

Indigenous plants of the Geelong Region

ZONE 16

Consists of fertile clay to clay loam soils with basalt rock usually present. It includes hills, plains and stony rises that are mostly poorly drained. The average rainfall is 40 - 45cm.

WERRIBEE PLAINS

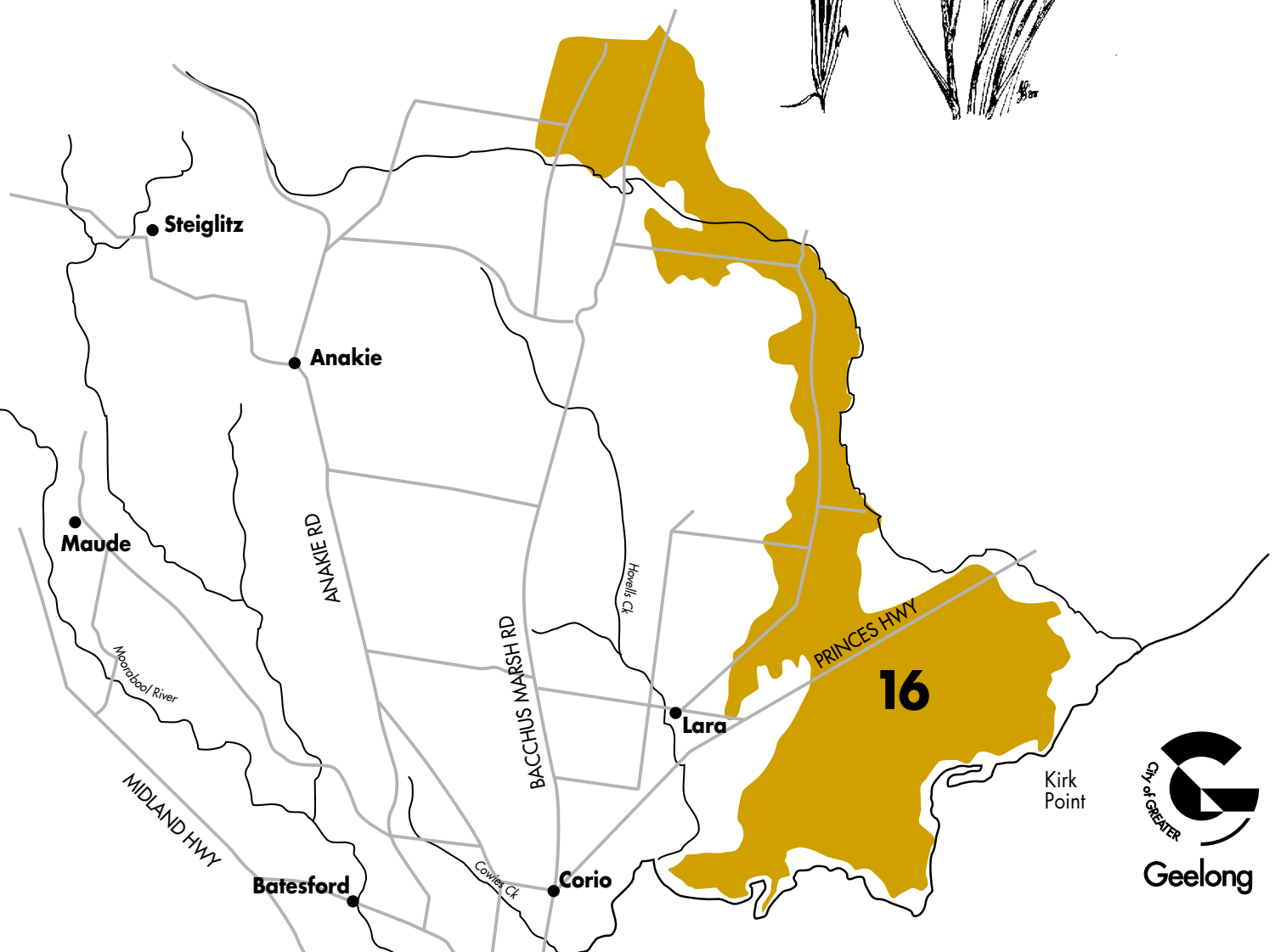
The southern half of this zone was a dry open grassland with few trees and shrubs. Indigenous grasses in this zone consisted mainly of Kangaroo Grass, Wallaby Grass, Spear Grass and Red-leg Grass. Tussock Grass grasslands occur in the wetter areas and drainage depressions.

Buloke and Grey Box occurred sporadically across the north of the zone with River Red Gum along the watercourses (eg. Lollypop Creek). River Red Gum and/or Tangled Lignum typically dominate the remaining swamps in this zone that have not been drained. For a species list for the watercourses and associated escarpments of the Werribee Plains refer to 'Werribee Plains, Rivers and Watercourses' (Zone 18).



Tussock Grass

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TREE SPECIES			Zone 16 Werribee Plains	
Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Well drained slopes/crests	Wetter areas
Lightwood	<i>Acacia implexa</i>	5-15 x 4-7	◆	
Black Wattle	<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	8-25 x 6-10	❖	◆
Golden Wattle	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	3-10 x 2-5	◆	
Buloke	<i>Allocasuarina luehmannii</i>	5-15 x 5-10	◆	
Drooping Sheoke	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	4-11 x 3-6	◆	
Blue Box	<i>Eucalyptus baueriana</i>	10-20 x 20		◆ riparian
River Red Gum	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	15-35 x 15-35		◆
Grey Box	<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>	10-25 x 10-15	◆	
SHRUB SPECIES			Zone 16 Werribee Plains	
Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Well drained slopes/crests	Wetter areas
Gold-dust Wattle	<i>Acacia acinacea</i>	0.5-2.5 x 2-4	❖	
Hedge Wattle	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	2-4 x 2-5	◆	
Silver Banksia	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	1-10 x 1-5	❖	
Sweet Bursaria	<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	2-6 x 2-3	◆	
Shrub Violet	<i>Hymenanthera dentata</i>	2-4 x 1-2.5	◆	
Tangled Lignum	<i>Muehlenbeckia florulenta</i>	2 x 2		◆
Snowy Mint-bush	<i>Prostanthera nivea</i>	3 x 2.5	◆ uncommon	
GROUNDCOVER AND TUSSOCK SPECIES			Zone 16 Werribee Plains	
Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Well drained slopes/crests	Wetter areas
Red-leg Grass	<i>Bothriochloa macra</i>	0.2 x 0.8	◆	
Common Everlasting	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	0.3 x 1-2	◆	
Wallaby Grass	<i>Danthonia species</i>	0.2 x 0.4-1	◆	◆
Tussock Grass	<i>Poa labillardieri</i>	0.8 x 0.8		◆
Spear Grass	<i>Stipa species</i>	0.3 x 1-2	◆	◆
Kangaroo Grass	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	0.3 x 0.3	◆	

◆ - species is present in areas of remnant vegetation ❖ - species once occurred in this area

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