

THE BENEFITS OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS PLANTS

- Need little or no additional water once established;
- Grow well in sandy soils and do not need fertilisers;
- Attract a balance of good insects, birds and animals keeping your plants healthy;
- Protect your property from wind, sand and salt deposits.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Plant local indigenous plants that belong in your area;
- Remove pest plants from your garden;
- Compost your garden waste; or
- Place garden waste in green waste bin for Council collection;
- Secure and cover your green waste load when taking to a Council transfer station;
- Get actively involved with a local environment group.

WHAT IS A PEST PLANT?

- A plant that invades local indigenous vegetation;
- Can be a plant from overseas, or an Australian indigenous plant that does not belong locally.

WHAT PROBLEMS DO PEST PLANTS CAUSE?

- Alter the landscape and character of the area;
- Reduce habitat for native plants and wildlife;
- Increase fuel loads leading to greater risk of fire;
- Change natural water cycles and affect erosion;
- Provides habitat for pest animals.

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.dse.vic.gov.au

www.weeds.org.au

www.dpi.vic.gov.au

www.geelongcity.vic.gov.au - Indigenous Plants of the Geelong Region

Plants On The Run

Garden plants are escaping into the sand dunes becoming environmental weeds, destroying habitat for our native plants and animals.

Weed out these pest plants - swap for our local indigenous plants that grow naturally in your area.



AS AN EXAMPLE,
REPLACE THIS WEED...



Agapanthus - *Agapanthus praecox*

...WITH THIS LOCAL
INDIGENOUS PLANT



Coast Flax Lily - *Dianella brevicaulis*

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Sweet Pittosporum - *Pittosporum undulatum*

...WITH THIS LOCAL
INDIGENOUS PLANT



Moonah - *Melaleuca lanceolata*



Bridal Creeper - *Asparagus asparagoides*



Clematis - *Clematis microphylla*



Boneseed - *Chrysanthemoides monilifera*



White Correa - *Correa alba*



Bellarine Pea - *Polygala myrtifolia*



Coast Beard Heath - *Leucopogon parviflorus*



Gazania - *Gazania sp*



Karkalla - *Carpobrotus rossii*



Mirror Bush - *Coprosma repens*



Common Boobialla - *Myoporum insulare*



Cape Ivy - *Delairea odorata*



Bower Spinach - *Tetragonia implexicoma*



Italian Buckthorn - *Rhamnus alaternus*



Wirilda - *Acacia uncifolia*



Climbing Groundsel - *Senecio angulatus*



Seaberry Saltbush - *Rhagodia candolleana*