

Do you have bushland in your backyard?

Do you need help to manage weeds more effectively than you already are?

Are you interested in biodiversity and conservation, and learning more about the bushland where you live?

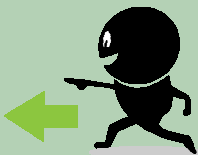
Do you know if you have protected native vegetation on your property?

Would you like to know the best way to tackle weeds on your property?

Are you already managing weeds or other issues in your backyard bushland?

Have you wondered how to improve habitat for native wildlife?

Would you like to meet like-minded people in the Mountains?



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can I join?

The **most important criteria** for inclusion in the Bush Backyards scheme is your commitment to manage your property to protect, enhance and improve native bushland.

An underlying principle is that people manage their own properties.

An initial property visit can assist to determine if this program suits you.



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What is the Bush Backyards scheme?

The 'Bush Backyards' Scheme is a Blue Mountains City Council Program aiming to enhance and protect the natural values of the Blue Mountains across a range of tenures, particularly on private lands.

This scheme aims to protect significant conservation assets by supporting landholders who are committed to the conservation of native plants, animals and bushland on their properties.

Eligible landowners commit to implementing a simple property management plan to protect and improve habitat values on their land.

To help protect the natural values of the Blue Mountains, we can ALL contribute...



Exotic plants and soil erosion are just two things that can create major problems in our World Heritage bushland areas.

These can replace and smother native plants—reducing biodiversity, destroying animal habitat and degrading the beauty of the bush.

It is many of these natural features that attract us to live in the Blue Mountains.

who is eligible?

'Bush Backyards' members may include;

- schools
- commercial properties
- rural landholders & semi-rural farmland
- residential landowners



What are the benefits?

1

Local native plant lists for a bush-friendly backyard

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Training workshops run for members throughout the year

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Contacts for bush regeneration and weed control contractors

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Weed control training & plans tailored to you & your property

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Information on the latest bush-land conservation techniques

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On-site property assessment and advice

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Contact with other residents involved in conservation works

benefits for bushland...

...benefits for you