

# information bulletin

## Tarella Reserve, Chelsea – Project Update

January 2021

Council purchased a large parcel of land in Dents Reserve at 19 Tarella Rd, Chelsea in September 2020. The approximately 3500 square metres of land supports significant vegetation and Council has undertaken the following:

- A consultant (Biosis Pty Ltd - who provided the ecological assessment for the 2020 VCAT case) has been engaged to develop an Environmental Management Plan for the site. This will ensure the reserve is appropriately managed as a natural habitat reserve.
- A vegetation quality assessment (VQA) has been undertaken to provide guidance on the required plant management within the reserve, including weed control, protection of rare species and placement of a proposed nature trail.
- Preparation for the demolition of the old building and structures is underway.
- Management of the site has been handed over to the Natural Resource Area (NRA) team to ensure site is managed along similar lines to the Bradshaw Nature Reserve, with due emphasis on the environmentally significant natural resources on the site.

### Next steps:

- Removal of the old house, shed and other structure
- Replacement of the old fencing
- Development of a nature trail network (from Kangaroo and Tarella Roads) including interpretive signage
- Establishment of a 'friends group' including developing an Agreed Community Works Program
- Coordination of an open day to assist the community to learn more about and appreciate this rare patch of natural vegetation

### How can I obtain additional information?

Please feel free to contact Council on 1300 653 356 if you have any further queries or would like to join our mailing list.