

## 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?



**THEN READ ON**



## can I join?

The **most important criteria** for inclusion in the Bush Backyards scheme is your commitment to manage your property in such a way which pursues the enhancement and improvement of 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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# the bush backyards scheme



in the Blue Mountains

# What is the **bush** backyards scheme?

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

This scheme aims to provide support to landholders committed to the conservation of native plants, animals and bushland on their properties. This scheme is funded externally for three years through The Environmental Trust .

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.

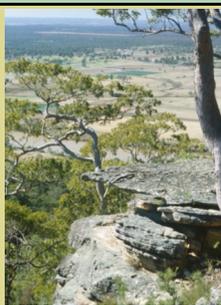
## who is eligible?

'Bush Backyards' members may include;

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



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



## 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

3

Contacts for bush regeneration and weed control contractors

4

Weed control plans tailored for your property

5

Assistance with the loan of tools and herbicide

6

On-site property assessment and advice

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Advice and training on weed control methods

benefits for bushland...

...benefits for you