



# HUME CITY COUNCIL LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

## Introduction

Hume City Council is committed to the development of beautiful places for the community to live and recreate in. Attractive and functional parks, streetscapes and waterways contribute to the community's sense of place and ownership.

Hume City Council recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, which includes the Gunung Willam Balluk clan, as the Traditional Custodians of this land. Council embraces Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander living cultures as a vital part of Australia's identity and recognises, celebrates and pays respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and to Elders past, present and future.

These Landscape Guidelines are based on the principles of sustainability, durability, low maintenance, diversity, connectivity and safety.

They include the use of plant materials that are long lived and survive Hume's dry and exposed conditions, sustainability in materials and the life of the overall landscape, minimising ongoing maintenance and replacement, maximising shade and providing active transport networks.

The purpose of the Hume Landscape Guidelines is to provide clear direction for landscape architects, designers, associated consultants and contractors of Council's expectations for the development of open space reserves, streetscapes and conservation reserve buffers.

These Guidelines are to be used by land developers and their consultants, Council officers and their consultants dealing with both major capital works and minor park upgrades.

The Guidelines are to be read in conjunction with the Hume Open Space Strategy, Hume Playspace Planning Framework, Hume Walking and Cycling Strategy, Hume Skate, Scooter & BMX Plan and Hume Public Art Strategy.

Developers and their consultants should also refer to Landscape Processes for developers, Pre-Commencement Checklist, and On Maintenance Checklist.

Topics are covered in individual sections. These refer to Council's current approach and should be checked regularly for updates. The Guidelines cover both general and specific requirements, many of which have been raised on previous projects. They also reference the relevant Council policies and strategies, current Council Standard Drawings, other relevant agency documents and Australian Standards.

### The following Victorian State Government documents should also be referred to:

- Safer Design Guidelines
- Healthy by Design Policy
- Native Vegetation Management-A Framework for Action

For further information on the guidelines, please address your enquiries to the Council officer working on your project or [Contactus@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:Contactus@hume.vic.gov.au)

## References

- Hume City Council Pre Commencement Check List**
- Hume City Council On-Maintenance Check List**
- Hume Recommended Species List**
- Landscape Design Considerations**
- Landscape Processes for Developers**