

## Charles and Motee Rogers Bushland Reserve Report 2025

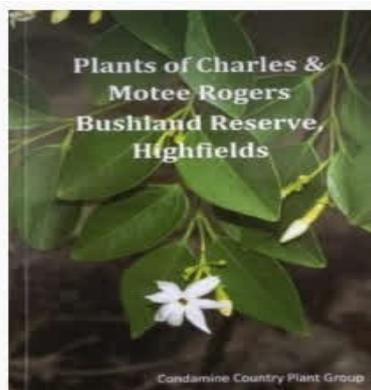
Charles and Motee Rogers donated the Bushland Reserve to Crows Nest Shire Council in 1993. The 6.07 hectare park consists of Remnant Dry Rainforest and Eucalypt Woodland plants as well as some species that have been planted but do not occur naturally in the park. It is classified as an Endangered Ecosystem 12.5.6 under the Vegetation Management Act and is one of the last remaining examples of its kind in Highfields <https://rogersreserve.blogspot.com/p/history.html>

Vegetation work was started by Crows Nest Council around 2000, with weeding, planting, and a controlled burn of part of the western side of the park. It has over 100 native plant species local to this area of Highfields (plus a few extras planted in that grow on the range but may not be present within a few kilometres of the reserve). Both gliders and koalas are occasionally seen.

After a hiatus, Judi Gray in 2014 collected volunteers for vegetation restoration and management. The Friends of the Escarpment Parks Inc took over management of the efforts with supervision by Greg Lukes. A lot of people have shown interest in this gem, especially after the open day and walks from the entrance by the library.



Unfortunately, during the last year active working volunteer numbers have been low with only 3 to 6 most workdays and there were a few days missed due to rain. There are still books about the vegetation available.



*Plants of Charles and Motee Rogers Bushland Reserve Highfields* (2021), was prepared by Lisa Churchward, Patricia Gardner, Peter Macqueen, Steve Plant & Greg Spearritt and published in collaboration with [Condamine Country Plant Group](#). Copies are available and will be of particular interest to residents who enjoy the park at Highfields or who are looking for suitable native plants for their gardens. Call Sue (0409 276 072) to arrange to obtain a copy.

Both Dougal Johnston and Greg Lukes have been accredited for Agricultural Chemical Distribution and Control and Dougal has since received Commercial Operator and Ground Distribution Contractor's licences.

Unfortunately, TRC has not yet transferred the proposed green space along Clarke Rd to Parks and Gardens to facilitate an agreement with FEP to commence vegetation restoration to improve the one remaining connecting corridor to Rogers Reserve.

More bushland park promotion may help this and encourage more working volunteers to join us in the Charles and Motee Rogers Bushland Reserve.

We are still waiting for the TRC draft work plans for 2026.

Volunteers meet at 9 am on the 1st and 4th Fridays of each month. Please get in touch with Dougal at 040992-0399. The meeting place is at 22 O'Brien Road, Highfields – Entrance 3, Community Court.