

Conditions of approval:

All costs of establishment, renewal & maintenance, is to be borne by landowner.

Council and service authorities reserve the right to access pre-existing assets and future assets.

Disturbance resulting from utilities works will only be reinstated to a neat finish plants will not be reinstated.

Council reserves the right to remove any unsuitable or poorly maintained plantings in any naturestrip pavement.



Gravel Mulch Treatment Roundabout Swan Hill

Under the Local Government Act (1989) Council has the right to request removal of landscaping that does not comply with these guidelines. These guidelines only apply to naturestrips under the management of Council. It does not include street trees.

Provide Council's Environment Unit with a sketch diagram of proposed waterwise Naturestrip treatment including your plant species list

Preparing your Naturestrip:

Spray existing plant material using commercial herbicide.

If the excavation depth is greater than 200 mm contact "Dial Before You Dig" on #1100 to obtain services plans.

Excavate turf /topsoil up to 100 mm. Take care not to cultivate under dripline of the existing street tree.

Mulch Gravel or Bogadust

Place crushed rock /recycled concrete or Bogadust, maximum of 10 mm particle size. Maintain gravel 5-10 mm below kerb level. Use a roller to compact the crushed rock.

Organic Mulch

Organic mulch can be sourced from the Swan Hill Landfill at no cost. After excavation, add mulch layer 25-50 mm below kerb level. Plant your naturestrip using approved Waterwise Plants from attached list. Maintain a level surface and compact, allow a gentle

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ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPE TREATMENTS ON NATURESTRIPS



Guidelines for Waterwise Landscape Treatments for Urban Naturestrips

Alternative Waterwise Treatment on Nature Strips

Swan Hill Rural City Council recognises the importance of creating landscapes that use water resources efficiently and enhances the surrounding environment.

Naturestrips are an integral part of the urban landscape of Swan Hill contributing to the character of our neighbourhoods and streetscapes.



Indigenous water wise plantings with organic mulch

Council approved Alternative Waterwise Landscape Treatments:

Arid zone/waterwise & indigenous native plantings.

Drought tolerant exotic plantings.

Drought tolerant summer grasses.

Mulching using compacted gravels

(no larger than 10 mm).

Grasses and Alternatives:

Traditionally grass or turf is the most common treatment on urban naturestrips.

This treatment requires high amounts of water especially during summer. Alternative Waterwise species such as kikuyu, Buffalo, Couch or Lippia, are all easily propagated by runners and are low water users.

Remember, deep infrequent watering is far more effective than short irregular watering

Organic Mulches & Gravels

Covering the naturestrip with a mulch provides a low maintenance option that greatly reduces water and maintenance costs.

Mulches & Gravels reduce water evaporation and improves water retention.

Low Water use plantings

Planting of waterwise groundcovers and shrubs no larger than 500 mm reduces maintenance and improves the amenity value of the streetscape.

See attached recommended species list.

Contact Council for further details

REMEMBER:

All costs of establishment, maintenance and renewal is to be borne by landowner.

Retain flat spaces for garbage and recycling bins.

Landscaping elements such as rocks, bollards or sleepers are not permitted.

No irrigation systems are permitted on naturestrips.

Landscape materials must be kept stable and properly maintained.

Minimise your impact on existing street trees, do not excavate within tree dripline.



Waterwise treatment using mulch

It is recommended that the owner/occupier extend their house and contents Public Liability insurance to include naturestrip planting