



FRIENDS OF PALLISTERS RESERVE INC.

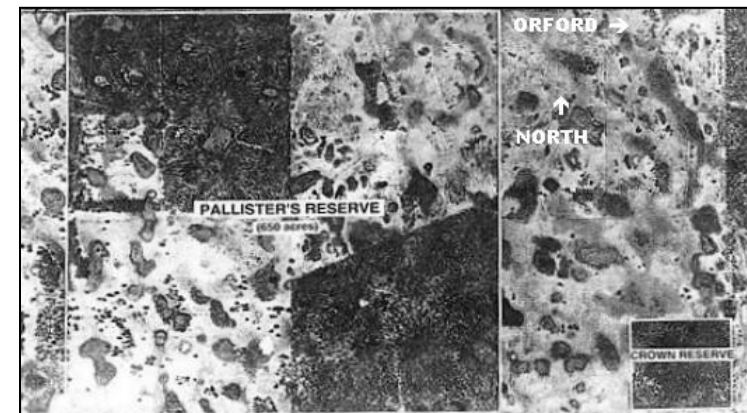


History

Pallister's Reserve is a 254 hectare site at Orford in the south-east corner of the Portland basin. The reserve, previously owned by Mr. W. Pallister, was purchased in 1989 thanks to donations from the Ross Trust, Victorian Conservation Trust (now Trust for Nature), DSE and local conservation groups. Soon after, the Friends of Pallisters Reserve was formed to manage the property.

The reserve was extended in 1992 when land adjoining the western boundary was purchased from the Hocking family. Pallister's Reserve is now a highly significant parcel of remnant woodland containing an upper storey of Swamp Gum, Manna Gum and Shining Peppermint and an understorey of Prickly Tea Tree, Banksia, Allocasuarina and Sweet Bursaria. The reserve is also home to a number of rare grassland plants, including Greenhood orchids, Donkey orchids and Blue Pincushion. A major aim of the group is to monitor and conserve the reserve's fauna species which include the Black-Shouldered Kite, the elusive Powerful Owl, and breeding pairs of the majestic Brolga. With the help of public donations and generous support from Portland Aluminium, the Friends of Pallister's Reserve are working towards transforming this bush block into an invaluable asset for education, conservation, and ecological research.

Map below: Left half of property previously owned by Hocking family, right half by Mr. W. Pallister



An old woolshed was converted as a basic but useful headquarters. There are several rooms of beds and mattresses for volunteers who might require overnight or weekly accommodation and a kitchen/living room which has by hard work and donations been made into a liveable area. Most of the equipment has been given or been bought by donations. A shipping container (converted into a tool shed by New Work Opportunities participants) donated by Portland Aluminium has been of



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