



## MAHOGANY CREEK BUSHCARE ACTION PLAN

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| Reserve Name:    | Mahogany Creek Reserve        |
| Reserve No:      | NNN074                        |
| Land Tenure:     | Shoalhaven City Council       |
| Comm. Land Type: | Natural Area - Watercourse    |
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# 1. BUSHCARE GROUP GOALS

Aims: (As per the Mahogany Creek Plan of Management 1999 attached)

- 1. To conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land and
- 2. To maintain the land in its natural state and setting, and
- To provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land.
   Recognise and raise awareness of the biodiversity values of the Mahogany Creek Reserve as habitat corridor

Objectives:

- 1. (Areas 1&2) Mitigate further disturbance in bushland by keeping existing track pruned and clear for walking, removal of rubbish. Council to clear any large overhanging branches or trip hazards.
- (Area 1) Reduce further weed infestation by target weeding of Honeysuckle, Camphor Laurel, Small and Large Leaf Privet, Blackberry and Moth Vine in resilient bushland.
- 3. (Area3) Target Madeira Vine weed (northern side of creek, urban interface), to prevent further prop gules spread downstream.
- 4. (Area 3) With council assistance, contain communities of weeds on (northern side of creek, urban interface), working at a rate commensurate with native vegetation establishment.
- 5. Raise awareness amongst local residents of the environmental values of Mahogany Creek Reserve

- 6. Establish links with local schools in the area to use the Mahogany Creek Reserve as an educational resource for students.
- 7. Increase community awareness with on ground participation and communication amongst local residents/ visitors to site/ Information Days to encourage new volunteer recruitment.

## 2. SHOALHAVEN BUSHCARE GROUP ACTIVITIES TABLE (to be in conjunction with attached site map) NOTE: Priority should be rated as H = High (within 12 months); M = Medium (1-3 years); L = Low

| GROUP ACTION  | PRIORITY | METHOD  | TIME        |
|---|----------|---|-------------|
| ZONE 1 – EASTERN SECTION OF RESERVE   | BETWEEN  | JUDITH DRIVE AND ILLAROO RD   |             |
| (Area 1)<br>Working south from the Judith Drive detention basin (southern<br>side of creek), incorporating Swamp Mahogany Woodland and<br>Turpentine/ Blackbutt Forest. Target weeds include<br>Honeysuckle, Blackberry, Camphor laurel, Small and Large Leaf<br>Privet and Lantana seedlings. Prioritise work in areas of greater<br>resilience, with a focus on Honeysuckle canopy protection.<br>Replacement Planting as required. | H        | <ul> <li>Hand pull, scrape and paint honeysuckle</li> <li>Cut &amp; paint Blackberry</li> <li>Hand pull woody weed seedlings, cut and paint with glyphosate when diameter thicker than finger</li> <li>Use recommended revegetation list</li> </ul> | On<br>going |
| (Area 2)<br>Madeira Vine site northern side of Ck, off Maybern Close where<br>weed infestation is high. Bushcare Group to target Madeira Vine.<br>Only a small amount of this has been sighted on the urban<br>interface, important to keep in check and bag all prop gules to<br>prevent further spread downstream. Replacement planting<br>following weed control.  | H        | <ul> <li>Hand remove, ensure bagging all<br/>underground rhizomes and aerial tubers</li> <li>Use recommended revegetation list</li> </ul>   | On<br>going |
| (Walking Track)<br>Council to assist with risk management, pruning of vegetation<br>along track to allow a clear walkway. Collection of household<br>rubbish throughout site.   | М        | <ul><li>Prune track clear using secateurs</li><li>Separate bagging of rubbish</li></ul>   | On<br>going |

| (Area 3)<br>Judith Drive Detention Basin. Hand weeding maintenance<br>around plantings and periodically spot spray of exotic grasses<br>and other annual weeds.  | M | Hand removal of exotic grasses or spot spray with 1:100 glyphosate   | On<br>going |
|--|---|--|-------------|
| <ul> <li>(Area 4)</li> <li>Ongoing council assistance with weed control on northern side of creek, particular attention on control of vines (Honeysuckle, Cape Ivy, Moth Vine, Passionfruit, Jasmine, English Ivy.)</li> <li>*Crofton Weed, Wild Tobacco, Common Elder and Wandering Jew.</li> <li>A best practice approach would be to progressively remove weed species at a rate commensurate with native vegetation regeneration and establishment.</li> </ul> | Η | Canopy protection, skirting around trees<br>and spray vines<br>Cut/paint woody weeds with glyphosate at<br>rate of 1:1   | On<br>going |
| ZONE 2 – WESTERN SECTION OF RESER  |   | EN JUDITH DRIVE AND PITT ST  |             |
| <ul> <li>(Education and Awareness Raising)</li> <li>1. Promote and hold Bushcare an open day to attract new volunteers and renew enthusiasm of the Bushcare Group</li> </ul>   | H | <ul> <li>1.1 Write to surrounding residents inviting<br/>them to open day</li> <li>1.2 Prepare open flyer, Media Release and<br/>distribute</li> <li>1.3 Run open day with walk through reserve<br/>and BBQ</li> </ul> | 2012        |

| <ol> <li>Bushcare Group and Council to contact North Nowra<br/>School, Havenlea School and Illaroo Public School to<br/>establish a partnership with Bushcare Group, Council<br/>and School/s to utilise the reserve as an educational</li> </ol>   | М | 2.1 Council and Bushcare Group write to the three schools inviting them to be involved.  | 2012                 |
|---|---|--|----------------------|
| resource for students   | М | 3.1 Council to provide cover letter, flyers and booklets   | 2013                 |
| <ol> <li>Bushcare Group to letter box drop the brochures<br/>"Being a Bush Friendly Neighbours" and "Grow Me<br/>Instead" to all surrounding residents to raise awareness<br/>of the negative effects of dumping garden waste in the<br/>reserve and benefit of replacing invasive ornamental<br/>garden plants.</li> </ol> |   | 3.2Bushcare Group to letter box drop<br>brochures  | 0040                 |
| <ol> <li>Bushcare Group hand pull or wick wipe the Watsonia meriana across sections of the reserve</li> </ol>   |   | <ol> <li>Hand pull smaller Watsonias and<br/>wick wipe larger ones with 50/50<br/>diluted roundup</li> </ol>   | 2012<br>on-<br>going |
| Upgrade of Mahogany Creek Walking Track to district<br>classification<br>Support Council with linking up the Mahogany Creek Walking<br>Track with the Bomaderry Creek Walking Track via the end of<br>Jamieson Rd   | L | Insure that linkage from Mahogany Creek to<br>Bomaderry Creek is included as a possible<br>future walking proposal in the Shoalhaven<br>Walking Track Strategy | 2013                 |

### 3. MAHOGANY CREEK BUSHCARE GROUP ACTION PLAN MAP A - EASTERN ZONE





# MAHOGANY CREEK BUSHCARE GROUP ACTION PLAN MAP B – WESTERN ZONE



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Unmaintained Walking Track

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# 4. BUSHCARE GROUP WHS & EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

| Type of Activity   | Yes          | SWMS name<br>included   |
|--|--------------|---|
| Manual weed control (cut & paint, scrape and paint etc)        |              | SWMSNR040<br>Weed Control<br>Activities                           |
| Chemical control (spraying of herbicides)                      | $\checkmark$ | SWMSNR040<br>Weed Control<br>Activities                           |
| Planting   | $\checkmark$ | SWMSNR030<br>Planting,<br>Propagation<br>and Seed<br>Collection   |
| Minor construction (walking track, fencing, outdoor furniture) | V            | SWMSNR020<br>Track &<br>Fence<br>Construction<br>&<br>Maintenance |
| Propagation and seed collection                                |              |   |
| Education (school groups, field days etc)                      |              |   |
| Other  |              |   |

## 5. COUNCIL SUPPORT

Technical advice and support

- b. Provision of PPE equipment
- c. Supply tools, herbicide and materials within the constraints of budget
- d. Administration support
- e. Assistance with grant application, administration and management.
- f. Graphic design and printing assistance
- g. Assistance with facilitation and negotiation with third parties

# 6. HAS A SITE HAZARD AND RISK ASSESSMENT BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE BUSHCARE SITE?

Yes

#### 7. LIST THE PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR VOLUNTEERS WHILST WORKING ON THE SITE

| PPE Equipment Required | Date issued      |
|------------------------|------------------|
| First Aid Kit          | 2007 Need update |
| Gloves                 | 2007 Need update |
| Sunscreen              | 2007 Need update |
| Insect repellent       | 2007 Need update |

### 8. POSSIBLE FUTURE FUNDING

| Project   | Funding source                    |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Restoration of the Mahogany Creek Riparian Corridor | SRCMA or Australian<br>Government |

### 9. PLEASE LIST OTHER LOCAL OR REGIONAL MANAGEMENT PLANS OR STRATEGIES THAT THIS PLAN RELATES TO

| Name of document  | Year it was produced | Produced by                                       |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Mahogany Creek Plan of<br>Management – Community<br>Plan No. 3  | 1999                 | Shoalhaven City Council                           |
| Generic Community Land Plan<br>of Management – Natural<br>Areas | 2003                 | Shoalhaven City Council                           |
| SRCMA Catchment Action<br>Plan                                  | 2008                 | Southern Rivers Catchment<br>Management Authority |

## 10. RECOMMENDED PLANTING/REVEGETATION SPECIES LIST

| OVERSTOREY TREES         |                                |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Botanical                | Common                         |  |
| Eucalyptus punctata      | Grey Gum                       |  |
| Eucalyptus robusta       | Swamp Mahogany                 |  |
| Eucalyptus sclerophylla  | Scribbly Gum                   |  |
| Syncarpia glomulifera    | Turpentine                     |  |
|                          | SHRUBS                         |  |
| Botanical                | Common                         |  |
| Acacia ulicifolia        | Prickly Mosses                 |  |
| Allocasuarina littoralis | Black She Oak                  |  |
| Banksia serrata          | Old Man Banksia                |  |
| Banksia spinulosa        | Hairpin Banksia                |  |
| Kunzea ambigua           | Tick Bush                      |  |
| Pittosporum revolutum    | Rough Fruited Pittosporum      |  |
| Pultanea daphnoides      | Bush Pea                       |  |
| UNDERSTOR                | REY (grasses, herbs, climbers) |  |
| Botanical                | Common                         |  |
| Gonocarpus micranthus    | Ragwort                        |  |
| Hardenbergia violacea    | Running Postmen                |  |
| Imperata cylindrica      | Blady Grass                    |  |
| Juncus sp                | Native Rush                    |  |
| Kennedia rubicunda       | Dusky Coral Pea                |  |
| Lomandra longifolia      | Spiny Mat Rush                 |  |

# 11. SITE WEED LIST

| Noxious                                | Environmental                              | Control Method   |
|--|--|--|
| Ageratina adenophora<br>(Crofton Weed) |  | Hand pull, bag seed/ spray 1:100 glyphosate  |
| Lantana camara<br>(Lantana)            |  | Hand pull seedlings/ cut and paint<br>with glyphosate, spray or splatter<br>large infestations |
| Rubus fruiticosus<br>(Blackberry)      |  | Cut & paint with glyphosate,/hand dig  |
|  | Anredera cordifolia<br>(Madiera Vine)      | Hand remove, bagging all propagule (rhyzome and aerial tubers)                                 |
|  | Araujia sericifera<br>(Moth Vine)          | Hand pull, bag seed/ spray large infestations  |
|  | Bidens pilosa<br>(Cobblers Pegs)           | Hand pull, bag seed/ spray 1:100 glyphosate  |
|  | Cinnamomum<br>camphora (Camphor<br>Laurel) | Cut & paint with glyphosate/ hand pull seedlings   |
|  | Delaria odorata<br>(Cape Ivy)              | Hand pull, bag seed/ spray large infestations  |
|  | Jasminum polyanthum                        | Hand remove, spray large   |

| (Jasmine)                                       | infestations   |
|---|--|
| Ligustrum spp (Small<br>and Large Leaf Privet)  | Cut & paint with glyphosate/ hand<br>pull seedlings                  |
| Lonicera japonica<br>(Honeysuckle)              | Hand weed/scrape and paint with glyphosate/ spray large infestations |
| Nephrolepis cordifolia<br>(Fishbone Fern)       | Hand weed, pile biomass insitu                                       |
| Paspalum dilatatum<br>(Paspalum)                | Spot spray 1:100 glyphosate/ crown out with knife and bag seed       |
| Passiflora sp<br>(Passionfruit)                 | Hand pull, bag seed/ spray large infestations                        |
| Sambuccus nigra<br>(Sambuccus)                  | Cut & paint with glyphosate/ hand<br>pull seedlings                  |
| Solanum mauritianum<br>(Wild Tobacco)           | Cut &paint with glyphosate/ hand pull seedlings                      |
| Tradescantia<br>fluminescens<br>(Wandering Jew) | Hand remove bagging all propagule, spray large infestations          |
| Zantedeschia<br>aethiopica (Arum Lily)          | Hand remove, cut head flowers  |

## 12. BUSHCARE SITE SPECIES LIST

| OVERSTOREY TREES                              |                     |  |
|---|---------------------|--|
| Botanical                                     | Common              |  |
| Acmena smithii                                | Lilypilly           |  |
| Eucalyptus globoidea                          | Stringy Bark        |  |
| Eucalyptus imitans                            | Stringy Bark        |  |
| Eucalyptus pilularis                          | Blackbutt           |  |
| Eucalyptus punctata                           | Grey Gum            |  |
| Eucalyptus robusta                            | Swamp Mahogany      |  |
| Eucalyptus sclerophylla                       | Scribbly Gum        |  |
| Syncarpia glomulifera                         | Turpentine          |  |
| SHRUBS  |                     |  |
| Botanical                                     | Common              |  |
| Acacia ulicifolia                             | Prickly Moses       |  |
| Allocasuarina littoralis                      | Black She Oak       |  |
| Banksia serrata                               | Saw Toothed Banksia |  |
| Banksia spinulosa                             | Hairpin Banksia     |  |
| Elaeocarpus reticulatus                       | Blueberry Ash       |  |
| Elaeocarpus reticulatus                       | Blueberry Ash       |  |
| Glochidion ferdinandi                         | Cheese Tree         |  |
| Kunzea ambigua                                | Tick Bush           |  |
| Leptospermum juniperinum                      | Tea Tree            |  |
| Leptospermum polygalifolium                   | Tea Tree            |  |
| Leptospermum trinervium                       | Paperbark           |  |
| ttosporum revolutum Rough Fruited Pittosporum |                     |  |

| Pittosporum undulatum                    | Sweet Pitosporum                      |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Pultanea daphnoides                      | Egg And Bacon Pea                     |
| UNDERSTOREY (grasses, herbs, orchids)    |                                       |
| Botanical                                | Common                                |
| Centella asiatica                        | Centella                              |
| Cyathochaeta diandra                     | Rush                                  |
| Entelasia stricta                        | Panic Grass                           |
| Eriostemon australasius spp. asuralasius | Pink Wax Flower                       |
| Gleichenia dicarpa                       | Pouched Coral Fern                    |
| Gonocarpus micranthus                    | Rasp Wort                             |
| Hydrocotyle peduncularis                 | Forest Pennywort                      |
| Imperata cylindrica                      | Blady Grass                           |
| Juncus sp                                | Sedge                                 |
| Lepyrodia gracilis                       | Sedge                                 |
| Lomandra longifolia                      | Spiny Mat Rush                        |
| Microlaena stipoides                     | Weeping Grass                         |
| Oplismenous imbecillis                   | Basket Grass                          |
| Scoenus melanostachys                    | Sedge                                 |
| Thelymitra ixioides                      | Dotted Sun Orchid                     |
| Thelymitra nuda                          | Plain Sun Orchid                      |
| UNDERSTOREY (vines & climbers)           |                                       |
| Botanical                                | Common                                |
| Hardenbergia violacea                    | Running Postmen                       |
| Kennedia prostrata                       | Prostrate Dusky Coral Pea             |
| Kennedia rubicunda                       | Dusky Coral Pea                       |
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