Euphorbia terracina</i>	Geraldton Carnation Weed	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	 <p><i>Euphorbia terracina</i> Photos: J.Dodd & K.R. Thiele</p>
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Cats ear	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	 <p><i>Hypochaeris glabra</i> Photos: C.Hortin & K.C. Richardson</p>

Name	Common Name	Conservation Code	Image
<i>Lupinus cosentinii</i>	Blue Lupin	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	 <p data-bbox="884 658 1422 680"><i>Lupinus cosentinii</i> Photos: J. Dodd & J.F. Smith</p> <p data-bbox="884 680 1422 725">Photos: J. Dodd and J.F. Smith (WA Herbarium no date)</p>
<i>Moraea flaccida</i>	One-leaf Cape Tulip	Declared pest (BAM Act), High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	 <p data-bbox="884 1048 1422 1070"><i>Moraea flaccida</i> Photos: R. Knox & K.C. Richardson</p> <p data-bbox="884 1070 1422 1115">Photos: R. Knox and K.C. Richardson (WA Herbarium no date)</p>
<i>Pelargonium capitatum</i>	Rose Pelargonium	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	 <p data-bbox="884 1509 1422 1532"><i>Pelargonium capitatum</i> Photos: S.M. Armstrong & K.C. Richardson</p> <p data-bbox="884 1532 1422 1576">Photos: S.M. Armstrong and K.C. Richardson (WA Herbarium no date)</p>
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Caltrop	City of Joondalup Pest Plant Local Law (2012)	 <p data-bbox="884 1957 1422 1980"><i>Tribulus terrestris</i> Photos: S.M. Armstrong, J. Dodd & R. Knox</p> <p data-bbox="884 1980 1422 2002">Photos: S.M. Armstrong, J. Dodd and R. Knox</p>

Appendix 7 - Shepherds Bush High Priority Weed Species Management

Name	Common Name	Type of Weed	Status/Notes	Treatment Type	Optimal Treatment Timing (WA Herbarium)
<i>Acacia iteaphylla</i>	Flinders Ranges Wattle	Trees and shrubs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate, cut and paint stem	December to May
<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	Capeweed	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate	June to November
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Bearded Oat	Grasses	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Quizalofop	July to October
<i>Brassica tournefortii</i>	Mediterranean Tulip	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Hand weeding	August to September
<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Great Brome	Grasses	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate, Quizalofop	June to August
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Hottentot Fig	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region)	Hand weeding	All year
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Couch	Grasses	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate, Quizalofop	November to February
<i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	Perennial Veldt Grass	Grasses	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Quizalofop	June to August
<i>Emex australis</i>	Doublegee	Herbs	Declared pest (BAM Act 2007)	Glyphosate	May to August
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	Herbs	Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate, Metsulfuron	May to November
<i>Euphorbia terracina</i>	Geraldton Carnation Weed	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Triasulfuron, Hand weeding	June to August spray, June to November hand weeding
<i>Ferraria crispa</i>	Black Flag	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Hand weeding, Glyphosate, Metsulfuron	August - September
<i>Freesia alba x leichtlinii</i>	Freesia	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Metsulfuron	July to August
<i>Gazania linearis</i>	Gazania	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate, Hand weeding	June to December spray, All year hand weeding
<i>Gladiolus caryophyllaceus</i>	Wild Gladiolus	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region),	Hand weeding, hand wipe with Metsulfuron	July to September
<i>Hordeum leporinum</i>	Barley Grass	Grasses	High priority (DPaW Swan Region)	Hand weeding, Quizalofop	May to August
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Cats ear	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate, Hand weeding	May to October
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Flat Weed	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate	June to September
<i>Lachenalia reflexa</i>	Cape Cowslip	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Metsulfuron	June to August

Name	Common Name	Type of Weed	Status/Notes	Treatment Type	Optimal Treatment Timing (WA Herbarium)
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's Tail Grass	Grasses	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate	June to August
<i>Lupinus cosentinii</i>	Blue Lupin	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Hand weeding	June to September
<i>Moraea flaccida</i>	One-leaf Cape Tulip	Herbs	Declared pest (BAM Act), High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Metsulfuron	July to August
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	Trees and Shrubs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Hand weeding, Glyphosate	October to June
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Soursob	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate, Metsulfuron	June to July
<i>Pelargonium capitatum</i>	Rose Pelargonium	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate, Metsulfuron, Hand weeding	June to October
<i>Sparaxis bulbifera</i>		Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region),	Metsulfuron	September
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Caltrop	Herbs	Pest Plant (CoJ)	Glyphosate, Hand weeding	January to December
<i>Vulpia myuros</i>	Rat's tail fescue	Grasses	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Hand weeding	July-September
<i>Watsonia meriana</i> var. <i>bulbillifera</i>	Watsonia	Herbs	High priority (DPaW Swan Region), Priority (CoJ)	Glyphosate, Metsulfuron	September

Note: The Shepherds Bush High Priority Weed Species Management table was created using the following criteria:

- Weed species listed as a Weed of National Significance (WONS) under the National Weeds Strategy (1997) in 1999 and 2012 by the Australian Government;
- The weed species is listed as a Declared Plant according to the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*;
- The weed species is listed as High Priority in regards to its ecological impact according to the DPaW Draft Weed Prioritisation Process for the Swan Region (2013);
- The weed species is listed as a Pest Plant under the City's *Pest Plant Local Law 2012*;
- The City of Joondalup has determined that the weed species poses: a major threat to vegetation and the structure of vegetation communities or is likely to contribute to a high fuel load (e.g. grasses). These species are classed as High Priority weeds in the City of Joondalup.

Appendix 8 - Shepherds Bush Fauna Species List

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	Conservation status		Database searches		Shepherds Bush surveys			Other CoJ natural areas	
			EPBC Act	WC Act/Parks and Wildlife	PMST	NatureMap	ELA 2015	CoJ NAIA Assessments (2004 & 2014)	Murdoch University (1989)	Hepburn Heights (CoJ 2013)	WOS (ELA 2013)
MAMMALS											
Canidae	<i>*Canis lupus</i>	Dog						+	+	+	
	<i>*Vulpes vulpes</i>	European Red Fox			•				+	+	+
Dasyuridae	<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>	Chuditch	VU	VU							
Felidae	<i>*Felis catus</i>	Cat			•				+	+	
Leporidae	<i>*Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Rabbit			•			+	+	+	+
Macropodidae	<i>Macropus fuliginosus</i>	Western Grey Kangaroo					+	+	+	+	+
	<i>Macropus irma</i>	Western Brush Wallaby		P4		•					
Molossidae	<i>Autonomous australis</i>	White-striped Free-tailed Bat								+	
Muridae	<i>Hydromys chrysogaster</i>	Water-rat		P4		•					
	<i>*Mus musculus</i>	House Mouse							+	+	+
	<i>Rattus fuscipes</i>	Moodit or Southern Bush-Rat									
	<i>*Rattus rattus</i>	Black Rat				•					
	<i>*Rattus sp.</i>								+		
Peramelidae	<i>Isodon obesulus</i> subsp. <i>fusciventer</i>	Quenda		P4		•					
Vespertilionidae	<i>Chalinobus gouldii</i>	Gould's Wattled Bat				•	+			+	+
BIRDS											
Acanthizidae	<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>	Inland Thornbill				•					

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	Conservation status		Database searches		Shepherds Bush surveys			Other CoJ natural areas	
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	<i>Acanthiza inornata</i>	Western Thornbill				•					
	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>	Yellow-rumped Thornbill				•					
	<i>Gerygone fusca</i>	Western Gerygone				•	+				+
	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>	White-browed Scrub Wren				•					
	<i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>	Weebill				•	+				+
Accipitridae	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	Brown Goshawk				•	+				+
	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>	Collared Sparrowhawk				•					
	<i>Aquila audax</i>	Wedge-tailed Eagle									
	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Swamp Harrier				•					
	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>	Black-shouldered Kite									
	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	White-bellied Sea Eagle	M			•					
	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	Whistling Kite				•					+
Acrocephalidae	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>	Australian Reed Warbler				•					
Aegothelidae	<i>Aegotheles cristatus</i>	Australian Owlet nightjar									+
	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	Grey Teal				•					
	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard				•	•				
	<i>Anas rhynchos</i>	Australasian Shoveler				•					
	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Hardhead				•					
	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Pacific Black Duck				•					+
	<i>Biziura lobata</i>	Musk Duck				•					
	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	Australian Wood Duck				•					

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	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	Black Swan				•					
	<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>	Pink-eared Duck				•					
	<i>Oxyura australis</i>	Blue-billed Duck				•					
	<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i>	Freckled Duck				•					
	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	Australian Shelduck				•					
Apodidae	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Fork-tailed Swift	M	IA	•						
Ardeidae	<i>Ardea alba</i> subsp. <i>modesta</i>	Eastern Great Egret	M	IA							
	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	Cattle Egret	M	IA	•	•					
	<i>Ardea ibis</i> subsp. <i>coromanda</i>	Eastern Cattle Egret	M	IA		•					
	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Great Egret	M	IA	•						
	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>	White-necked Heron				•					
	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	Nankeen Night Heron				•					
Artamidae	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	Grey Butcherbird				•	+		+	+	+
	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	Australian Magpie				•	+	+	+	+	+
Burhinidae	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>	Bush Stone-curlew				•					
Cacatuidae	<i>Calyptorhynchus baudinii</i>	Baudin's Cockatoo	VU	VU							
	<i>Calyptorhynchus latirostris</i>	Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	EN	EN	•	•	+			+	+
	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i> subsp. <i>naso</i>	Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo	VU	VU							
	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo				•					
	<i>Cacatua pastinator</i>	Western Long-billed Corella				•					
	<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i>	Eastern Long-billed Corella				•					

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	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	Little Corella				•		+			+	+
	<i>Eolophus roseicapillus</i>	Galah						+		+	+	+
Campephagidae	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike				•		+			+	+
	<i>Lalage tricolor</i>	White-winged Triller				•						
	<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>	Banded Lapwing				•						
Columbidae	* <i>Columba livia</i>	Domestic Pigeon				•	•	+		+		
	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	Crested Pigeon					•					
	* <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Spotted Turtle-Dove				•	•	+			+	+
	* <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Laughing Turtle-Dove				•	•	+		+	+	+
Columbidae	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>	Common Bronzewing								+		
Corvidae	<i>Corvus bennetti</i>	Little Crow					•					
	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	Australian Raven					•	+	+	+	+	+
Cuculidae	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	Fan-tailed Cuckoo					•					
Dicruridae	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	Magpie-lark					•			+		
Estrildidae	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin					•					
Falconidae	<i>Falco berigora</i>	Brown Falcon									+	
	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Nankeen Kestrel					•			+		
	<i>Falco longipennis</i>	Australian Hobby					•					+
	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon									+	
Fringillidae	* <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	European Goldfinch				•	•					

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Zosteropidae	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Silvereye				•	+			+	
REPTILES											
Agamidae	<i>Pogona minor</i> subsp. <i>minor</i>	Western Bearded Dragon				•				+	
Chelidae	<i>Chelodina oblonga</i>	Oblong Turtle				•					
Elapidae	<i>Brachyuropsis semifasciatus</i>	Southern Shovel-nosed Snake				•				+	
	<i>Neelaps bimaculatus</i>	Black-naped Snake				•					
	<i>Neelaps calonotus</i>	Black-striped Snake		P3		•					
	<i>Notechis scutatus</i>	Western Tiger Snake				•					
	<i>Parasuta gouldii</i>	Black-headed Snake				•					
	<i>Pseudechis australis</i>	Mulga Snake				•					
	<i>Pseudonaja affinis</i> subsp. <i>affinis</i>	Dugite				•			+	+	
	<i>Simoselaps bertholdi</i>	Jan's Banded Snake				•				+	
Gekkonidae	<i>Christinus marmoratus</i>	Marbled Gecko				•				+	+
	<i>Diplodactylus polyophthalmus</i>	Speckled Stone Gecko				•				+	
Pygopodidae	<i>Aprasia repens</i>	Sand-Plain Worm-Lizard				•				+	+
	<i>Lialis burtonis</i>	Burtons Legless Lizard				•	+			+	
Boidae	<i>Morelia spilota</i> subsp. <i>imbricata</i>	South-west Carpet Python				•					
Scincidae	<i>Acritoscincus trilineatum</i>	South-western Cool Skink				•					
	<i>Cryptoblepharus buchananii</i>	Snake-eyed Skink; Fence Skink				•	+			+	+
	<i>Ctenotus australis</i>	Western Limestone Ctenotus				•				+	
	<i>Ctenotus fallens</i>	West-coast Striped Skink				•	+				+

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	<i>Cyclodomorphus celatus</i>	Western Slender bluetongue								+	
	<i>Hemiergis quadrilineata</i>	Two-toed Earless Skink				•	+			+	+
	<i>Lerista elegans</i>	Elegant Burrowing Skink				•				+	
	<i>Lerista lineopunctulata</i>	West Coast Line-spotted Lerista				•					
	<i>Lerista praepedita</i>	Worm Lerista				•				+	
	<i>Menetia greyii</i>	Common Dwarf Skink				•	+			+	+
	<i>Morethia obscura</i>	Shrubland Morethia Skink				•	+			+	+
	<i>Tiliqua occipitalis</i>	Western Bluetongue				•					
	<i>Tiliqua rugosa</i> subsp. <i>rugosa</i>	Bobtail					+	+	+	+	+
Typhlopidae	<i>Ramphotyphlops australis</i>	Southern Blind Snake				•				+	
Varanidae	<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	Gould's Sand Goanna				•			+	+	
	<i>Varanus tristis</i>	Black-tailed Tree Goanna				•			+		
AMPHIBIANS											
Hylidae	<i>Litoria adelaidensis</i>	Slender Tree Frog				•					
	<i>Litoria moorei</i>	Motorbike Frog				•					
Myobatrachidae	<i>Crinia insignifera</i>	Squelching Froglet				•					
	<i>Crinia glauerti</i>	Clicking Frog				•					
	<i>Heleioporus eyrei</i>	Moaning Frog				•					
	<i>Limnodynastes dorsalis</i>	Western Banjo Frog				•				+	
	<i>Myobatrachus gouldii</i>	Turtle Frog				•				+	+

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INVERTEBRATES											
(Acari)	Tick sp. 1	Kangaroo tick						+			
	Tick sp. 2							+			
Acrididae	<i>Goniaea australasiae</i>	Gumleaf Grasshopper								+	+
(Araneae)	Spider sp. 1	Wolf spider						+			
	Spider sp. 2	Wolf spider						+			
	Spider sp. 3	Jumping spider						+			
	Spider sp. 4	Christmas tree spider						+			
	Spider sp. 5	Orb weaver						+			
Armadillidiidae	<i>Buddelundia</i> TBC sp. TBC	White-dashed Rolling Slater								+	
Blattidae	<i>Helea lata scavenger</i>	Beaten Bronze Paleleg Cockroach								+	
(Blattodea)	Cockroach sp. 1							+			
	Cockroach sp. 2							+			
	Cockroach sp. 3							+			
Bothriembryontidae	<i>Bothriembryon</i> sp. TBC	Snail								+	
Buthidae	<i>Lychas marmorata</i>	Marbled Scorpion								+	
Castniidae	<i>Synemon gratiosa</i>	Graceful Sun-moth		P4		•				+	+
Cicadidae	<i>Pyropsalta melete</i>	Red Bandit									
(Coleoptera)	Beetle sp. 1	Stag beetle						+			
	Beetle sp. 2	Weevil						+			
	Beetle sp. 3							+			

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(Coleoptera)	Beetle sp. 4	Scarab						+			
	Beetle sp. 5	Borer						+			
Coreidae	<i>Mictis profana</i>	Crusader Bug									+
(Dermaptera)		Earwig						+			
(Diptera)	Fly sp. 1	House fly						+			
	Fly sp. 2	Bluebottle						+			
	Fly sp. 3	Flesh fly						+			
Family TBC	Gen. sp. TBC	Centipede									+
Formicidae	<i>Camponotus terebrans</i>	Ant									+
	<i>Iridomyrmex</i> sp.	Meat Ant									+
Gryllacrididae	Gen. nov. TBC sp. TBC	Cricket									+
	Paragryllacris TBC sp.	Cricket									+
Helicidae	<i>Theba pisana</i>	Variable White Mediterranean snail									+
(Hymenoptera)	Ant sp. 1							+			
	Ant sp. 2							+			
	Ant sp. 3							+			
	* <i>Apis mellifera</i>	European Honey Bee						+	+		+
	Bee native sp.							+			+
Ixodidae	<i>Amblyomma triguttatum</i>	Kangaroo Tick									+
Julidae	* <i>Ommatoiulus moreletii</i>	Portuguese Millipede						+			

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Scarabaeidae	<i>Colpochila</i> sp. TBC	Scarab Beetle								+	
	Gen. sp. TBC	Scarab Beetle								+	
	Gen. sp. TBC	Pygmy Brown Scarabeetle								+	
Scolopendrinae?	Gen. sp. unknown	Centipede								+	
(Scolopendromorpha)	Centipede sp. 1							+			
(Scorpiones)	Scorpion sp. 1	Marbled scorpion						+			
Sparassidae	<i>Eodelena lapidicola</i>	Southern Blackfront Spider									+
Tenebrionidae	<i>Helea perforatus</i>	Beetle									+
Tettigoniidae	<i>Caedicia</i> sp. TBC	Katydid Grasshopper									+
	<i>Metaballus</i> sp. TBC (imm.)	Katydid Grasshopper									+
	<i>Requena verticalis</i>	Katydid Grasshopper									+
Theridiidae	<i>Latrodectus hasselti</i>	Redback spider									+
(Thysanura)	Silverfish sp. 1							+			
Urodacidae	<i>Urodacus novaehollandiae</i>	Sand Scorpion									+

+ = recorded during survey.

• = listed within database search for respective survey but not recorded during that survey.

* = introduced species.

EN = listed as Endangered under the EPBC Act, WC Act and/or the IUCN red list.

VU = listed as Vulnerable under the EPBC Act, WC Act and/or the IUCN red list.

LC = Least Concern under the IUCN red list.

M = listed as Migratory species under the EPBC Act.

IA = listed as Migratory under the WC Act.

P1 = Priority 1: poorly known species occurring on threatened land (land not managed for conservation)

P2 = Priority 2: poorly known species occurring on some conservation lands

P3 = Priority 3: known from few specimens or records and need urgent survey and evaluation of conservation status.

P4 = Priority 4: not currently threatened but could if present circumstances change. Usually found on conservation lands.

Appendix 9 – Shepherds Bush Key Fauna Species

Conservation Significant Fauna at Shepherds Bush

Name	Common Name	Conservation Code	Image
<i>Calyptorhynchus latirostris</i>	Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Schedule 2 (<i>Wildlife Conservation Act</i>), Endangered (IUCN, DPaW and EPBC)	 <p>Photo: Gary Tate, Yellagonga Regional Park, 2012</p>
<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Rainbow Bee-eater	Schedule 5 (<i>Wildlife Conservation Act</i>), Migratory (EPBC)	 <p>Photo: BirdLife Australia, no date</p>
<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	Southern Boobook Owl	Locally Significant – City of Joondalup	 <p>Photo: Simon Cherriman, Shepherds Bush, 2015</p>
<i>Macropus fuliginosus</i>	Western Grey Kangaroo	Locally Significant – City of Joondalup	 <p>Photo: Gary Tate, Yellagonga Regional Park, 2016</p>

Note: For further explanations on Conservation Codes, refer to Appendix 4.

Appendix 10 – Shepherds Bush Introduced Fauna Species

Name	Common Name	Image
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	European Honey Bee	 <p data-bbox="820 629 1174 651">Photo: Encyclopedia of Life (no date)</p>
<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	Laughing Kookaburra	 <p data-bbox="820 994 1262 1016">Photo: Chris Kershaw, Shepherds Bush, 2016</p>
<i>Felis catus</i>	Feral cat	 <p data-bbox="820 1317 1310 1339">Photo: Gary Tate, Yellagonga Regional Park, 2016</p>
<i>Mus musculus</i>	House Mouse	 <p data-bbox="820 1720 1150 1742">Photo: Roar Solheim (IUCN 2012)</p>

Name	Common Name	Image
<i>Ommatoiulus moreleti</i>	Portuguese Millipede	 <p data-bbox="852 654 1390 678">Photo: Robert Mesibov (Australian Government no date)</p>
<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Rainbow Lorikeet	 <p data-bbox="852 1021 1294 1043">Photo: Chris Kershaw, Shepherds Bush, 2016</p>
<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	European Red Fox	 <p data-bbox="852 1375 1337 1397">Photo: Centre for Fortean Zoology Australia (2010)</p>

Appendix 11 – Shepherds Bush Fungi Species List - Likely to Occur

Family	Species name	Previous surveys		
		WOS (PUBF 2005)	WOS (ELA 2012)	Hepburn Heights (Syrinx 2013)
Agaricaceae	<i>Lepiota</i> sp.	+		
Agaricaceae	<i>Agaricus</i> sp.			+
Agaricales (Order)	<i>Omphalina ericetorum</i>	+		
Amanitaceae	<i>Amanita</i> sp.	+		
Auriculariaceae	<i>Exidia</i> sp.	+		
Basidiomycetes	<i>Pycnoporus coccineus</i>		+	
Basidiomycetes	<i>Scleroderma cepa</i>		+	
Cortinariaceae	<i>Cortinarius</i> sp.	+		
Cortinariaceae	<i>Dermocybe clelandii</i>	+		
Crepidotaceae	<i>Crepidotus</i> sp.	+		
Dacrymycetaceae	<i>Calocera guepinoides</i>	+		
Diaporthales (Order)	<i>Harknessia uromycoides</i> jh	+		+
Entolomataceae	<i>Entoloma</i> sp.	+		
Fomitopsidaceae	<i>Postia</i> sp.	+		
Gomphaceae	<i>Ramaria</i> sp.	+		
Helotiaceae	<i>Bisporella</i> sp.	+		
Hydnangiaceae	<i>Laccaria lateritia</i>			+
Hydnangiaceae	<i>Laccaria</i> sp.	+		
Hymenochaetaceae	<i>Coltricia cinnamomea</i>	+		
Hymenogastraceae	<i>Galerina</i> sp.	+		
Inocybaceae	<i>Inocybe</i> sp.	+		
Marasmiaceae	<i>Marasmius</i> sp.	+		
Marasmiaceae	<i>Omphalotus nidiformis</i>	+		
Marasmiaceae	<i>Rhodocollybia</i> sp.	+		
Meruliaceae	<i>Bjerkandera adusta</i>	+		
Mycenaceae	<i>Mycena</i> sp.	+		
Myxogastria (Class)	<i>Myxomycete</i> sp.	+		
Peniophoraceae	<i>Peniophora</i> sp.	+		
Pezizaceae	<i>Peziza</i> sp.			+
Pezizaceae	<i>Plicaria</i> sp.			+
Phallaceae	<i>Colus pusillus</i>	+		
Phanerochaetaceae	<i>Byssomerulius corium</i>	+		
Physaridae	<i>Physarum viride</i>	+		
Pluteaceae	<i>Volvariella speciosa</i>	+		
Polyporaceae	<i>Poria</i> sp.	+		
Polyporaceae	<i>Pycnoporus coccineus</i>			+
Psathyrellaceae	<i>Psathyrella</i> sp.			+
Sarcosomataceae	<i>Plectania</i> sp.	+		
Schizophyllaceae	<i>Schizophyllum commune</i>	+		

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		WOS (PUBF 2005)	WOS (ELA 2012)	Hepburn Heights (Syrinx 2013)
Schizoporaceae	<i>Schizopora</i> sp.	+		
Sclerodermataceae	<i>Pisolithus</i> sp.	+		+
Sclerodermataceae	<i>Scleroderma cepa</i>	+		
Sclerodermataceae	<i>Scleroderma</i> sp.			+
Stereaceae	<i>Aleurodiscus</i> sp.	+		
Stereaceae	<i>Stereum</i> sp.	+		
Strophariaceae	<i>Gymnopilus allantopus</i>	+		+
Strophariaceae	<i>Gymnopilus</i> sp.	+		
Strophariaceae	<i>Pholiota communis</i>	+	+	
Tremellaceae	<i>Tremella mesenterica</i> group			+
Tricholomataceae	<i>Clitocybe semiocculta</i>	+		
Tricholomataceae	<i>Clitocybe</i> sp.	+		+
Tricholomataceae	<i>Fayodia</i> ? sp.	+		
Tricholomataceae	<i>Resupinatus cinerascens</i>	+		
Tubariaceae	<i>Tubaria</i> sp.	+		
Unknown	Unknown 1 (Whitish Skin Fungus)			+
Unknown	Unknown 2 (Little brown mushroom)			+
Unknown	Unknown 3 (<i>Agaric</i>)	+		
Unknown	Unknown 4 (<i>Ascomycete</i>)	+		
Unknown	Unknown 5 (<i>Resupinate</i>)	+		

Appendix 12 – Shepherds Bush Fungi Species - Likely to Occur - Photographs

Examples of potential fungi species occurring at Shepherds Bush

Name	Common Name	Image
<i>Pholiota communis</i>	Common Pholiota	 <p data-bbox="815 622 1209 651">Photo: N.L. Bougher (Bougher 2009)</p>
<i>Gymnopilus allantopus</i>	Golden Wood Fungus	 <p data-bbox="815 969 1209 999">Photo: N.L. Bougher (Bougher 2009)</p>
<i>Harknessia uromycoides</i>	Tuart Nut Fungus	 <p data-bbox="815 1373 1209 1402">Photo: N.L. Bougher (Bougher 2009)</p>
<i>Scleroderma cepa</i>	Earthballs	 <p data-bbox="815 1738 1034 1767">Photo: Syrinx (2014)</p>