

LINKS: This land **closely connects with two other important land areas to form a green corridor for vegetation and wildlife.**

They are

- Murrumbateman Bush Cemetery, a recognised and managed box gum grassy woodland only 200 metres away
- Public recreation zone on Hawthorn property (now owned by Yass Valley Council) with box gum grassy woodland only 50-100 metres away.

We need to **enhance these connections through additional plantings of native vegetation.**

Future development in the village needs to ensure footpaths join the grassy woodland, to the bush cemetery and to the public recreation area on Hawthorn, and connect to the proposed school site.

SUPPORT: Join the **Friends group** to support this community project to protect and enhance this land. Later, your assistance will be sought for tasks such as planting, clean up, weed pulling, installing seats or protective fencing.



Australian bindweed
(*Convolvulus angustissimus*)



Pale sundew
(*Drosera peltata*)

WHO: Friends of Murrumbateman Village Grassy Woodland is a group of Murrumbateman residents passionate about maintaining an open space by protecting and enhancing its existing conservation value.

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Looking across the grassy woodland

FRIENDS OF MURRUMBATEMAN VILLAGE GRASSY WOODLAND

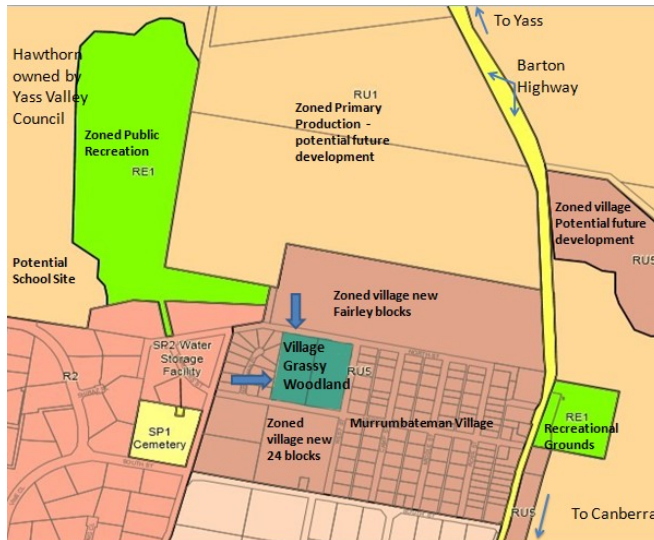
A community project under
Murrumbateman Landcare Group



Early nancy
(*Wurmbea dioica*)

In the centre of Murrumbateman village is a grassy woodland area with high conservation value that provides open space amenity for the local community.

This land needs to be protected and enhanced through a community project under the Murrumbateman Landcare Group.



WHERE: Located between West St, Hercules St, Merriman Pl and North St footpath Fairley, this land is about 4.4 hectares.

WHAT: The land has a high conservation value as it is part of the **critically endangered ecological community** of box gum woodland and derived native grassland (**Box Gum Grassy Woodland**).

The land is a Crown Reserve managed by Crown Lands Goulburn for fire hazard reduction and has continuing Aboriginal custodianship.

WHY: This community project is an opportunity for enhancing the ecological features to improve resilience of the significant flora and fauna on this land. The project will also undertake management actions to address the conservation value and ecological sensitivities of this land.

These ecological features include:

- **Healthy mature woodland trees** mainly Yellow Box and Blakeley's Red Gum
- **Grasslands with high diversity** of native tussocky grasses (Kangaroo, Wallaby and Poa), forbs, herbs, sedges and some scattered shrubs. Wildflowers include daisies, lilies, bluebells, blue devils, orchids and many other species
- Large variety of **animals actively foraging**, nesting or using the land such as superb parrots, swift parrots, owls, rosellas, lizards, snakes, grey kangaroos, bats and many other species.

If this land is not managed for these purposes it will continue to degrade leading to a major loss of habitat, wider establishment of invasive weeds, encourage further illegal dumping, resulting in reduced conservation value and the potential for adverse development.



Bear's ears
(Cymbonotus lawsonianus)

HOW: Protection comes with recognition of high conservation value.

Enhancement is achieved by planting native species including sub-shrubs and shrubs, undertaking targeted weed control (chemical and hand removal), applying environment sensitive mowing practices and removing dumped waste.

We also hope to install educational display boards, construct a safer walking track, install fencing for protection and vehicle exclusion, and seating. Crown Lands permission and grant funding is required for these activities.



Blue devil
(Eryngium ovinum)

BENEFITS: The environment benefits as the ecosystem health improves with increased habitat for wildlife, woodland birds and insects, better plant pollination, cleaner air and carbon absorption.

We experience health and well-being benefits, and our kids benefit through exploring and playing in a native setting. We interact through planting days, as well as walks and talks to learn more about endangered ecosystems. We hope to maintain an open space in our village.