Supplementary material: Sample questionnaire

Native Grasslands in your neighbourhood

Section 1: What do you value about natural areas in cities?

This question is about what you value about natural areas in cities-places like parks and creeks in the city that retain many of their natural features. Take a minute or so to think about natural areas like this. Regardless of whether you use these places, we would like you to indicate how important each of the following things are about natural areas in cities:

	How important are each of the following things about natural areas in cities?	Not important at all		tural areas in cities? Not imp			ir	Neither important nor unimportant			Very important		
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
1.1	Experiencing nature through activities such as sight-seeing or b watchi												
1.2	Motorised activities such as trail bike riding or four-wheel driving	ing [
1.3	Gathering food such as mushrooms, herbs and berr	ies [
1.4	Getting away from the stresses of everyday I	ife [
1.5	Utilising the land for active recreation e.g. sports fields and courts, BI tracks, skate parts	- 1											
1.6	Producing food through activities such as grazing, horticulture a aquacultu												
1.7	Being accessible for peop	ole [
1.8	A place to see historic things such as old railways, rock art dry stone wa												
1.9	Spaces for people to exercise e.g. jogging, walki	ing [
1.10	Utilising the land for new housi	ing [
1.11	Activities such as mountain biking or horse ridi	ing [
1.12	Healthy land and waterways in which natural processes can contin	ue [
1.13	Spaces for people to interact and social	ise [
1.14	A place for human history and stor	ies [
1.15	Learning about cultural traditio	ns [
1.16	Utilising the land for shops, cafes and car pa	rks [
1.17	Activities such as fishing or collecting firewo	od [
1.18	A place for a short w	alk [
1.19	Large old tre	ees											
1.20	Beautiful sights, sounds and sme	ells											
1.21	Native plants and anim	als [
1.22	A place that is safe for people to vi	isit [

Section 2: The native grassland in your neighbourhood

Below is a map of the grassland in your neighbourhood: Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland, in Cairnlea. Take a minute or so to think about this area.



Map 1: Aerial photograph of Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland, Cairnlea.

We would now like you to answer a few questions about this area.

2.1 Were you aware of Albion Yes	n Bill Carn Avenue Grass No			(ip to section 3)					
2.2 Have you attended any community events associated with the grassland?									
Yes	No 🗌	Not sure							
2.3 If yes, what was the most recent event you attended?									

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Think for a moment about Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland.

When thinking about Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland, how much do you agree with the following statements:

	Don't agree at all		Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree		
	1 2	3	4	5	6	7		
2.4.1	Overall, I am satisfied with Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland							
2.4.2	I enjoy using Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland 🔲 📗							
2.4.3	Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland is well maintained 🔲 📗							
2.4.4	I feel safe when visiting Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland 🔲 📗							
2.4.5	I know the Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland well							
Do yo	ou have any other opinions about Albion Bill Carn Avenue Grassland you	ı wo	ould	like	to sh	iare?		

Section 3: What do you think about some of the ways used to manage grasslands?

We would like to know what you think about some of the ways used to manage grasslands in Melbourne. First, we are interested in what you think about <u>using planned burning to manage grasslands</u>. Take a moment to think about these practices.



Photo 5: A planned burn at Malcolm Creek Grassland,
Craigieburn.



Cemetery grassland, Truganina.

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We would like you to indicate how much to you agree with the following statements. Using planned burning to manage grasslands in Melbourne:

	В	on't ag at al		Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree		I don' know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
3.1	Is dangerous for people								
.2	Makes the landscape look uncared for								
.3	Is needed for the long term survival of the grassland								
.4	Creates habitat for native animals, birds and insects								
5	Creates a beautiful looking landscape								
6	Allows traditional aboriginal practices to continue								
.7	Creates a good place for people to exercise								
8	Rejuvenates the grassland								
.9 P	rotects rare or threatened plants and animals living in the grassland								
10	Connects people to the heritage of the land								
11	Is good for people's health								
12	Creates a good place for people to meet and socialise								
ou have a	any other comments about using planned burning to manag	e gra	isslar	nds ir	n Me	lboui	ne?		

We would now like to know what you think about <u>planting or allowing trees and shrubs to grow in grasslands.</u> Take a moment to think about these management practices.



Photo 1: A group of trees in O'Brian Park grassland, Sunshine.



Photo 2: A shrub in Central Creek Grassland, Reservoir.

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We would like you to indicate how much to you agree with the follow shrubs to grow in grasslands in Melbourne:	ing statem	ents. Planting	or allowing	trees and
	Don't agree at all	Neither agree nor disagree	Strongly agree	I don't know
	1 2	3 4 5	6 7	
Protects rare or threatened plants and animals living in t grasslai				
3.14 Creates a good place for people to exerci	ise 🗌 📗			
3.15 Makes the landscape look uncared f	for 🗌 📗			
3.16 Is dangerous for peop	ole 🔲 🔲			
3.17 Creates a good place for people to meet and sociali	ise 🗌 📗			
Rejuvenates the grassla	nd 🔲 📗			
3.19 Is needed for the long term survival of the grassla	nd 🗌 📗			
3.20 Creates habitat for native animals, birds and insec	cts 🗌 📗			
3.21 Connects people to the heritage of the la	nd 🔲 📗			
3.22 Creates a beautiful looking landsca	pe 🗌 📗			
3.23 Is good for people's heal	lth 🔲 🔲			
3.24 Allows traditional aboriginal practices to contin	ue 🗌 📗			
Do you have any other comments about planting or allowing trees and	l shrubs to န	grow in grassla	nds in Mel	bourne?
How acceptable do you think these management practices are for gras	sslands in M	elbourne? Neither		
How acceptable to you is:	Not acceptable 1 2	acceptable nor unacceptable 3 4 5	Very acceptable 6 7	l don't know
3.25 Using planned burning to manage the gras	ss 🗌 🗎			
3.26 Allowing trees and shrubs to grow in the grasslan	d 🗆 🗆			
3.27 Removing trees and shrubs from the grasslan	d 🗆 🗀			

Section 4: Some questions about you

4.1 Gend	er: <i>please tick.</i>			
	Female	Male		
4.2 Age:	please tick the most co	orrect.		
4.3 Highe	18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 64-74 75-84 85+ est level of education a Year 10 or below Year 11 Year 12	ittained: <i>please tid</i>	ck the most correct.	
4.4 Do yo	VET Certificate I/II VET Certificate III/IV Diploma/ Advance Di Bachelor Degree Graduate Diploma/ C Postgraduate degree	ertificate	it home?	
	Yes	☐ No	If yes, which	
	Yes	munity group ass	ociated with grasslands?	
it yes	, wnich group are you	a member with?_		
	you now, or have yo gement in a professio		ked in nature conservation	, landscape design, planning o
	Yes	☐ No	Not sure	
If yes	, what is/ was your rol	e?		
			e end of the questionnaire. ou for your participation	6
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Figure S1. Sameple Questionaire: Native Grasslands in your neighborhood.