



WATERWISE GARDENING ACTION PLAN

Spring is the best time to get your garden ready for the hot summer ahead.

- Protect your precious garden against the harsh sun by applying mulch to garden beds and straw to vegetable gardens. Mulch over your garden beds to a minimum depth of 50mm.

- Apply a soil wetting agent and fertiliser to the lawn. Use a slow release fertiliser because they promote steady, long term growth.
- You should lower the blades on the lawn mower so that the first cut of Spring is the hardest of all. The blades should then be progressively lifted through the growing season to Autumn.

- Add water saving crystals to baskets and pots.
- Check all the sprinklers, drippers, sprayers etc on your irrigation system. Ensure there are no blockages or water wasted by spraying on paths. Make sure your watering program is correct for the time of the year.

Are you sick of the work and \$\$\$ looking after your lawn entails? You might well consider its reduction or even its demise. But what would you replace it with? There are lots of alternatives.

Paving or mulch is easy, however for those of you who wish to keep green and would like to see birds, beasts and butterflies in your garden, there are many low plants that can be put in now. Contact KBULG for some suggestions.

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- membership category:** (tick one)
- individual junior (u18) family
 business \$100 (price includes GST)

projects I am interested in being involved with:

- community tree planting days
- gardening with native plants
- junior landcare
- bushwalks
- nightstalks
- busy bees on weekends
- displays and promotions
- other (please specify)

IT'S FREE

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LIVE LOCAL, PLANT LOCAL

What are indigenous plants?

Indigenous plants are local native plants that grow naturally in your area. Many have colourful flowers and attractive foliage that look great in all types of gardens. Benefits of indigenous plants

• **Low maintenance**

Indigenous plants are perfectly suited to the local soil and climate. They thrive in the local area with little or no additional water, fertilisers or pesticides once they have established.

• **Provide food and shelter for native wildlife**

By planting even a few indigenous plants in your garden you can provide food and shelter to native wildlife such as birds, butterflies and frogs.

• **Enhance the landscape**

Indigenous plants reflect the character and charm of your local area. Their unique style contributes to a sense of local identity.

What can you do?

Planting indigenous plants doesn't mean you have to turn your garden into bushland, you can start by mixing and matching indigenous plants with other natives and exotics. If you are pulling out a tired shrub, why not replace it with showy indigenous plant?



SMELLS OF SPRING Eucalyptus oil

This versatile essential oil has endless uses - it's an antiseptic, insect and pest repellent, fragrance and it even has medicinal uses. Add a few drops to hot water to mop the floor, soften wool, or inhale it as a remedy to ease colds and flu. It's also great for removing stickers, chewing gum and painful bandaids with ease.

RIDE TO WORK DAY 12TH OCTOBER

Benefits of riding are – saving money and time, getting fit, staying healthy and travelling green. We all keep making excuses so make this the day to start.



Recycle Revision

Remember it's the easiest way we can actively help the environment. When you put your empty bottles, papers, magazines and cans in the recycling bin you may think

you're not doing very much but you're not the only one. There are thousands of people like you doing exactly the same thing. In addition to the kerbside recycling there are several other programs that collect materials through drop

off points in retail stores, offices, libraries, council buildings and other locations depending on the material. Check out www.recyclingnearyou.com.au to see what services are available. The other recycling programs are

for corks, car batteries, car tyres, gas cylinders, light globes, motor oil, medicines, paints, chemicals and scrap metal among others



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