

Indigenous plants of the Geelong Region

ZONE 1

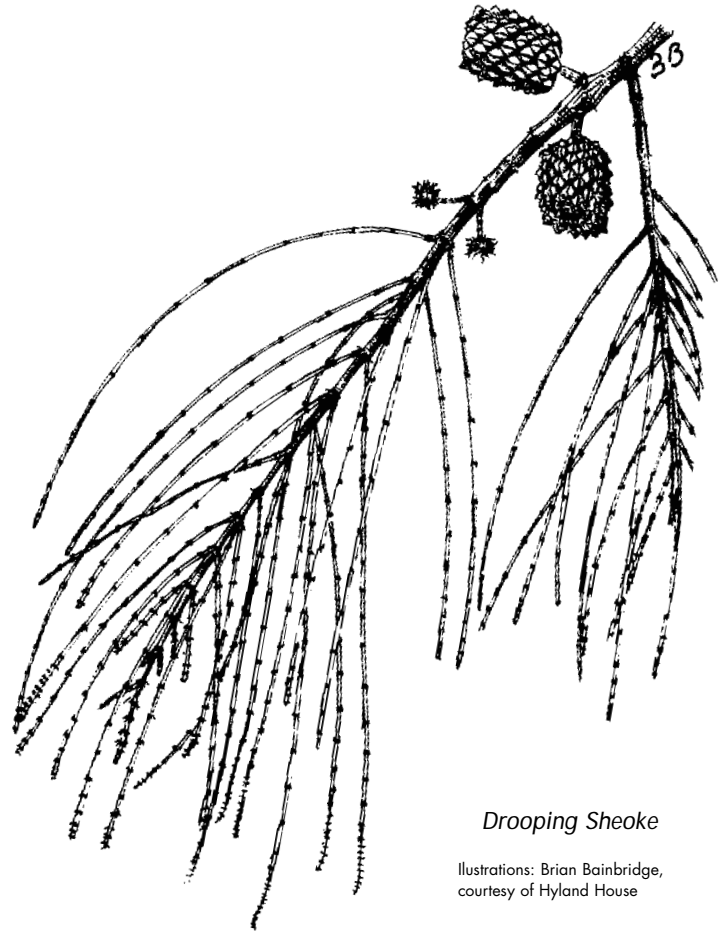
Consists of recent alluvial loam soils of moderate fertility, which are gently sloping and well drained. The average rainfall is 62cm.

EASTERN BELLARINE

PLAINS: *Indented Head, St Leonards and Murradoc*

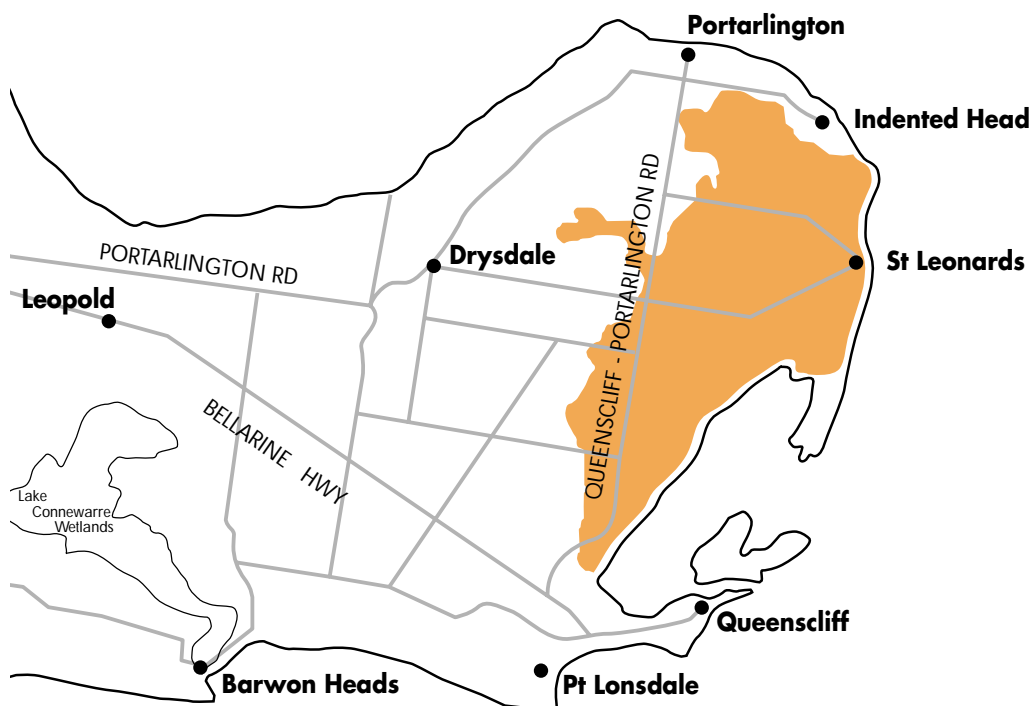
This area was once predominantly an open woodland community that also included an understorey made up of various shrubs and grasses. Dominant tree species such as Manna Gum and Drooping Sheoke grew alongside other species such as River Red Gum, Yellow Gum and Cherry Ballart. Shrubs such as Hop Goodenia and Silver Banksia formed most of the taller understorey community. Smaller species included Kangaroo Grass, Common Everlasting and Black Anther Flax-lily.

In sandy areas understorey species such as Hop Bitter-pea, Prickly Tea-tree and Varnish Wattle were found, while in damper areas Tussock Grass grew. Creeklines were characterised by dense stands of River Red Gum and Blackwood.



Drooping Sheoke

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TREE SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Plains	Riparian
Lightwood	<i>Acacia implexa</i>	5-15 x 4-7	◆	
Golden Wattle	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	3-10 x 2-5	◆	
Black Wattle	<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	8-25 x 6-10	◆	
Blackwood	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	5-30 x 4-15	◆	◆
Black Sheoke	<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	4-8 x 2-5	◆S	
Drooping Sheoke	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	4-11 x 3-6	◆	
River Red Gum	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	12-35 x 15-35	◆	◆
Yellow Gum	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxydon ssp bellarinensis</i>	10-20 x 6-20	◆	
Swamp Gum	<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	8-30 x 8-20	◆	
Manna Gum	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	10-20 x 8-15	◆S	
Cherry Ballart	<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>	3-8 x 3-5	◆	
Moonah	<i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i>	1-8 x 3-8	◆	

SHRUB SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Plains	Riparian
Hedge Wattle	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	2-4 x 2-5	◆	
Sweet Wattle	<i>Acacia suaveolens</i>	1-3 x 2-5	◆S	
Varnish Wattle	<i>Acacia verniciflua</i>	3-5 x 3-5	◆	
Silver Banksia	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	1-10 x 1-5	◆	
Sweet Bursaria	<i>Bursaria spinosa var macrophylla</i>	2-6 x 2-3	◆	
Hop Bitter-pea	<i>Daviesia latifolia</i>	1-3 x 1-2	◆S	
Giant Hop-bush	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	1-3 x 1-3	◆	
Hop Goodenia	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	1-2.5 x 1-3	◆	
Prickly Tea-tree	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	1-4 x 1-2	◆S	◆
Coast Beard-heath	<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	1-4 x 2-3	◆	
Common Boobiella	<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	1-6 x 3	◆	
Shrub Everlasting	<i>Ozothamnus ferrugineus</i>	2-6 x 1-3	◆	◆
Kangaroo Apple	<i>Solanum laciniatum</i>	1-3 x 1-3	◆	

GROUNDCOVER AND TUSSOCK SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Plains	Riparian
Dwarf Sheoke	<i>Allocasuarina misera</i>	0.5 x 1-2	◆S	
Berry Saltbush	<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	0.1-0.3 x 1-3	◆	
Common Everlasting	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	0.3 x 1-2	◆	
Black Anther Flax-lily	<i>Dianella revoluta</i>	0.5 x 1.5-2.0	◆	
Common Beard-heath	<i>Leucopogon virgatus</i>	0.3-1 x 0.2-0.6	◆S	
Tussock Grass	<i>Poa labillardieri</i>	0.8 x 0.8		◆
Kangaroo Grass	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	0.3 x 0.3	◆	
Sea Berry Saltbush	<i>Rhagodia candolleana</i>	2 x 1-2.5	◆	

◆ - species is present in areas of remnant vegetation ◆ - species once occurred in this area S - species that prefer sandy soils

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