

Green Heritage Resources: Native Vegetation and 'Environment' Websites

1. Examples of Original Native Vegetation, Centenary Suburbs and Adjacent Areas

Today, examples of original vegetation can be found throughout the Centenary Suburbs.

Parks and Reserves

There are several bushland reserves/parks in the Centenary suburbs and adjacent areas where native species can be seen, even though exotic species have invaded some of these areas. These reserves and/or parks are:

- 1) Mt. Ommaney Bushland Reserve: bounded by Mt. Ommaney Drive, Coolaroo Crescent, Brisbane River, Mt. Ommaney Creek and Summit Place. May be entered either from Mt. Ommaney Drive or from Summit Place. This reserve has both remnant species and also regenerated forest.
- 2) Fort Road Bushland Reserve, accessed from Cliveden Ave, Oxley. Contains remnant dry rainforest and also Hoop Pines.
- 3) Reserve on Pullen Reach, informally known as Coucal Trail (Tennent, Callabonna and Balaton Sts, Westlake).
- 4) Horizon Drive reserve, Horizon Drive, Middle Park.
- 5) Reserve on Pope's Reach (Derwent, Curlew and Daintree Places, Riverhills).



- 6) Beanland St Park.
- 7) Pooh Corner Bushland Reserve. This is a protected forest eco-system featuring *Eucalyptus tereticornis*, as well as other species.
- 8) Edenbrooke Park, Brookside Cres., Seventeen Mile Rocks, or Edenbrooke Drive, Sinnamon Park.
- 9) Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve which contains original and revegetated (BCC 2 million trees program) native bushland.
- 10) Lorikeet park, Mt Ommaney, opp. Mt Ommaney shopping centre.
- 11) Wacol Bushlands, 3063 Ipswich Road (adjacent to Pooh Corner and accessible from Wolston Road).

Specific Botanical Features

- 12) Goggs Rd Dry Rainforest Remnant on cnr of Goggs Rd opp Jindalee Hotel. This and the Fort Rd Bushland Reserve are 2 of the last places in Brisbane where original Hoop Pines can be found on public ground.
- 13) *Ficus rubiginosa* and *F. virens*, near the water play area in Rocks Riverside Park, represent pre-clearing vegetation.
- 14) *Callitris columellaris* (Bribie Island Pine) on Seventeen Mile Rocks escarpment above Rocks Riverside Park. These are very tall specimens. They and some near Sinnamon Village are the only ones in Centenary suburbs area. They could have been planted by early settlers.
- 15) Dry rainforest on BCC land leased to McLeod's Golf Club between Mt Ommaney Creek and Westlake Drive. This is covered by a Vegetation Protection Order. In the Mt. Ommaney reserve opposite, a very successful regeneration project has involved planting of the same range of native rainforest species that are present in the dry rainforest on

the Golf Club land. The oldest regeneration area can be seen on the left, between Summit Place and the creek, just off Westlake Drive.

- 16) Murna St Moreton Bay Fig Tree.
- 17) The 'Big Fig' on Tennent St, Westlake/Riverhills –*Ficus rubiginosa*.
- 18) The *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (Qld Blue Gum) all along the Brisbane River: these trees could be up to 500 years old.
- 19) Mature *Melaleuca* Paperbark Forest at Edenbrooke Wetlands, Edenbrooke Park.

2. Websites for further information about local environment issues

The websites below contain information about current issues, some contain information about past environmental lobbying and about the history of the natural environment in Centenary suburbs and adjacent areas.

Save our Riverfront Bushland: www.sorb.org.au; (note 'Early European Exploration of the River' under Resources/History)

Environmental Defenders Office Qld: www.edoqld.org.au/success-stories/saving-a-bushland-ridge-at-seventeen-mile-rocks/

Centenary and Districts Environment Action Inc.: www.cdea.org.au

Wolston and Centenary Creek Catchments: www.wacc.org.au

Friends of Pooh Corner: www.poohcorner.info/

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