

WORKING TOWARDS SAFE & RESPONSIBLE ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION SERIES

PLANTING LIST

This factsheet provides a list of plants that is suitable for planting within your disposal and surrounding areas to help absorb the effluent being discharged.

The following is a list of suitable plants for planting within your disposal & surrounding areas aimed at providing suitable vegetation to help with absorbing the effluent within your disposal and surrounding areas.

Only low growing plants, included in this list, such as grasses, sedges and groundcovers are suitable to plant directly over the absorption trench or subsurface irrigation. All other vegetation such as trees and shrubs must be planted at a distance away from the absorption trench that is equivalent to the expected height

of the plant. Any plants with an invasive root system should not be planted on or close to the absorption trench or subsurface irrigation system, as the roots may block or interfere with the functioning of the system.

Following is a list of vegetation that is recommended for the disposal and surrounding area of your OSMS. Please note, not all plants will be suitable for all local climatic conditions. If you require further advice on plant selection, please contact Griffith City Council.

GRASSES

Botanical Name (e=exotic)	Common Name	Approximate Height (m)
Carex spp.	Sedge	variable
Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-head mat-rush	1.0
Microlaena stipoides	Weeping grass	0.7
Pennisetum alopecuroides	Available as lawn turf	0.4-0.8
Poa lab	Illardieri	0.3-0.8
Stipa spp.	Stipa	variable
Stenotaphrum Secundatum (e)	Buffalo	0.15
Pennisetum Clandestinum (e)	Kikuyo	0.15

GROUNDCOVERS

Botanical Name (e=exotic)	Common Name	Approximate Height (m)
Acanthus mollis (e)	Oyster plant	0.8
Coprosma x kirki (e)	Small leaf looking grass plant	1
Grevillea poorinda	Royal mantle	Prostrate
Isotoma fluviatilis	Blue star creeper	Prostrate
Liriope muscari (e)	Lily Turf	0.3-0.6
Ophiopogon japonicas (e)	Mondo grass	0.2-0.4
Scaevola albida	White fan-flower	0.50
Scaevola ramosissima	Purple fan-flower	0.40
Veronica plebeian	Trailing Speedwell	0.15
Viola hederacea	Native violet	



CLIMBERS

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Botanical Name (e=exotic)	Common Name	Approximate Height (m)
Bougainvillea spp (e)	Bougainvillea	1.0-12.0
Hardenbergia violacea	Happy wanderer	6
Hibbertia scandens	Snake vine	2.0-5.0
Jasminum polyanthum	Jasmine	3
Kennedia rubicunda	Dusky coral pea	4.0
Pandorea jasminoides	Bower of beauty	1.8

SEDGES/GRASSES/SMALL PLANTS

Botanical Name (e=exotic)	Common Name	Approximate Height (m)
Agapanthus preacox (e)	Common agapathus	0.8-1.0
Anigozanthus flavidus	Kangaroo paw	2
Baumea acuta	Pale twig-rush	0.3
Baumea articulate	Jointed Rush	Sedge
Baumea juncea	Bare twig-rush	Sedge
Baumea nuda		Sedge
Baumea rubiginosa	Flat leaf twig-rush	Sedge
Baumea teretifolia		Sedge
Blandfordia grandiflora	Christmas bell	0.3-0.9
Blandfordia nobilis	Christmas bell	0.3-0.9
Brachyscome diversifolia	Native daisy	0.45
Canna x generalis (e)	Canna lily	1.0-3.0
Carex appressa	Tall sedge	Sedge
Cotula coronopifolia	Waterbutton	0.1-0.2
Crinum pedunculatum	Swamp lilly	<2.0
Cyperus polystachyos	Field sedge	Sedge
Dianella caerulea	Blue flax lilly	1.0
Epacris microphylla	Coral Heath	0.5-1.0
Fern		
Gahnia spp.	Sawsedge / Tall grass	sedge
Hibbertia stellaris	Star guinea flower	0.5
Juncus spp.	Rush	0.5
Lobelia trigonocaulis	Forest Lobelia	0.05-0.1
Lomandra spp.	Mat-rush	Grass
Patersonia fragilis	Native iris	0.5
Patersonia glabrata	Native iris	0.5
Patersonia occidentalis	Native iris	0.5
Ranunculus graniticola	Granite buttercup	0.2-0.3
Restio australis	Mountain Cordrush	Reed
Restio tetraphyllus	Tassel cordrush	1
Sowerbaea juncea	Rush lily	Sedge
Tetralochea juncea	Black-eyed susan	<0.3
Xyris operculata	Tall yellow eye	<1.0

SHRUBS

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Botanical Name (e=exotic)	Common Name	Approximate Height (m)
Abelia x grandiflora (e)	Abelia	1.8
Agonis flexuosa nana	Willow peppermint	2
Astor novi-belgii (e)	New York aster	0.1-0.9
Baekea linifolia	Flax-leaf heath myrtle	1.0-2.5
Baekea utilis	Mountain heath myrtle	1.0-2.5
Baekea virgate	Twiggy heath myrtle	<4.0
Banksia aemula	Wallum banksia	1.0-7.0
Banksia robur	Swamp banksia	0.5-2.0
Bauera rubroides	Dog rose	0.5-1.5
Callistemon	Burgundy	2.0-3.0
Callistemon	Eureka	2.0-4.0
Callistemon	Harkness	3.0-4.0
Callistemon	Kings park special	3.0-4.5
Callistemon	Mauve mist	2.0-3.0
Callistemon	Red clusters	1-2.5m
Callistemon	Reeves Pink	2.0-3.0
Callistemon citrinus	Austraflora firebrand	0.5-0.8
Callistemon citrinus	Splendens	2.0-4.0
Callistemon citrinus	White ice	0.6-1.0
Callistemon linearis	Narrow-leaved bottlebrush	1.0-3.0
Callistemon macropunctatus	Scarlet bottlebrush	2.0-4.0
Callistemon pachyphyllus	Wallum bottlebrush	2.0-3.0
Callistemon pallidus	Lemon bottlebrush	1.5-4.0
Callistemon pinifolius	Pine-leaved bottlebrush	1.0-3.0
Callistemon rigidus	Stiff bottlebrush	1.5-2.5
Callistemon salignus	Willow bottlebrush	3.0-10.0
Callistemon shiresii	White bottlebrush	4.0-8.0
Callistemon sieberi	River bottlebrush	1.5-2.0
Callistemon sieberi	Austraflora little cobbler	0.5-0.8
Callistemon subulatus	Dwarf bottlebrush	1.0-2.0
Callistemon viminalis	Captain cook	1.0-2.0
Callistemon viminalis	Dawson river	5.0-10.0
Callistemon viminalis	Hannah ray	3.0-5.0
Callistemon viminalis	Little john	0.5-1.0
Callistemon viminalis	Rose opal	1.5-2.0
Callistemon viminalis	Western glory	2.0-3.0
Ceratostigma (e)	Plumbago	1
Chaenomeles Lagenaria (e)	Flowering quince	2
Chrysanthemum maximum (e)	Shasta daisy	0-0.9
Correa alba	White correa	1.5
Cuphea ignea (e)	Cigar plant	0.6
Euonymus japonicas (e)	Japanese spindle	2.0-8.0

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Euphorbia millii (e)	Crown of thorns	1.5
Goodenia ovata	Hop goodenia	1.0-1.5
Hebe speciosa (e)	New Zealand hebe	1.0-2.0
Hibiscus	Swamp hibiscus	1.0-2.0
Jasminum officinale 'Grandiflorum' (e)	Jasmine	1.1
Kunzea capitata	Pink kunzea	1.0-2.0
Leptospermum flavescens	Tea-tree	<2.0
Leptospermum juniperinum	Tea-tree	1
Leptospermum lanigerum	Wooly tea-tree	1.0-2.0
Leptospermum squarrosum	Peach blossom tea-tree	<2.0
Melaleuca alternifolia	Narrow-leaved paperbark	4.0-7.0
Melaleuca decussate	Cross-leaved honey myrtle	1.0-2.0
Melaleuca lanceolata	Moonah	4.0-6.0
Melaleuca squamea	Swamp honey-myrtle	1.0-2.0
Melaleuca thymifolia	Thyme-leaf honey-myrtle	0.5-1.5
Nerium oleander (e)	Oleander	6
Plumbago auriculata (e)	Blue plumbago	6
Salvia x superba (e)	Hybrid sage	1
Stokesia laevis (e)	Stokes aster	0.3-0.6
Thunbergia alata (e)	Black-eyed susan	4
Westringia fruticosa	Native rosemary	2

TREES

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Botanical Name (e=exotic)	Common Name	Approximate Height (m)
Acacia elongate	Swamp wattle	>2.0
Acacia floribunda	Gossamer wattle	2.0-4.0
Acmena smithii	Lilli pilli	10.0-20.0
Agonis flexuosa	Willow myrtle	5.0-6.0
Allocasuarina diminuta	Sheoak	1.5
Allocasuarina paludosa	Swamp sheoak	0.5-2.0
Angophora costata	Smooth barked apple	25
Angophora floribunda	Rough-barked apple	30
Angophora subvelutina	Broad-leafed apple	12.0-20.0
Callicoma serratifolia	Black wattle	<6.0
Casuarina cunninghamiana	River she-oak	10.0-30.0
Casuarina glauca	Swamp oak	6.0-12.0
Casuarina stricta	Drooping sheoak	10
Elaeocarpus reticulatis	Blueberry ash	15
Eucalyptus amplifolia	Cabbage gum	30

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Botanical Name (e=exotic)	Common Name	Approximate Height (m)
Eucalyptus botryoides	Bangalay / Southern mahogany	40
Eucalyptus camaldulensis	River red gum	15.0-20.0
Eucalyptus elata	River peppermint	20.0-30.0
Eucalyptus grandis	Flooded gum	10.0-20.0
Eucalyptus longifolia	Woollybutt	20
Eucalyptus pilularis	Blackbutt	30.0-40.0
Eucalyptus punctata	Greygum	<35.0
Eucalyptus robusta	Swamp mahogany	20.0-30.0
Eucalyptus tereteicornis	Forest red gum	30.0-40.0
Eucalyptus viminalis	Ribbon gum	20.0-40.0
Flindersia australis	Native teak	<40.0
Hakea salicifolia	Willow-leaved hakea	5.0-8.0
Hakea saligna	Fine leaf willow-leaved hakea	5.0-8.0
Hymenosporum flavum	Native frangipani	3.0-6.0
Leptospermum petersonii	Tea-tree	5
Melaleuca armillaris	Bracelet honey myrtle	3.0-4.0
Melaleuca decora	White feather honey myrtle	4.0-7.0
Melaleuca ericifolia	Swamp paperbark	6
Melaleuca halmaturorum	Salt paperbark	4.0-6.0
Melaleuca hypericifolia	Red-flowered paperbark	2.0-3.0
Melaleuca linariifolia	Snow in summer	4.0-8.0
Melaleuca quinquenervia	Broad paperbark	5.0-7.0
Melaleuca squarrosa	Scented paperbark	6
Melaleuca stypheloides	Prickly paperbark	6.0-15.0
Melia azedarach	White cedar	15.0-20.0
Nyssa sylvatica (e)	Tupelo	25
Photinea x fraseri 'Robusta' (e)	Red-leaf photinia	8
Pittosporum spp.	Pittosporum	2.0-30.0
Syzygium paniculatum	Bush cherry	8.0-10.0
Tristania laurina	Kanuka	5.0-15.0
Tristaniopsis laurina	Water gum	4.5-9.0
Viminaria juncea	Golden Spray	2.0-6.0



PLANTS FOR MY ABSORPTION TRENCH AREA

Plant Name	Height

PLANTS FOR MY SURROUNDING AREA

Plant Name	Height



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