

Why Sailors Gully?

Sailors Gully Lead is on the western side of Geelong Rd. The waterway on the eastern side opposite Scotchman's Lead was identified as "Gully" by Brough in 1868.

A real estate development along Hocking Ave on the east side of Geelong Rd was marketed as "Sailors Gully". In the early 2000's.

The development installed retention basins and plantings along the waterway.

"Sailors Gully Bushland Reserve" was established by Council as part of the development sometime after 2008



"Sailors Gully" planting list

Plants for Sailors Gully were sourced from the Wadawurrung Indigenous Nursery at Bostok (Ballan). Plant selection utilised the 2024 Urban Ripple site ecological report and the "Bunanyung Native Habitat Restoration Guide" <https://bunanyunglandscapealliance.org>

PLANTING LIST

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	Hedge Wattle	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Stringy Brak
<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	Prickly Moses	<i>Eucalyptus yarraensis</i>	Yarra Gum
<i>Amphibromus sinuatus</i>	Wavy Swamp Wallaby-grass	<i>Eucalyptus Viminalis</i>	Manna Gum
<i>Billardiera scandens</i>	Common Apple-berry	<i>Goodenia lineata</i>	Grampians Goodenia
<i>Bossiaea cordigera</i>	Wiry Bossiaea	<i>Grevillea bedgoodiana</i>	Enfield Grevillea
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Sweet Bursaria	<i>Juncus pallidus</i>	Pale Rush
<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
<i>Cynnogeton procerus</i>	Water Ribbons	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
<i>Eucalyptus arommaphlola</i>	Scentbark	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass
<i>Eucalyptus brookeriana</i>	Brooker's Gum	<i>Microseris walteri</i>	Murnong
<i>Eucalyptus Dives</i>	Broad leaved peppermint	<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	Silver Tussock

Urban Ripple story

The Bunanyung Landscape Alliance (BLA) in partnership with the Yarrowee Leigh Catchment Group (YLCG) was, in March 2024, awarded, a Victorian Government Green Links Program Grant of \$701,000 to deliver a project titled: Urban Ripple: Restoring our Yarrowee River and its Little Creeks during 2025 and 2026. The partners are working with the FoCC and 7 other Landcare groups to plant 39,500 trees and shrubs on 80.5 hectares of land along 8.6 km of local creeks at 13 sites. Sailors Gully is one of the sites with 4800 plants to be planted over 2 years.



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Sailors Gully restoration 2025/26



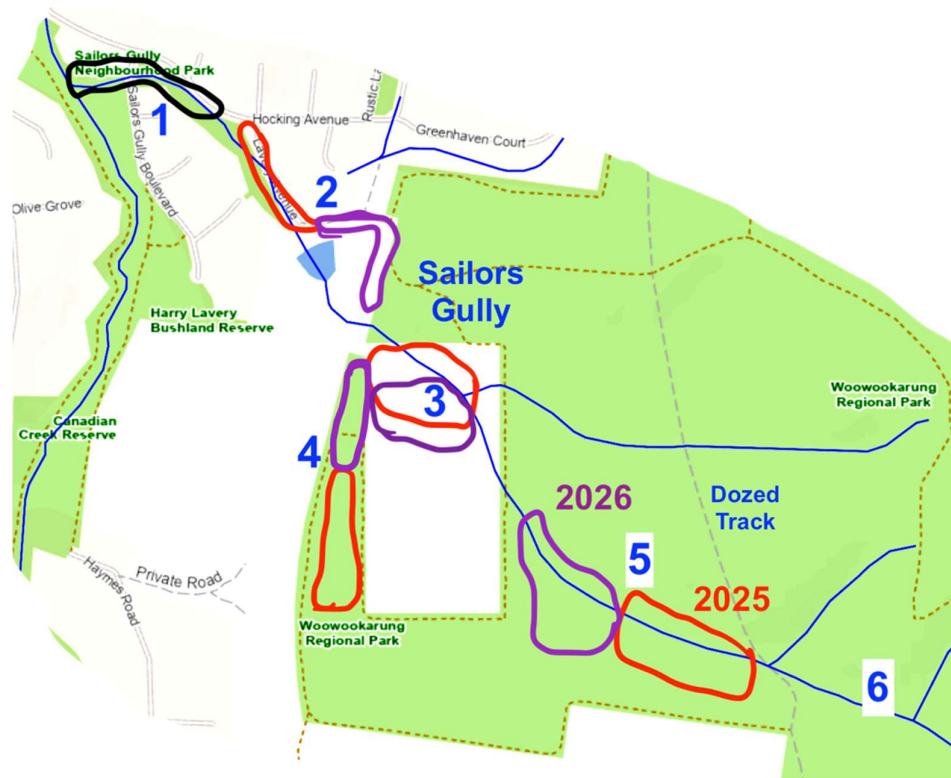
Image: Sailors Gully in 1970. Much of the gully's catchment area was cleared by the Forests Commission to establish a Pine Plantation for Laminex Industries. Sailors Gully is a 2.42-kilometre-long ephemeral creek with its headwaters in the Woowookarung RP near Boundary Rd.



1. Circa 2010. Retention basins and Creekside plantings installed as part of the "Sailors Gully" estate development.

2. Sailors Gully Bushland Reserve (Lavery Avenue). FoCC volunteers planted 300 trees, shrubs and grasses on Sunday August 17th 2025 along the creek in the reserve. 400 trees, shrubs and grasses are scheduled to be planted on 16th August 2026.

3. Removal of 2 hectares of pine trees and saplings along the creek on private property. This was followed up with 1000 plantings in 2025 with another 1000 scheduled for 2026.



4. Mt Clear College "Aspire" students planted 500 trees, shrubs and grasses beside the "Bunny Trail" in 2025 and another 500 to be planted in 2026.

5. FoCC volunteers planted 600 trees, shrubs and grasses along the creek in Woowookarung RP in 2025 with another 600 were planted on Sunday July 12th 2026.



6. Above: Looking eastwards along Sailors Gully after the blue gums were removed in 2012. Image from the gate at Dozed Track. Image courtesy of Rex.

The Canadian Creek catchment as made up of eleven "little creeks". Sailors Gully is arguably the first creek within the catchment area that may be said to be "restored" along its full length. Future weed control and targeted planting will assist the restoration!