

# Indigenous plants of the Geelong Region

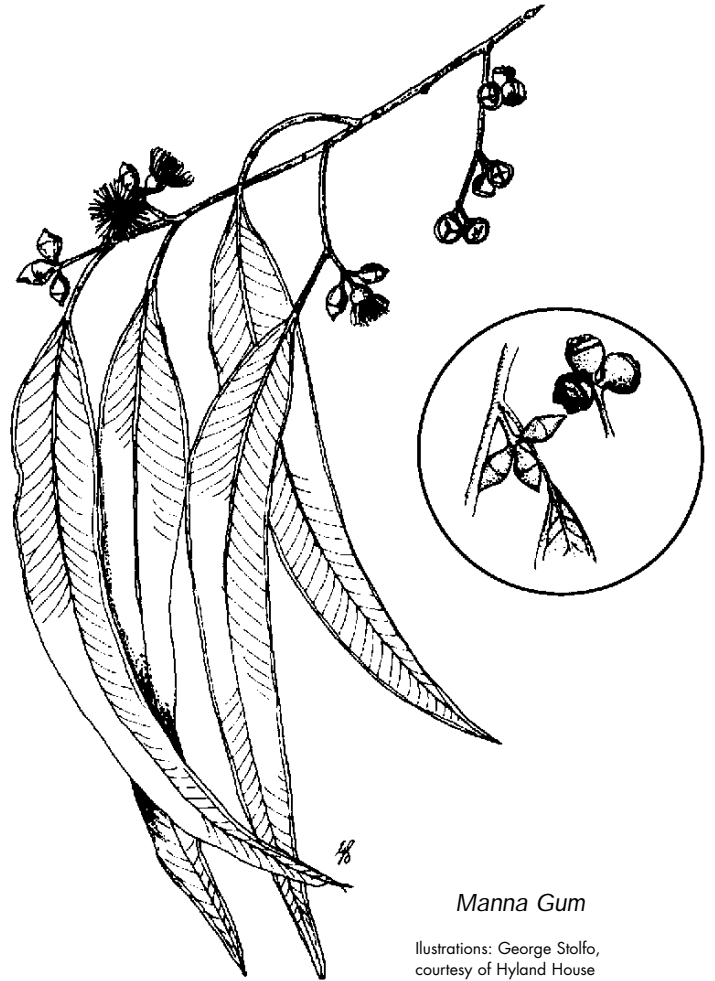
## ZONE 7

Consists of moderately fertile loam soils on limestone. It is gently sloping to flat with some escarpments and gullies and poor to moderate drainage. The average rainfall is 55 - 60cm.

## GEELONG, GROVEDALE & WAURN PONDS LIMESTONE PLAINS & HILLS

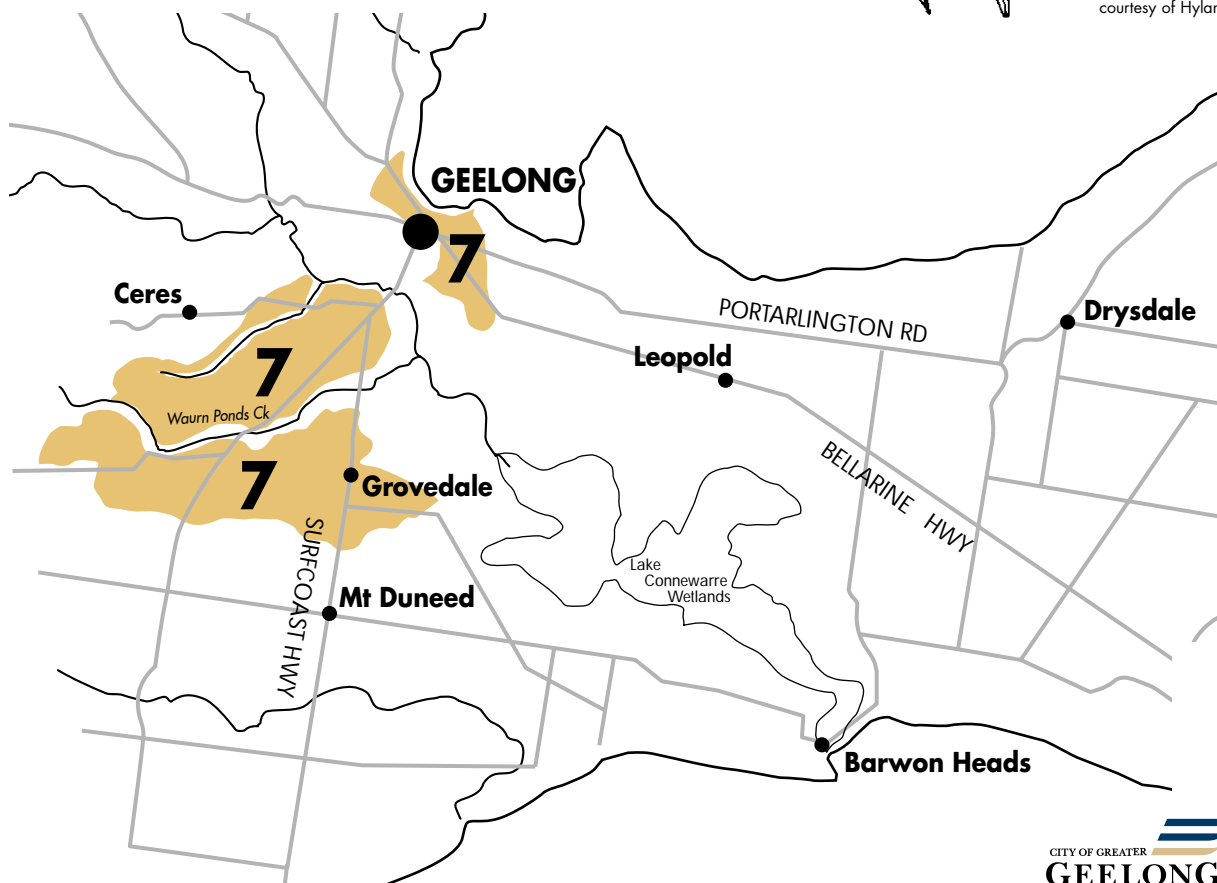
This area was characterised by a woodland community dominated by Drooping Sheoke, Yellow Gum and Swamp Gum, with a shrubby and grassy understorey. Understorey species included a variety of Wattle species, Silver Banksia and scattered Boobialla.

Kangaroo Grass would have been commonly found growing among Eucalypt (Yellow Gum and Swamp Gum) and Sheoke species through much of the drier areas. Tussock Grass grew among the other Eucalypt species (River Red Gum and Manna Gum) on low lying wetter areas and along watercourses.



Manna Gum

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## TREE SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Hills & drier sites	Poorly drained areas & watercourses
Lightwood	<i>Acacia implexa</i>	5-15 x 4-7	◆	
Black Wattle	<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	8-25 x 6-10	◆	
Blackwood	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	5-30 x 4-15	◆	◆
Golden Wattle	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	3-10 x 2-5	◆	
Black Sheoke	<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	4-8 x 2-5	❖	
Drooping Sheoke	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	4-11 x 3-6	◆	
River Red Gum	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	12-35 x 35		◆
Yellow Gum	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxydon ssp connata</i>	10-20 x 6-20	◆	
Swamp Gum	<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	8-30 x 8-20	◆	◆
Manna Gum	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	10-20 x 8-15		◆ on sandy alluvial deposits
Cherry Ballart	<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>	3-8 x 3-5	◆	❖
Moonah	<i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i>	1-8 x 3-6	❖	◆ possibly on escarpments

## SHRUB SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Hills & drier sites	Poorly drained areas & watercourses
Silver Wattle	<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	6-15 x 5-10		◆
Hedge Wattle	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	2-4 x 2-5	◆	
Coast Wirilda	<i>Acacia retinodes var. uncifolia</i>	4-8 x 3-5	◆ only on limestone eg Waurm Ponds	
Prickly Moses	<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	2-6 x 3-5		◆
Silver Banksia	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	1-10 x 1-5	◆	
Sweet Bursaria	<i>Bursaria spinosa var macrophylla</i>	2-6 x 2-3	◆	◆
Dogwood	<i>Cassinia aculeata</i>	2-4 x 1-2	◆	
Shrub Everlasting	<i>Chrysocephalum ferrugineus</i>	2-6 x 1-3		◆
Smooth Parrot-pea	<i>Dillwynia glaberrima</i>	1-2 x 1-2	◆	
Hop Goodenia	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	1-2.5 x 1-3	◆	
Woolly Tea-tree	<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	2-6 x 1-3		◆
Common Boobialla	<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	1-6 x 3	◆	
Sticky Boobialla	<i>Myoporum viscosum</i>	0.5-2 x 1.5-2	◆	
Kangaroo Island Pomaderris	<i>Pomaderris halmaturina ssp. continentis</i>	1-3 x 1-2	◆ uncommon	

## GROUNDCOVER AND TUSSOCK SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Hills & drier sites	Poorly drained areas & watercourses
Black Anther Flax-lily	<i>Dianella revoluta</i>	0.5 x 1.5-2.0	◆	
Tussock Grass	<i>Poa labillardieri</i>	0.8 x 0.8		◆
Kangaroo Grass	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	0.3 x 0.3	◆	

◆ - species is present in areas of remnant vegetation ❖ - species once occurred in this area

### Local Indigenous Nurseries

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