Flora and Vegetation Survey of proposed "Fregon" gravel pit on Devils Creek Rd.

24-25/2/2011

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INTRODUCTION AND METHODS

The proposed "Fregon" gravel pit on Devils Creek Rd west of Fitzgerald River National Park, was surveyed for conservation species and vegetation type on 24-25th of February 2011 The survey area was bounded by the coordinates 6215200S/711235E, 6215415S/711470E, 6214730S/712070E, 6214460/711785E (UTM/Datum WGS 1984). The area was traversed on transects 50m apart, running in an east-west direction. Vegetation was described according to the structural classification of Keighery (1994) (Appendix 1). Nomenclature follows current WA Herbarium usage (DEC 2011a).

RESULTS

Flora

147 species were recorded during the survey (Appendix 2). Three species could not be identified to species level due either to the lack of flowering material or the genus (*Lepidosperma*) undergoing current revision. It is likely a number of annuals and geophytes (eg orchids) occurring within the survey area were not present at the time of the survey. A few agricultural weeds and grasses (not identified) were observed along the north western boundary occurring within a few metres of the firebreak and adjacent paddock. No weeds or introduced species were observed elsewhere within the survey area.

Declared Rare Flora

No Declared Rare Flora (DRF) species were located during the survey and it is unlikely any are present. Only one DRF species, *Boronia clavata* is known to occur within 5km (DEC 2011b, DEC Albany Priority lists),(Appendix 3). This species occurs on alluvial river/creek flats, a habitat not found within the survey area. A further 3 DRF species – *Adenanthos ellipticus*, *Verticordia crebra* and *Anigozanthos bicolor* subsp. *minor* have been found within 20 km of the survey area with the first two species restricted to habitats not found within the survey area.

Priority species

Two plants of *Stylidium clavatum* P3, were located in the survey area (-34.18413, 119.29504, UTM Zone 50 6215047.37, 711504.47, Datum WGS 1984). See Appendix 4 for completed Threatened/Priority Report Form.

Nine other priority species have been recorded within a 5km radius of the survey area, with a further 22 priority species occurring within 20 km radius (see Appendix 3). Many of these species occur in habitats not found within the survey area. Due to the time of survey it is likely that several these species would not be detected or would not be identifiable due either to their annual nature or absence of flowering material. These species include *Comesperma lanceolatum* P2, previously recorded within 5km radius of the survey area and *Hopkinsia adscendens* P3, *Stylidium pseudohirsutum* P3, *Pterostylis* sp. Ongerup (K.R. Newbey 4874) P4 and *Thysanotus parviflorus* P4, all previously recorded between a 5km and 20 km radius of the survey area.

Vegetation

The survey area is dominated by a *Eucalyptus buprestium/E. pleurocapra* Very Open Tree Mallee over *Lambertia inermis* Tall Open Shrubland, Mixed Open Heath, Mixed Open Low Heath and Mixed Very Open Sedgeland. *Hakea pandanicarpa* and *Hakea ferruginea* were occasionally subdominant in the upper shrub stratum with a few very small patches on deeper sands dominated by *Banksia baxteri*. Common species in the heath strata include *Banksia plumosa* subsp. *plumosa*, *Banksia baueri*, *Banksia heliantha*, *Adenanthos cuneatus*, *Taxandria spathulata*, *Jacksonia grevilleoides*, *Isopogon trilobus*, *Lysinema pentapetalum*, *Melaleuca striata*, *Daviesia teretifolia*, *Dillwinia divaricata*, *Calothamnus gracilis*, *Calothamnus villosus*, *Hibbertia gracilipes*, *Allocasuarina humilis*, *Calytrix asperula*, *Xanthorrhoea preissii*, *Melaleuca tuberculata*, *Banksia gardneri*, *Banksia repens* and *Isopogon prostrata*. Common sedges include *Tricostularia neesii* var *elatior*, *Anarthria prolifera*, *Anarthria scabra*, *Anarthria gracilis*, *Chordifex crispatus*, *Chordifex sphacelatus*, *Hypolaena humilis*, *Harperia confertospicatus*, *Cyathochaeta avenacea* and *Mesomelaena stygia* subsp. *stygia*. Common grasses and herbs included *Amphipogon turbinatus* and *Patersonia lanata*. This vegetation is common in the adjacent Fitzgerald River National Park.

Condition

The vegetation is in excellent condition, however numerous very small patches of vegetation were observed in the central western and south western areas of the survey area that included multiple plant deaths. (Appendix 5). These areas varied from approximately $2m^2$ to $8m^2$ and most of the dead species were Proteaceous species (Figure 1). Some areas exhibited two ages of deaths. The dead species included *Banksia heliantha*, *Banksia nutans*, *Banksia gardneri*, *Banksia bauera*, *Banksia falcata*, *Banksia baxteri*, *Banksia repens*, *Banksia coccinea*, *B. brunnea*, *Hakea victoria*, *Isopogon polcephalus*, *Lambertia inermis*, *Jacksonia grevilleoides*, *Allocasuarina thuyoides* and *Beaufortia micrantha*. Appendix 5 provides the coordinates of the observed deaths and species involved. Due to the small size of the patches it is likely there are more areas within the survey area exhibiting similar deaths but occurring in areas not traversed.

Whilst the symptoms are consistent with *Phytophthora* dieback, the deaths may be due to another cause and it is recommended the cause of these deaths be investigated by a disease expert.



Figure 1 Example of multiple plant deaths observed, in the proposed "Fregon Gravel Pit". Dead species = *Banksia nutans*, *Banksia baueri* and *Banksia heliantha*.

REFERENCES

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APPENDIX 1 Vegetation Structural Classification (Keighery 1994)

Life form/height cla	ass	Canopy			
	100-70%	70-30%	30-10%	10-2%	
Trees over 30	Tall Closed Forest	Open Forest	Tall woodland	Tall Open Woodland	
Trees 10-30m	Closed Forest	Open Forest	Woodland	Open Woodland	
Trees under 10 m	Low Closed Forest	Low Open forest	Low Woodland	Low Open Woodland	
Tree Mallee	Closed Tree Mallee	Tree mallee	Open Tree Mallee	Very Open Tree Mallee	
Shrub Mallee	Closed Shrub Mallee	Shrub Mallee Open Shrub Mallee		Very Open Shrub Mallee	
Shrubs over 2m	Closed Tall Scrub	Tall Open Scrub	Tall Shrubland	Tall Open Shrubland	
Shrubs 1-2m	Closed Heath	Open Heath	Shrubland	Open Shrubland	
Shrubs under 1m	Closed Low Heath	Open Low Heath	Low Shrubland	Low Open Shrubland	
Grasses	Closed Grassland	Grassland	Open Grassland	Very Open Grassland	
Herbs	Closed Herbland	Herbland	Open Herbland	Very Open Herbland	
Sedges	Closed Sedgeland	Sedgeland	Open Sedgeland	Very Open Sedgeland	

APPENDIX 2 Species list, proposed "Fregon" gravel pit, Devils Creek Rd, 24-25/2/2011

AnarthriaceaeFabaceae cont.Anarthria gracilisChorizema uncinatumAnarthria laevisDaviesia abnormisAnarthria proliferaDaviesia emarginata

Anarthria scabra Daviesia incrassata subsp. reversifolia

Lyginia imberbisDaviesia teretifoliaApiaceaeDillwynia divaricataPlatysace effusaEutaxia major

Xanthosia singulifloraGastrolobium punctatumAsparagaceaeGompholobium knightianumLaxmannia brachyphyllaGompholobium marginatumLomandra hastilisGompholobium scabrumCampanulaceaeGompholobium venustum

Lobelia rarifolia Hovea trisperma
Casuarinaceae Jacksonia grevilleoides
Allocasuarina humilis Jacksonia racemosa

Allocasuarina microstachya Kennedia coccinea subsp. esotera

Allocasuarina thuyoides Goodeniaceae Chenopodiaceae Dampiera juncea Encylaena tomentosa Goodenia coerulea Cyperaceae Lechenaultia tubiflora Haemodoraceae Caustis dioica Cyathochaeta avenacea Anigozanthos rufus Lepidosperma aff. densiflora Conostylis vaginata Lepidosperma carphoides Haemodorum spicatum

Lepidosperma striatum Iridaceae

Lepidsoperma sp.1 Patersonia lanata Lepidsoperma sp.2 Patersonia limbata

Mesomelaena stygia subsp. stygia Lamiaceae

Mesomelaena tetragona Microcorys barbata

Schoenus caespititius
Schoenus curvifolius
Schoenus obtusifolius
Schoenus subbarbatus
Cassytha glabella
Cassytha racemosa

Schoenus sublateralis Malvaceae

Tricostularia neesii var. elatior Lasiopetalum quinquenervium

Dasypogonaceae Myrtaceae

Dasypogon bromeliifolius Baeckea preissiana

DilleniaceaeBeaufortia micrantha var. micrantha

Hibbertia acerosa Calothamnus gracilis
Hibbertia gracilipes Calothamnus sanguineus
Hibbertia mucronata Calothamnus villosus
Ericaceae Calytrix asperula
Astroloma baxteri Conothamnus aureus

Astroloma prostratum Darwinia sp. Ravensthorpe (G.J. Keighery 8030)

Astroloma tectum

Leucopogon corynocarpus

Leucopogon gibbosus

Lysinema pentapetalum

Oligarrhena micrantha

Fabaceae

Darwinia vestita

Eucalyptus buprestium

Eucalyptus decipiens

Eucalyptus pleurocarpa

Eucalyptus tetraptera

Leptospermum spinescens

Acacia chrysella Melaleuca striata
Acacia chrysocephala Melaleuca subtrigona
Acacia cyclops Melaleuca tuberculata
Acacia moirii subsp moirii Taxandria spathulata

Acacia varia var. parviflora Verticordia densiflora var. cespitosa

APPENDIX 2 cont: Species list

Pittosporaceae

Billardiera sp.

Poaceae

Amphipogon turbinatus

Polygalaceae

Comesperma calymega Comesperma virgatum

Proteaceae

Adenanthos cuneatus

Adenanthos flavidiflorus

Banksia arctotidis

Banksia baueri

Banksia baxteri

Banksia brunnea

Banksia coccinea

Banksia falcata

Banksia gardneri

Banksia heliantha

Banksia nutans

Banksia plumosa subsp. plumosa

Banksia repens

Conospermum caeruleum

Franklandia fucifolia

Grevillea tripartita

Hakea corymbosa

Hakea denticulata

Hakea ferruginea

Hakea obliqua subsp. parviflora

Hakea pandanicarpa subsp. crassifolia

Hakea prostrata

Hakea strumosa

Hakea trifurcata

Hakea victoria

Isopogon formosus

Isopogon polycephalus

Isopogon teretifolius

Isopogon trilobus

Lambertia inermis

Persoonia striata

Petrophile cyathiforma

Petrophile prostrata

Petrophile teretifolia

Stirlingia anethifolia

Synaphea media

Synaphea oligantha

Synaphea reticulata

Restionaceae

Chordifex crispatus

Chordifex laxus

Chordifex sphacelatus

Desmocladus fasciculatus

Desmocladus flexuosus

Harperia confertospicata

Harperia lateriflora

Hypolaena humilis

Santalaceae

Leptomeria pauciflora

Stylidiaceae

Stylidium clavatum (P3)

Thymelaeaceae

Pimelea sulphurea

Xanthorrhoeaceae

Xanthorrhoea preissii

APPENDIX 3 Conservation species previously recorded within a 20 km radius of survey area

		within
Conservation species	<5km	20km
	radius	radius
DRF		
Adenanthos ellipticus		•
Anigozanthos bicolor subsp. minor		•
Boronia clavata	•	•
Verticordia crebra		•
Priority 2		
Adenanthos cacomorphus	•	
Calectasia keigheryi	•	•
Comesperma lanceolatum		•
Eucalyptus x chrysantha		•
Hibbertia acrotrichion		•
Kunzea ericifolia subsp. subulata		•
Monotoca aristata ms	•	•
Philotheca cymbiformis	•	•
Priority 3		
Agonis undulata		•
Calectasia obtusa		•
Eucalyptus arborella		•
Hibbertia fitzgeraldensis	•	•
Hopkinsia adscendens		•
Lasiopetalum parvuliflorum		•
Leucopogon blepharolepis	•	•
Pultenaea adunca		•
Pultenaea calycina subsp. calycina		•
Sphaerolobium validum		•
Stylidium clavatum	•	•
Stylidium pseudohirsutum		•
Thomasia pygmaea		•
Priority 4		
Acacia empelioclada	•	•
Acacia simulans	•	•
Acrotriche parviflora		•
Anthocercis fasciculatus		•
Banksia laevigata subsp. laevigata		•
Eucalyptus praetermissa		•
Jacksonia compressa		•
Pimelea physodes		•
Pterostylis sp. Ongerup (K.R. Newbey 4874)		•
Thysanotus parviflorus		•



Threatened and Priority Flora Report Form

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Please complete as much of	the form as possibl	le, with emphasis o	on those sections	bordered in	black.		
TAXON: Stylidium clavatum				_	TPFL I	Pop. No:	
OBSERVATION DATE:	CONSE	RVATION STATE	JS: 3		New popula	tion 🖂	
OBSERVER/S: E.M S				PHONE:	(08) 98 44 4	1860	
ROLE: Consultant Botanist ORGANISATION: n/a							
DESCRIPTION OF LOCATIO					Bushla	and remant	west of
Devils Creek Rd and appro-	ximately 2.5 km N	W from Mt. Maxwe	ell,(Fitzgerald Rive	er NP)			
					Reserve	No:	
DEC DISTRICT: Albany		LGA:		Land	manager pre		
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National park ☐ Conservation park ☐	State forest Water reserve	Pastoral lease UCL	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O	road reserve		cify other:	rieseive [
AREA ASSESSMENT: Edge	survey Parti	ial survey Full	,	observed (r		00	
AND THE CONTROL OF TH	spent surveying (min		No. of minute				
POP'N COUNT ACCURACY:	Actual	Extrapolation	Estimate	Count meth	as or	served	
WHAT COUNTED:	Plants 🛛	Clumps	Clonal stems	noid maridar for	1100		
TOTAL POP'N STRUCTURE:	Mature:	Juveniles:	Seedlings:	Totals:			
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QUADRATS PRESENT:	No	Size	Data attached	☐ Tot	al area of q	uadrats (m²)	
Summary Quad. Totals: Alive							
REPRODUCTIVE STATE:	Clonal	Vegetative ⊠	Flowerbud		Flower		
Immatu	ure fruit	Fruit 🗌	Dehisced fruit 🛛	Pe	ercentage in f	lower:	%
	Healthy 🛚	Moderate	Poor 🗌		Senescent		
COMMENT: Observed do	ing transects ever	y 50m					
THREATS - type, agent and	supporting informa	ation:			Current impact	Potential Impact	Potential Threat
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HABITAT INFORMATION:								
LANDFORM:	ROCK TYPE:	LOOSE ROCK:	SOIL TYPE:	SOIL COLOUR:	DRAINAGE:			
Crest	Granite	(on soil surface; eg gravel, quartz fields)	Sand	Red □	Well drained ⊠			
Hill 🗌	Dolerite	graver, quartz rielus)	Sandy loam 🛛	Brown	Seasonally inundated			
Ridge	Laterite	0-10%	Loam	Yellow 🖂				
Outcrop	Ironstone	10-30%	Clay loam	White	Permanently inundated			
Slope	Limestone	30-50%	Light clay	Grey ⊠	Tidal			
Flat 🛛	Quartz	50-100%	Peat	Black □				
Open depression	Specify other:	30-100%	Specify other:	Specify other:				
Drainage line								
Closed depression	Specific Landforr	n Element:						
Wetland	Wetland (Refer to field manual for additional values)							
CONDITION OF SOIL:	Dry 🛛	Moist	Waterlogged	Inundated				
VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION*:	1. Eddalyptus piedrocarpa/E. buprestiditi very Open Malico							
Eg: 1. Banksia woodland (B. attenuata, B. ilicifolia);	2. Lamberia inermis Ta	all Open Shrubalnd						
Open shrubland (Hibbertia sp., Acacia spp.);	3. Mixed Open Heath							
Isolated clumps of sedges (Mesomelaena tetragona)	4. Mixed Very Open Sh	nrubland						
ASSOCIATED SPECIES:	Hakea victoria, Isopog	on trilobus, Banksia plu	ımosa, Adenanthos cu	neatus, Allocasuarina h	umilis, Daviesia			
Other (non-dominant) spp				a, Mesomelaena stygia				
Please record up to four of the and Land Survey Field Handbook	most representative vegetation ok guidelines – refer to field man	layers (with up to three dominual for further information and	ant species in each layer). St structural formation table.	ructural Formations should follo	ow 2009 Australian Soil			
CONDITION OF HABITAT	Γ: Pristine	Excellent Very ge	ood Good G	Degraded	pletely degraded			
COMMENT:								
FIRE HISTORY: La	ast Fire: Season/Month:	Year:	Fire Intensity: Hi	gh Medium Low	☐ No signs of fire ☐			
FENCING:	Not required	Present Repla	ce / repair 🔲	Required \(\sum_{\text{Length}}	gth req'd:			
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APPENDIX 5 Locations of small patches of multiple plant deaths in the "Fregon" gravel pit, Devils Creek Rd and the dead species observed (Datum WGS 84)

WP	Latitude	Longitude	Northing	Easting	Date	Dead species	Notes
88	34.18496319	119.2963046	6214951.925	711619.0763	24/02/2011	Banksia plumosa, B. heliantha, B. nutans, B. repens, Hakea victoria,	
90	34.18500611	119.2964762	6214946.808	711634.7918	24/02/2011	Lambertia inermis, B. baxteri, B. baueri, B. plumosa	old deaths
95	34.18551036	119.2954087	6214893.096	711535.1348	24/02/2011	B baxteri	
96	34.18554255	119.2952853	6214889.781	711523.681	24/02/2011	B. baueri, B. heliantha, B. falcata, H. victoria	2 ages deaths
98	34.18593415	119.2956662	6214845.557	711557.8099	24/02/2011	B. coccinea, B. baxteri, B. nutans, B. heliantha	2 ages deaths possibly latest last season
100	34.18590196	119.2969537	6214846.453	711676.5603	24/02/2011	B. baxteri, B. nutans, B. heliantha, B. plumosa, B. falcata, H. victoria, Jacksonia grevilloid	es I
101	34.18586978	119.2975545	6214848.774	711732.0196	24/02/2011	More proteacous deaths	
102	34.18586978	119.2976457	6214848.585	711740.4258	24/02/2011	B baueri, B. nutans, B. heliantha, B. baueri, B. repens, Isopogon polycephalus, L. inermis	Relatively recent deaths & older deaths
108	34.18629893	119.2983967	6214799.425	711808.5767	24/02/2011	B. baueri, B. heliantha, B. falcata, B. gardneri	
109	34.18629893	119.2982572	6214799.715	711795.7204	24/02/2011	not noted	
111	34.18635794	119.296369	6214797.093	711621.5249	24/02/2011	B. baueri, B. nutans, B. heliantha, L. inermis	
113	34.18680855	119.296149	6214747.571	711600.1263	24/02/2011	B. coccinea, B. baxteri, B. baueri, B. heliantha and others not noted	
115	34.18672808	119.2973614	6214753.978	711712.0731	24/02/2011	B. nutans, B. baueri, B. baxteri, B. heliantha	
116	34.18674954	119.2976457	6214751.006	711738.226	24/02/2011	not noted	older deaths
128	34.18757566	119.2967552	6214661.228	711654.0812	24/02/2011	B. nutans	1 only, recent death
132	34.18770977	119.2993623	6214640.934	711894.0478	24/02/2011	B baxteri, B. repens, B. plumosa, L. inermis,	
140	-34.188037	119.2981231	6214607.216	711779.0119	24/02/2011	Adenathos cuenatus, B. plumosa, B. brunnea, B. gardneri	111
147	-34.188627 -	119.2983216	6214541.364	711795.8303	25/02/2011	H. victorea, B. plumosa, L. inermis	old deaths
149	34.18849834	119.2987776	6214554.686	711838.1802	25/02/2011	B. baueri, B. repens, Allocasuarina thuyoides, Beaufortia micrantha	