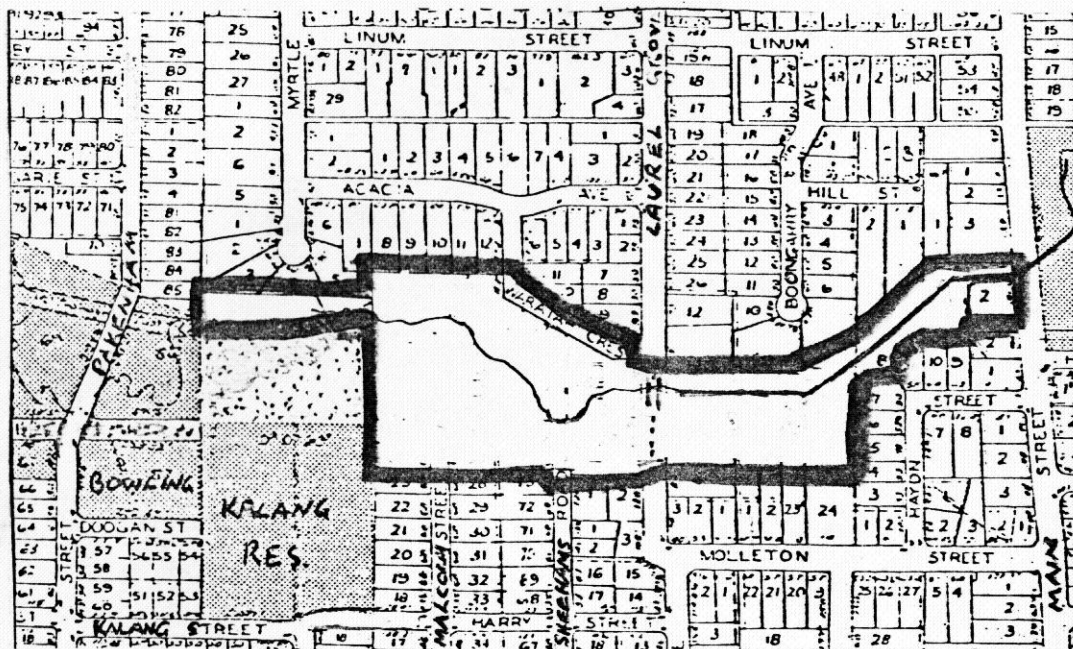


CREEK LAND  
UNDER THREAT

Newsletter

May, 1981



Dear Neighbour,

The area shown above currently belongs to the MMBW and is zoned Proposed Public Open Space.

The Board has confirmed its intention to rezone, subdivide, and sell this land for residential development.

At a recent meeting a committee of residents was formed called the Blackburn Creek Conservation Group.

It was agreed that the purpose of this group would be to maintain and conserve the area in its present state and oppose any proposed development.

Negotiations over the past 5 years regarding the purchase of the land surplus to the Board's requirements, has resulted in the Council purchasing only the 0.51 ha adjoining Kalang Reserve.

However, the Committee considers it is immaterial which body ultimately owns the land - the MMBW or the Nunawading Council.

The Committee is vitally concerned that any further development of the area allowed by either body :-

(I) WOULD BE A MISTAKE - THE EFFECTS OF  
WHICH COULD NOT BE REVERSED

(II) RESULT IN A UNIQUE AREA WHICH PROVIDES  
A BREATHING SPACE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS  
AND A HAVEN FOR MANY BIRDS AND  
ANIMALS BEING DESTROYED

Indicate your concern and interest by attending a local meeting of residents on -

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY, 1981

WESLEY HALL,

THE AVENUE

at 8.00 pm.

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

SUPPORT THE GROUP BY PROVIDING THE COMMITTEE WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Copies of letters from the Council or MMBW concerning the land.
- Photographs of the area (past and present)
- Records of previous floodings and levels
- Surveys/ records of plant, animal and bird life
- Information about present users of the land e.g. "schools, groups, scouts etc.

Write or phone the West Ward Councillors and the local Member of Parliament registering your opposition. Also include examples of how you use and value the land.

Cr. W. Reid,  
11 Alandale Rd.,  
Blackburn.  
Ph. 878 0171

Cr. A. Mead,  
66 Main St.,  
Blackburn.  
Ph. 877 2452

Cr. D.J. McKittrick,  
9 Vine St.,  
Blackburn.  
Ph. 878 0504

M.L.A. Mr. D.J. Mackinnon,  
8 Market St.,  
Box Hill.  
Ph. 88 6340



Wednes 15th.

Saturday.  
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The following residents comprise the Committee:

877 3000

Chairman	-	Graham Burgess	(877 1375)
Secretary	-	✓ Ken Clark	(878 6660) x
Treasurer	-	→ Stan Moore	(877 2697)
	-	• Barry Collins	(878 5668) x
	-	✓ Reg Letcher	(877 3797) x
	-	✓ Roy Mackenzie	
	-	✓ Phil Patterson	(878 6258)
	-	Don Brodie	(878 3331)
	-	Megan Short	(878 8773)
	-	Mike Crabb	(878 2868)

Wendy Roover

Debra MacFarlane

877 0949

✓ Ian Swann

Brian 878 5053

Richard Elvin

877 4528

The Committee would welcome further assistance especially on the following sub-committees:

1. Environment Study Report (Megan Short 878 8773)
2. Flooding Investigation (Mike Crabb 878 2868)
3. Residents Action (Vacancy exists - M. Crabb 878 2868 temporarily)
4. Publicity (D. Brodie 878 3331)

The Committee meetings are open. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please phone Graham Burgess beforehand (877 1375).

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