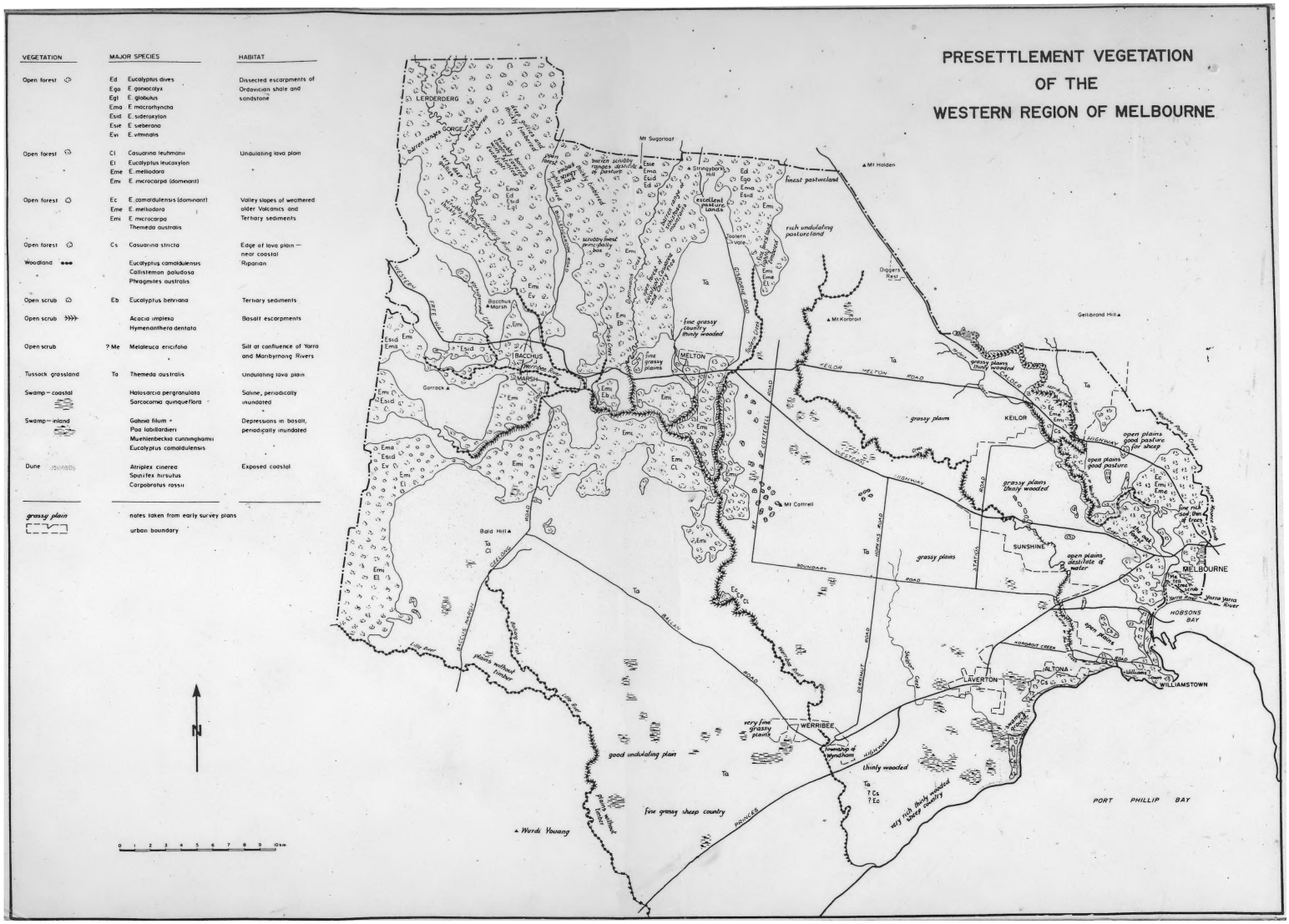
PRESETTLEMENT VEGETATION
OF THE
WESTERN REGION OF MELBOURNE
VEGETATION
MAJOR SPECIES
HABITAT
Open forest
Ed Eucalyptus dives
Ego E. goniocalyx
Egl E. globulus
Emd E. macrorhyncha
Esid E. sideroxylon
Ese E. seberana
Evi E. viminalis
Dissected escarpments of Ordovician shale and sandstone
Open forest
Cl Casuarina leuhmanii
El Eucalyptus leucoxylon
Eme E. melliodora
Emr E. macrocarpa (dominant)
Undulating lava plain
Open forest
Ec E. camaldulensis (dominant)
Eme E. melliodora
Emr E. macrocarpa
Themeda australis
Valley slopes of weathered older Volcanics and Tertiary sediments
Open forest
Cs Casuarina stricta
Edge of lava plain — near coastal
Woodland
Eucalyptus camaldulensis
Callistemon paludosa
Phragmites australis
Riparian
Open scrub
Eb Eucalyptus behriana
Tertiary sediments
Open scrub
Acacia implexa
Hymenanthera dentata
Basalt escarpments
Open scrub
? Me Melaleuca ericifolia
Silt at confluence of Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers
Tussock grassland
Ta Themeda australis
Undulating lava plain
Swamp — coastal
Halosarcia pergranulata
Sarcocornia quinqueflora
Saline, periodically inundated
Swamp — inland
Gahnia filum +
Poa labillardieri
Muehlenbeckia cunninghamii
Eucalyptus camaldulensis
Depressions in basalt, periodically inundated
Dune
Atriplex cinerea
Spinifex hirsutus
Carpobrotus rossii
Exposed coastal
grassy plain
notes taken from early survey plans
urban boundary
N
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10km
LERDERDERG GORGE
Mt Sugarloaf
Strongbow Hill
Mt Holden
finest pastureland
rich undulating pastureland
excellent pasture lands
Diggers Rest
Mt Kororoit
Gellibrand Hill
BACCHUS MARSH
Bacchus Marsh
Gorrack
MELTON
fine grassy country thinly wooded
fine grassy plains
KEILOR
grassy plains
grassy plains thinly wooded
open plains good pasture for sheep
open plains good pasture
open plains destitute of water
Mt Cottrell
Bald Hill
SUNSHINE
MELBOURNE
HOBSONS BAY
ALTONA
LAVERTON
WILLIAMSTOWN
WERRIBEE
township of Wyndham
very fine grassy plains
good undulating plain
thinly wooded
very rich thinly wooded water country
fine grassy sheep country
plains without timber
Werdi Youang
PORT PHILLIP BAY
MELTON ROAD
KEILOR ROAD
GISBORNE ROAD
BALLAN ROAD
PRINCES HIGHWAY
WESTERN HIGHWAY
BOUNDARY ROAD
SYDENHAM ROAD
DEVONPORT ROAD
Maribyrnong River
Werribee River
Yarra River