DAREBIN PARKLANDS
ESCAPING THE CLAWS OF THE MACHINE

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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.

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