



HUME CITY COUNCIL

LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

Indigenous landscape treatments

Council is committed to the protection and retention of biodiversity values in the planning of both new developments and Council works. Council's Sustainable Environment Department can provide guidance to ensure that native vegetation, scattered indigenous trees and waterways are appropriately considered and incorporated into design.

Planning and investigation

- Reference should first be made to any existing Offset Management Plan, Conservation Management Plan or equivalent, relevant to the site
- The planting of indigenous vegetation of local provenance should seek to extend and continue vegetative and habitat corridors and linkages, while ensuring that such plantings do not increase or introduce the risk of wildfire
- Existing and emerging environmental and noxious weeds are to be removed prior to the commencement of landscape works, and regularly during the maintenance establishment period. Only contractors trained in natural area management are to undertake weed control in environmentally sensitive areas

Landscape treatment

- Landscape Treatment is to be in accordance with Hume City Council Biodiversity Planning Policy
- Conservation reserve interfaces are to be treated in accordance with Hume Standard Landscape Drawings
- Tree guards are required for all tree and shrub tubestock. Tree guards are not required for groundcover species unless they are particularly palatable species in an area with a high grazing pressure

- Planting in bushland environments is to be limited to the period from early Autumn to early Spring, to ensure optimum survival and establishment
- Steep and rocky areas which do not contain existing remnant vegetation or fauna habitat are to be sprayed, mulched and planted out to minimise maintenance
- Landscape treatment must address bushfire risks

Plant selection

- Only indigenous species of local provenance are to be used in the vicinity of all waterways, grasslands, bushland and environmentally sensitive areas
- Indigenous, local provenance plants are to be sourced from a nursery specialising in plants indigenous to the North West of Melbourne. It is recommended that plants are contract grown, well in advance, in order to secure the required species and stock numbers. Contract-grown local provenance plants in larger pots will be accepted
- Introduced species which are known to be a weed risk to conservation reserves must not be used in landscape planting within 400 metres of conservation reserves. Contact Council's Sustainable Environment Department and view the list of Priority Weeds on the Hume City Council website for guidance
- Indigenous street and reserve trees are required in developments that are in close proximity to conservation areas and creek reserves, and may need to be grown in advance. Refer to the planning permit

Signage

- Interpretive signage must be incorporated where possible, and be in accordance with Hume's Natural Heritage Interpretation Guidelines

Indigenous nurseries

Nursery name	Contact details
Western Plains Flora	628 Wildwood Rd, Wildwood 3429 (03) 9740 3178 admin@wpflora.com.au
Greybox & Grasslands Indigenous Nursery	50 School Rd, Balliang East 3340 (03) 5369 5221
Bili Nursery and Landcare	525 Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne (03) 9645 2477 www.westgatebiodiversity.org.au/
Newport Lakes Native Nursery	2 Lakes Dr, Newport 3015 (03) 9391 0044
Victorian Indigenous Nurseries Cooperative	Yarra Bend Rd, Fairfield 3078 (03) 9482 1710
Mt William Advanced Tree Nursery	539 West Goldie Rd, Lancefield 3435 (03) 5429 1517 www.advancedtrees.com.au/

References

Grasslands, Victorian National Parks Association

Hume City Council Biodiversity Planning Policy

<https://vnpa.org.au/publications/start-with-the-grasslands/>

Natural Heritage Interpretation Guidelines

The Indigenous Flora and Fauna Association

Standard Drawing:

- Conservation Reserve Plan and Section SLD-10.1
- Conservation Reserve Pedestrian Access SLD-10.2

