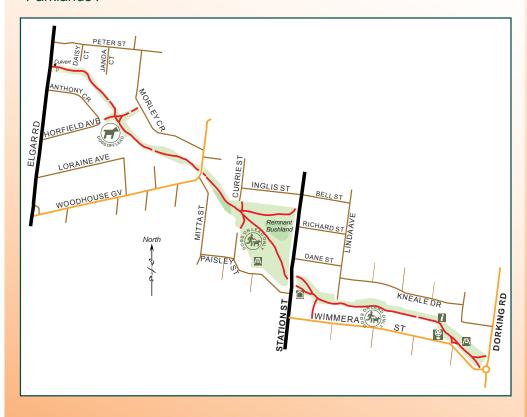
# **BUSHY CREEK PARKLANDS - BOX HILL**

This extensive linear parkland linking Elgar Road to Dorking Road in Box Hill North is comprised of three sections creating 'The Bushy Creek Parklands'.



#### **BUSHY CREEK WEST**

Informal culverts along the Bushy Creek line are the only reminders of the landscape prior to development. Bushy Creek was barrelled in 1963 and the surrounding land was used for housing developments and additional infrastructure.

An section of linear parkland stretching from Woodhouse Grove to Elgar Road was preseved, and in 1998 numerous small areas of land adjoining this were purchesed from surrounding residents to add to the parkland. From 1999 to 2001 the parkland was progressively upgraded by Council.

In February 2001, Bushy Creek West was officially opened. In that same year, this western portion of the Bushy Creek Parklands was recognised and awarded by Parks and Leisure Australia, for 'The Urban Planning Award'.

### **MEMORIAL PARK**

Named to honour those who served and died during the Second World War, Memorial Park was originally set-aside for the families of the returned soldiers. Pre-1963 Memorial Park was also considered a flood prone area due to Bushy Creek meandering through the middle and therefore unsuitable for housing.

Not only does this open passive recreation parkland have a wonderful toddler playground, it boasts a pocket of lightly timbered bushland amongst a small swathe of indigenous grassland. Unknown to many people, it is one of the two remaining remnant vegetation fragments within the Box Hill area. It also acts as the middle link of the shared trail.

### **BUSHY CREEK EAST**

This section of the Bushy Creek Parkland offers a great deal of aesthetic appeal for all ages. The features within this section include a combined age playground, swathes of gorgeous vegetation bordering the shared trail, Greenlink Community Nursery, an information board and a shelter opposite Memorial Park on Station Street.

The shelter was constructed in a way that reflected the appearance of the tram that ran between Box Hill and-Doncaster in the late 1800's.

This section of the Parklands, although small, is beautiful. Take a walk through it... it's a must!

## **PARK HIGHLIGHTS**

- Shared sealed linear trail
- Beautiful remnant bushland
- Public Art Timber sculptures
- o Dog Off Lead area
- Ephemeral Wetlands
- o 3 Playgrounds



#### **HOW TO GET THERE**

**By car** – Wimmera Street indented parking near the corner of Dorking Road. Melway Ref.: 47 E6-F6

By bus – The three National buses that travel down Station Street from Box Hill Central and heading to different northward destinations are the 291, 293 and the 295 buses.

National buses 270 and 271 travel along Dorking Road from Box Hill Central to destinations east of the park.

#### **ASSOCIATED GROUP**

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