

DAREBIN PARKLANDS

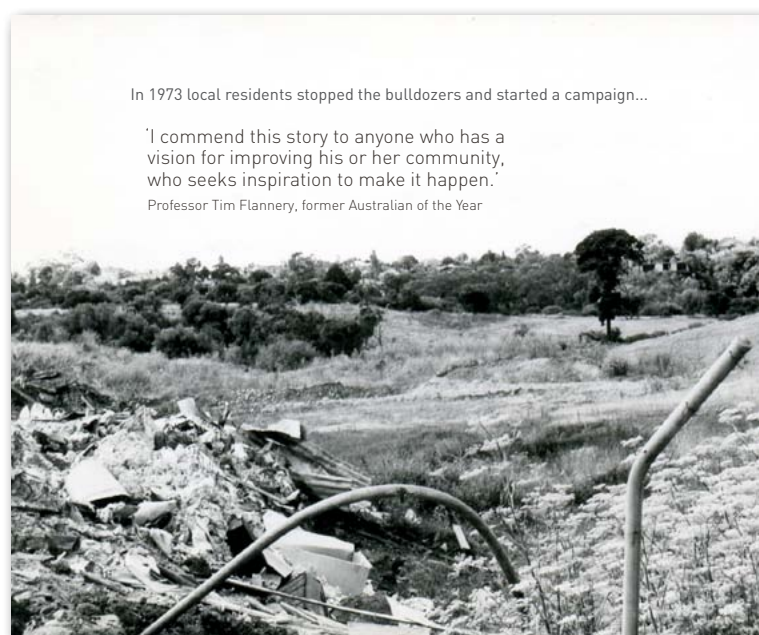
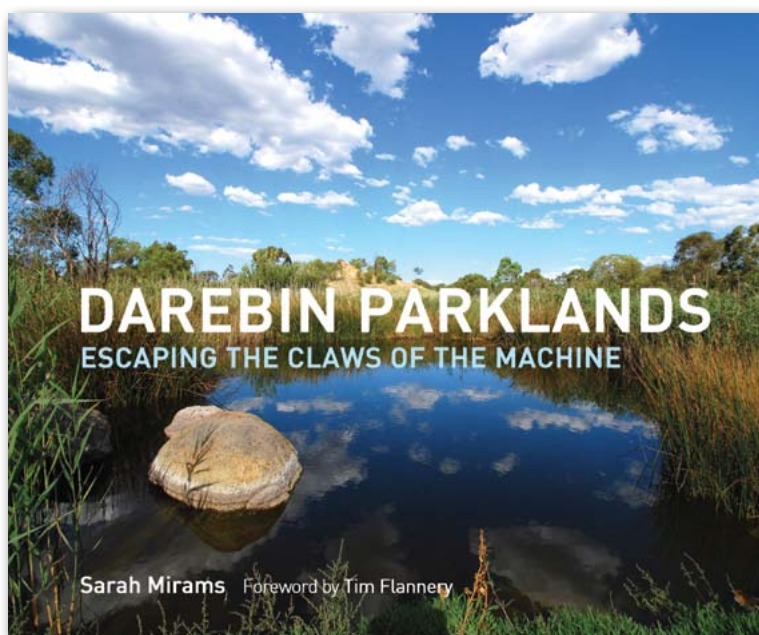
ESCAPING THE CLAWS OF THE MACHINE

Dr Sarah Mirams

The Darebin parklands, an urban bushland on the Darebin Creek, is well loved by the surrounding community – but that was not always the case. Only 35 years ago, the parkland was dominated by a municipal tip, was weed-infested, and destined for commercial development. Local people who had a vision for the land and the spirit to fight for it formed the Darebin Parklands Association. The book uncovers past events and perspectives on the landscape, and provides a micro-study into environmental and social change in Australia.

About the Author

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In 1973 local residents stopped the bulldozers and started a campaign...

'I commend this story to anyone who has a vision for improving his or her community, who seeks inspiration to make it happen.'

Professor Tim Flannery, former Australian of the Year

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