Cardinia Creek Parklands

Manna Gum Picnic Area

Cardinia Creek from Inglis Road in Beaconsfield to Thompsons Road in Officer is soon to become a grand new park, Cardinia Creek Parklands. This linear park will take in the floodplain of the creek as well as some larger expanses of land north of Inglis Road. The park will form a green belt in this rapidly developing residential area. It will also conserve the natural creekside vegetation as a wildlife corridor. Manna Gum Picnic Area, the first section of these parklands open to the public, gives a glimpse into an exciting future.

Vegetation

The vegetation type in this area is mainly riparian (or floodplain) vegetation. This means the plants living in this area love moisture, and can survive seasonal flooding.

The main trees in the park are Manna Gums, *Eucalyptus viminalis*. These are the tall smooth barked trees along the creek.

There are also paperbarks, *Melaleuca ericafolia*, smaller shrubs with fine dark green leaves that form dense thickets. These plants and other native vegetation along the creek form valuable habitats for our native fauna.

Fauna

As yet not a great deal is known about the animals found in this area. The vegetation suggests that larger hollow-bearing trees may be homes to Brush-tailed Possums and possibly Sugar Gliders. The smaller trees may support a colony of Ringtail Possums.

The vegetation attracts several species of birds, from tiny wrens to ducks and parrots, which use the trees to roost and nest.

If you see any unusual birds or animals, please call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 so we can keep learning about this area.

Group picnics

Groups of fifty or more people need to notify the park office of their intended visit. You can contact the park via the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

Visitor facilities

Visitors with limited mobility are welcome in the park, with access available to the barbecue, picnic area and toilet facilities. Please contact park staff for more information.

How to get there

Manna Gum Picnic Area can be accessed from Soldiers Rd, off Princes Fwy, Beaconsfield (Melway 131 H1).

Park hours

The park is open every day of the year and gates open at 6am and close at 6pm.

For more information call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit our website at www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Caring for the environment

Help us look after this park by remembering these guidelines:

Please take all rubbish home with you, as no bins are provided.

No fires, including barbecues may be lit on days of Total Fire Ban. All fires are to be lit in designated fireplaces.

Portable solid fuel barbecues are not permitted in the park. Portable gas barbecues are allowed.

Dogs are permitted in the park, but must be restrained on a lead at all times.

All native plants and animals are protected.

Please don’t just throw this park note away. Keep it, return it for others to use, or recycle it.