

Conservation area 3, Western Growth Corridor: Clarke's Road Grassland, Rockbank

Total area and boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 235.04 hectares > Boundary is shown in Figure 23
Management category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Regional park
Key rationale for protection of area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Protects high quality, herb-rich native grassland that contains a range of biodiversity values of national and state significance within a practically manageable area, including the most significant population of Small Golden Moths Orchid in Victoria
Biodiversity values of national significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > High quality herb-rich Natural Temperate Grassland > Small Golden Moths Orchid (population greater than 400, only wild population known in Victoria out of three populations in total) > Spiny Rice-flower population within high persistence habitat > Growling Grass Frog population > A number of Sun Orchid (<i>Thelymitra</i>) species > High persistence habitat for Golden Sun Moth (population not confirmed) > Habitat for Striped Legless Lizard (population not confirmed)
Biodiversity values of state significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Western (Basalt) Plains Grasslands Community > Small Golden Moths Orchid > Spiny Rice-flower > Growling Grass Frog > Golden Sun Moth habitat > Striped Legless Lizard habitat > Inland Sicklefern > Derrinallum Billy-buttons
Contribution of area to achievement of conservation outcomes in the program report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Establishes a small conservation area within the growth corridors to protect Natural Temperate Grassland > Establishes a small conservation area within an area of greatest contribution to Spiny Rice-flower and Golden Sun Moth persistence > Contributes to ensuring no substantial negative change to known populations of Small Golden Moths Orchid > Contributes to ensuring functioning sustainable populations of Growling Grass Frog with connectivity between populations
Further actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Finalise boundaries of Kororoit Creek Regional Park > Protect conservation area through the following actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – apply appropriate planning provisions to the land depending on the circumstances (may include a Rural Conservation Zone, an Environmental Significance Overlay or another statutory mechanism) to be determined by the State Minister for Planning – prepare conservation management plan(s) and ensure planning provisions for implementation and funding are in place – confirm mechanisms for the acquisition of land to be included within Kororoit Creek Regional Park – establish management agreements with landowners under section 69 of the <i>Conservation Forests and Lands Act 1987</i> for areas of land outside Kororoit Creek Regional Park and/or transfer land to Crown where an appropriate public land manager is available

Reference: Backhouse and Lester (2010); Biosis Research (2010i); DSE (2012a); (DSE, 2012b); DSE (2011c); DSE (2009); Ecology Partners (2011a)

Figure 23: Conservation areas 1, 2 and 3, Kororoit Creek North Herb-rich Grasslands, Plumpton and Clarke's Road Grassland, Rockbank

