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BOX-GUM GRASSY WOODLANDS

Site assessment and management options

Site 10 - Euroa

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Location Balmattum Hill

TenurePrivateLand ManagerS SmithLocal GovernmentStrathbogie

Biosite Number 8090 **Size** 32 ha

Rapid Hab/Ha Score 40/100. 16th August 2005

EPBC listed TBA (significant patch of remnant overstorey with rocky outcrops)

EVC Grassy Woodland **Bioregion** Victorian Riverina

Site description

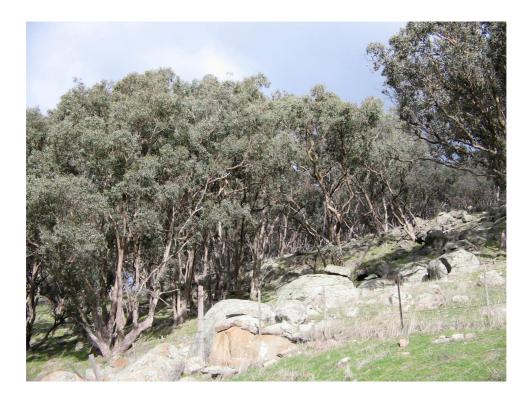
Multi aged White Box, few hollow bearing trees. Ground cover dominated by exotic pasture. Abundant deadfall and numerous rocky outcrops. Patches of remnant native grasses generally confined to small areas amongst rocks. Fragmented connectivity to Balmattum Reserve. Grades into Open Forest.

Threats

- 1. Significant impact from sheep grazing.
- 2. Exotic grasses and significant infestations of Patterson's Curse and thistles.
- 3. Fragmentation to larger core area Balmattum Hill Reserve.

Management Options

- 1. Site assessed as not suitable for conservation covenant by Trust for Nature.
- 2. Establish trial sites for seasonal control of weeds and exotic grasses using strategic burning/herbicide/grazing. Monitor results.
- 3. Create vegetation corridors to Balmattum Reserve.
- 4. Landholder has expressed interest in conservation incentives.





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Flora species

Common name

Wallaby Grass Weeping Grass Spear Grass

Weed species

Common name

Paterson's Curse Thistle **Exotic Grasses**

Scientific name

Austrodanthonia spp Microlaena stipoides Austrostipa spp

Scientific name

Echium plantagineum Cirsium vulgare

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