Warringal Conservation Society

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Dear Nicola

Re: Banyule Thematic Environmental History.

We commend Banyule Council on undertaking this review and moving towards protection of places of significance, and thank you for the opportunity to submit comment on the Stage 1 Heritage Themes.

1. We support the addition of the new theme on '... the conservation movement (concerning bushland, wetlands and waterways.' p4
2. The focus of our comments is on theme 12: Conserving the waterways and bushland
3. Page 8. Settling on the Land. 'windmill' should be added as an example of place type (eg the windmill between the Yarra River and the Banyule Billabong.
4. Page 12. Conserving the waterways and bushland. 'significant plantings' should be added as an example of Conservation Movement place type eg. The location of the first plantings of WCS at the 'native gardens' adjacent to Banyule Road, and subsequent anniversary plantings of Bird Observer's Club of Australia, and the WCS.
5. Page 60. 2nd para of Appreciating the Australian Landscape. The earliest section of the local Yarra to be protected was Wilson's Reserve in the 1920s, for recreation, for boy scouts and for swimming. The river frontage was incredibly important as the growing population could not reach the bay beaches. This would fit in to Page 60.
6. Page 60. Growing demands for the protection of the Yarra. Conservation campaigns at Banyule Flats have been ongoing from the 1970s and continue to the present time. The introductory sentence of this paragraph implies that the only active period was the 1970s. The wording of the first sentence is incorrect; the 1970s focus was in the northern area of the parklands adjacent to Banyule Road, at Banyule Flats, not on Warringal Parkland.
7. Page 61. The following reference should be added. Copy available on request from warringal3084@gmail.com

   Fleming, A.M. 2011. *Banyule Flats History 1970 – 2010*. Unpublished.

As the project progresses we will be happy to talk with the researchers to provide additional documentation and anecdotal comments and photos from our members who were involved with the early days of conservation in the area. We suggest information also be sought from other conservation groups including the Friends of Rosanna Parklands and Friends of Wilson Reserve, and also from Friends of Banyule in relation to their activism regarding protection of waterways from mega roads.

Yours sincerely

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We work on the country of the Wurundjeri people. We acknowledge them as traditional owners and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and future.