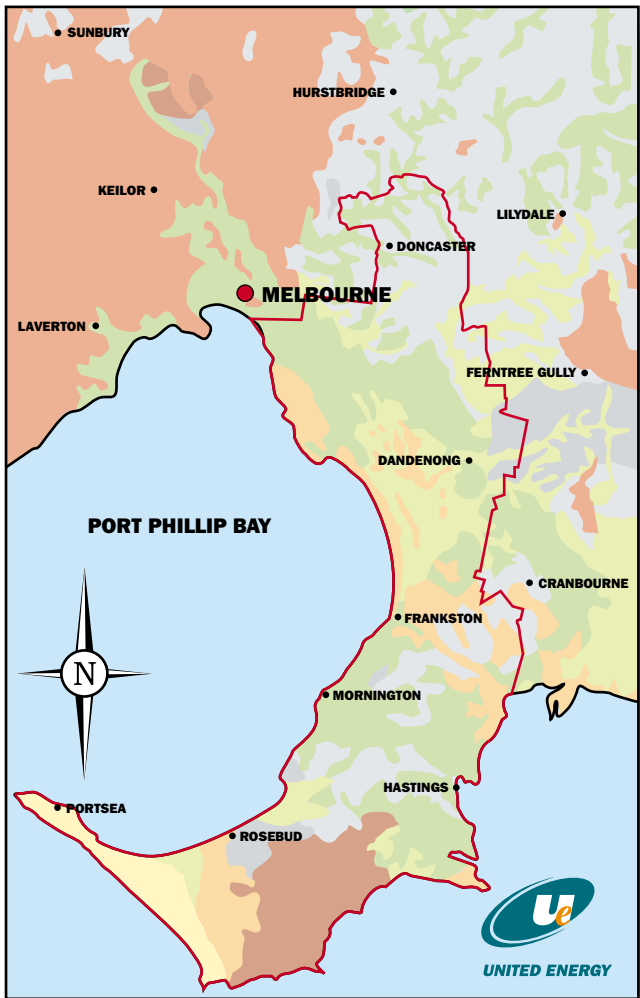


# INDIGENOUS PLANTING GUIDE

For Melbourne's  
Southern and Eastern  
suburbs and the  
Mornington Peninsula



## SOIL TYPES



### Legend

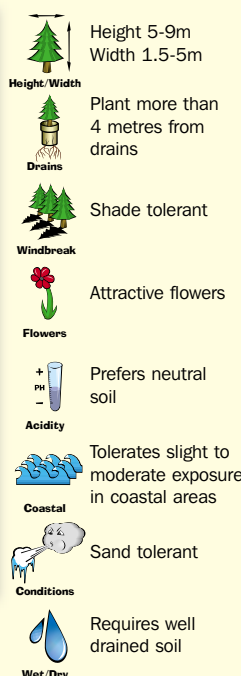
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- DEEP SANDS FREE OF LIME
- DEEP SANDS WITH LIME
- HEAVY CLAYS ON YOUNGER BASALT
- UNITED ENERGY DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY

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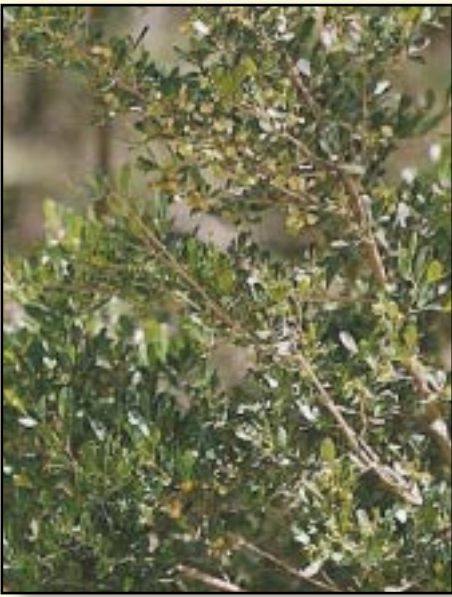
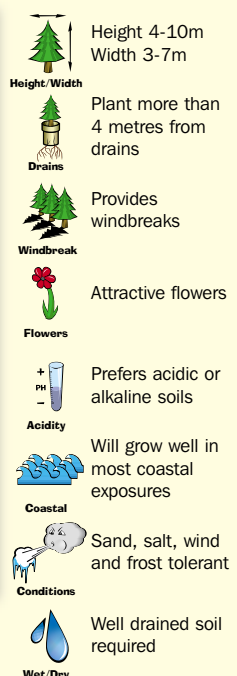
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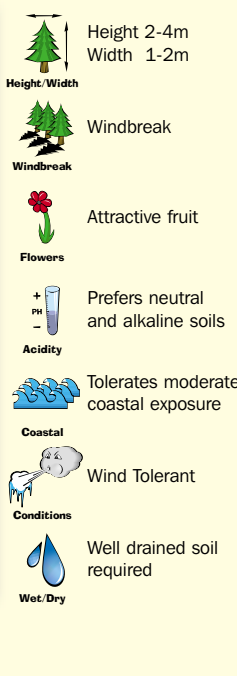
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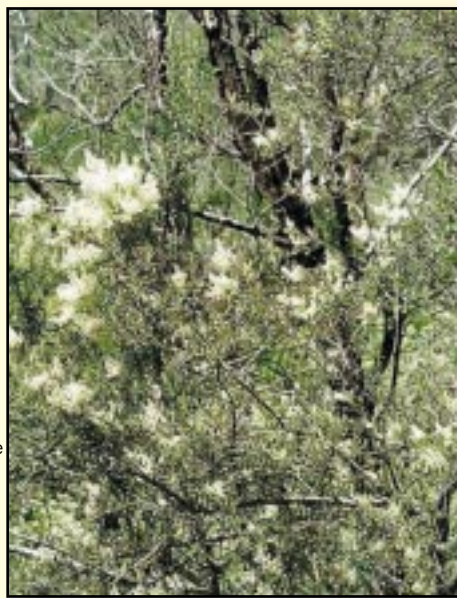
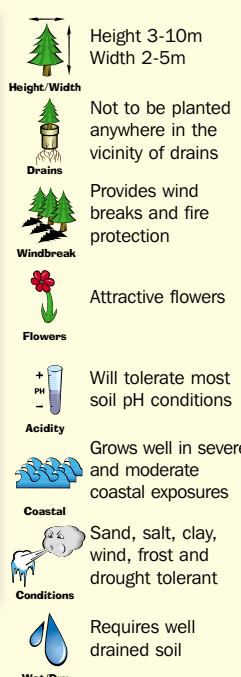
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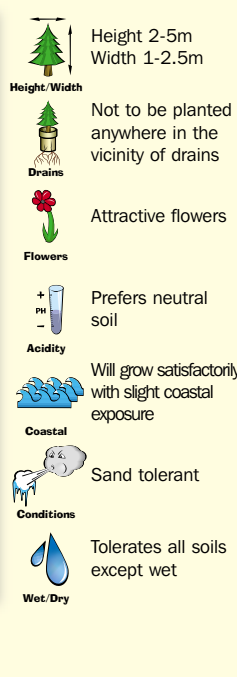
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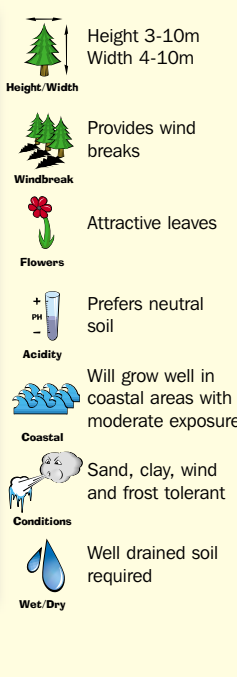
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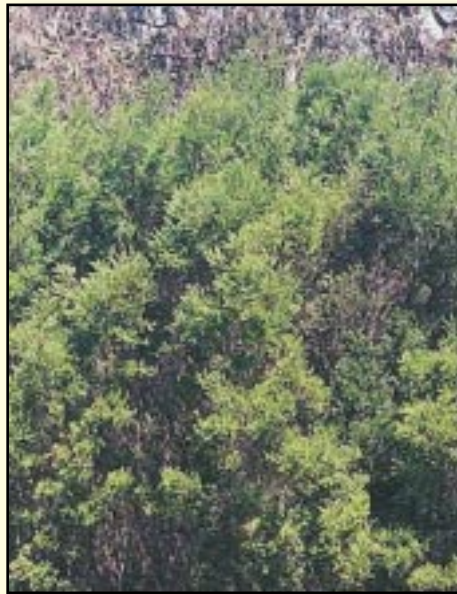
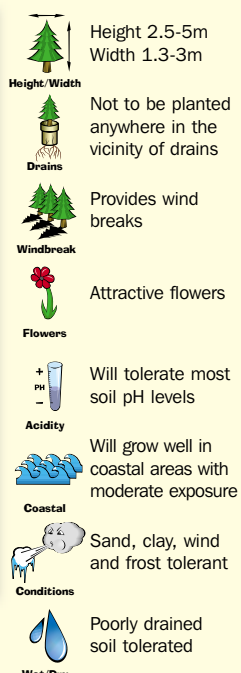
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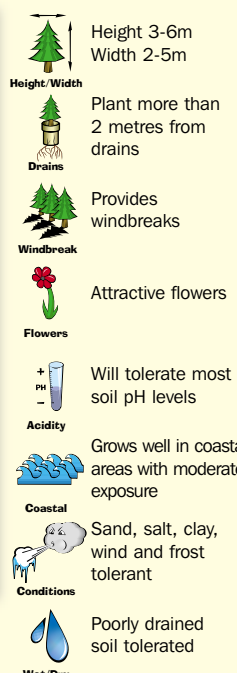
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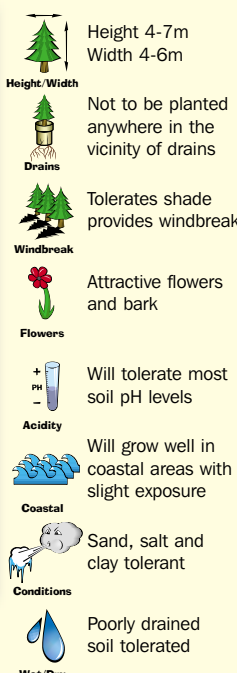
**Woolly Tea-tree**  
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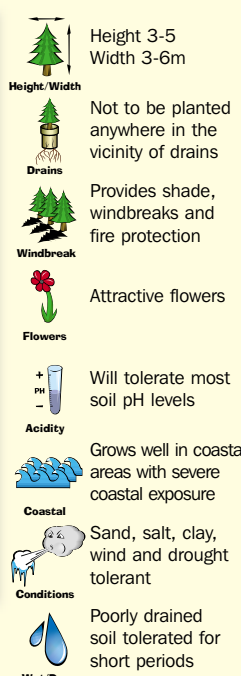
**Swamp Paperbark**  
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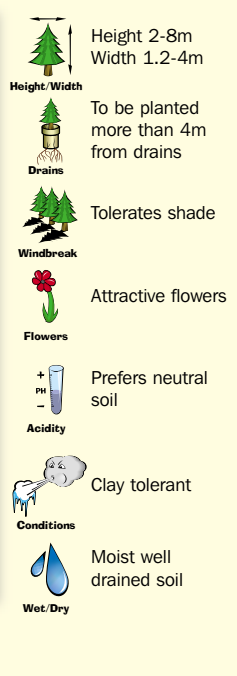
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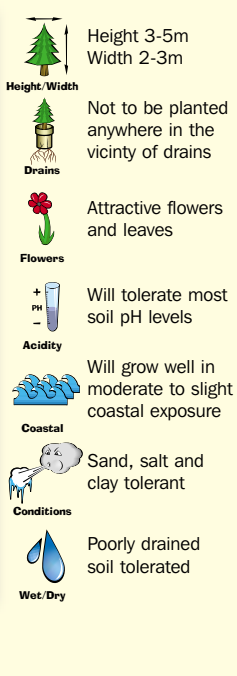
**Common Boobialla**  
*Myoporum insulare*



**Victorian Christmas Bush**  
*Prostanthera lasianthos var. lasianthos*



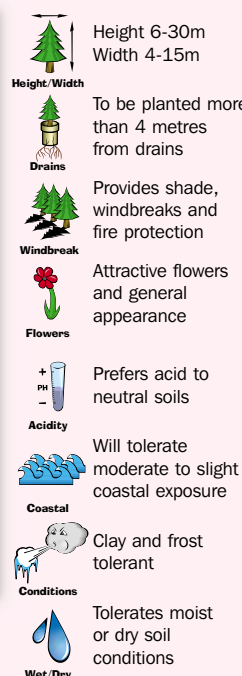
**Golden Spray**  
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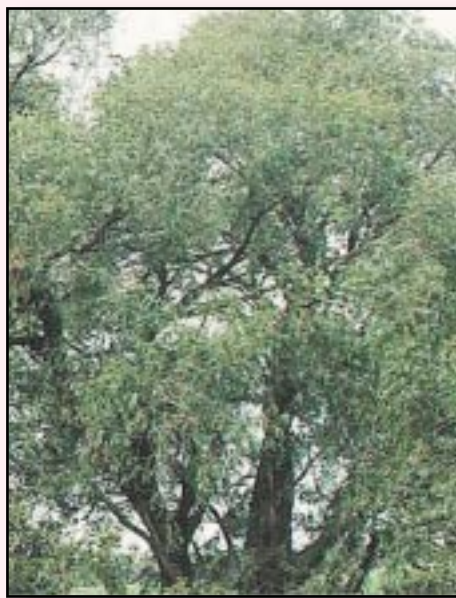
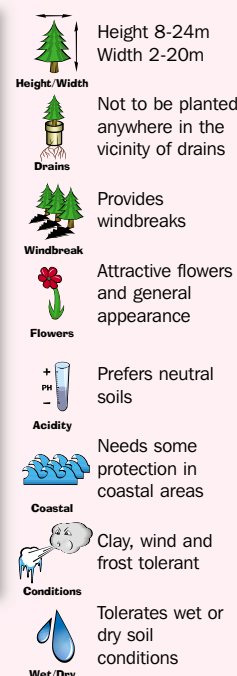
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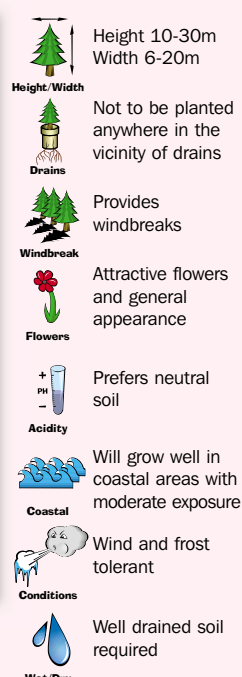
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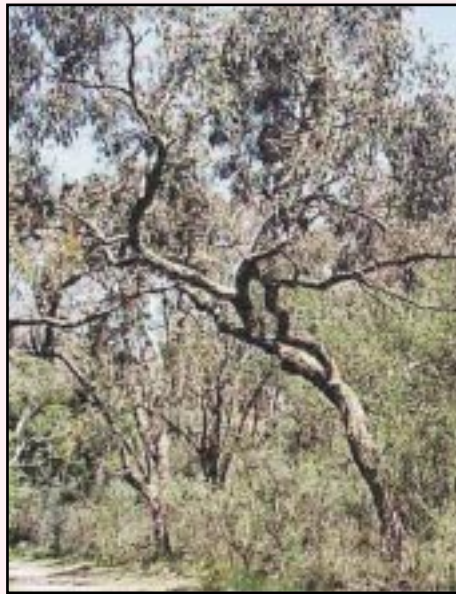
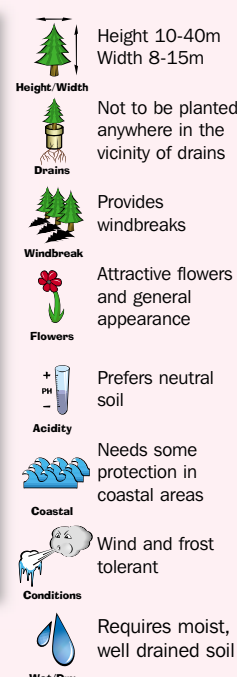
**Swamp Gum**  
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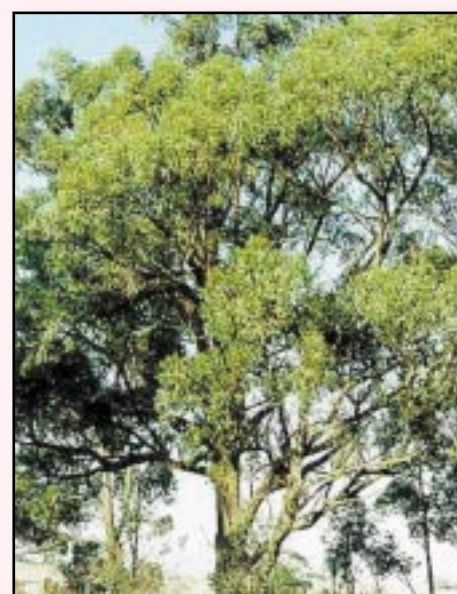
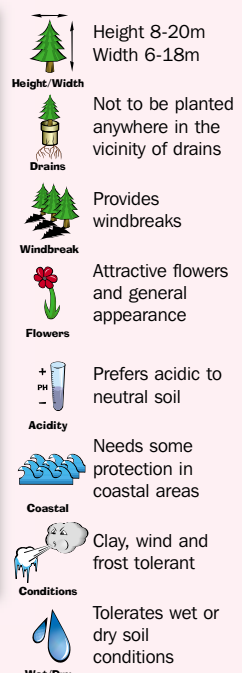
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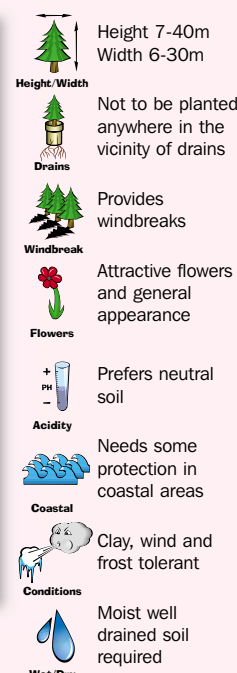
**Manna Gum**  
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**Mealy Stringbark**  
*Eucalyptus cephalocarpa*



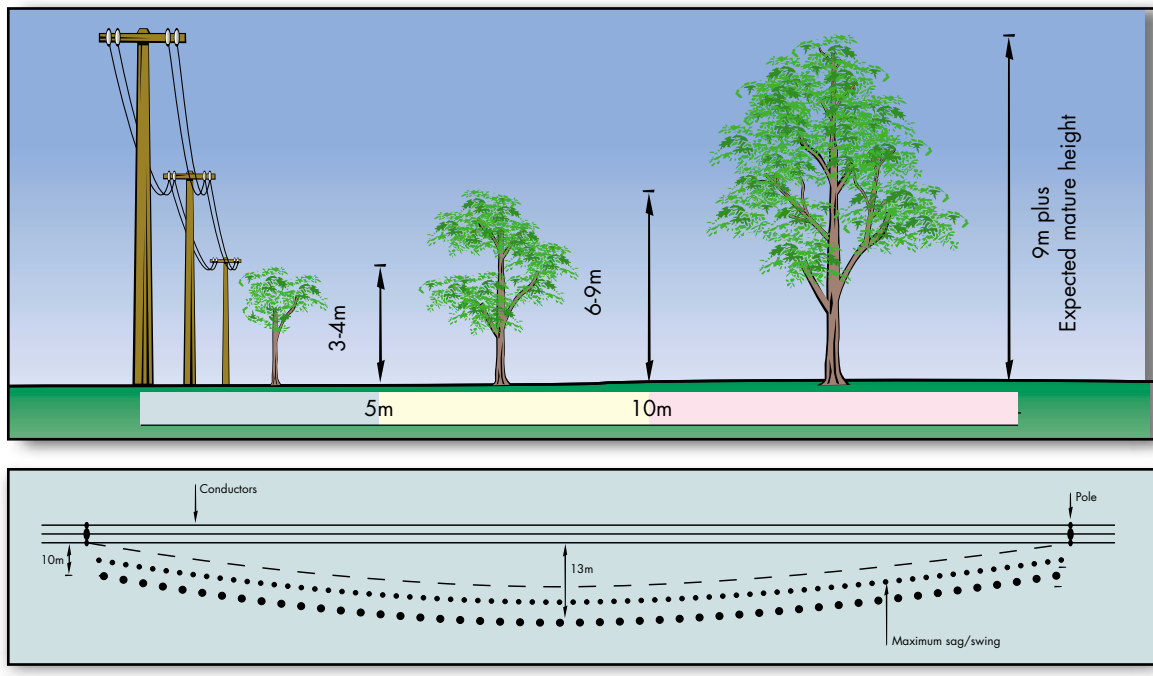
**Messmate**  
*Eucalyptus obliqua*



### Figure 1

- Shrubs & groundcovers that can be planted within 5 metres of powerlines.
- Trees that can be planted between 5-10 metres from powerlines.
- Trees that can be planted at least 10 metres or greater from powerlines.

### Figure 2





# PLANTS WHICH CAN BE PLANTED UNDER POWER LINES - Low SHRUBS



**Sweet Wattle**  
*Acacia suaveolens*

Height 1-3m  
Width 2-5m

Plant more than 2 metres from drains

Attractive flowers

Prefers neutral soil

Needs some protection in coastal areas

Sand tolerant

Requires well drained soil



**Dwarf Sheoak**  
*Allocasuarina paradoxa*

Height 0.2-2m  
Width 1m

Plant more than 4 metres from drains

Attractive flowers

Prefers neutral soil

Needs some protection in coastal areas

Sand, clay, wind and frost tolerant

Requires well drained soil



**Showy Bossiaea**  
*Bossiaea cinerea*

Height 1m  
Width 1m

Plant more than 4 metres from drains

Tolerates shade

Prefers neutral soil

Needs some protection in coastal areas

Sand tolerant

Requires well drained soil



**White Correa**  
*Correa alba*

Height 0.5-1.5m  
Width 1-2.2m

Plant more than 4 metres from drains

Attractive flowers

Prefers neutral to alkaline soils

Will grow well in highly exposed coastal areas

Sand, salt, wind and drought tolerant

Requires well drained soil



**Chocolate Lily**  
*Arthropodium strictum*

Height 0.2-1m  
Width 0.2-0.8m

Full and part shade

Sept - Dec

Sand and clay tolerant

Requires well drained soil



**Common Everlasting**  
*Chrysocephalum apiculatum*

Height 0.3-1m  
Width 1-3m

Full and part shade

All year

Clay, sand and slightly salt tolerant

Well drained soil



**Bulbine Lily**  
*Bulbine bulbosa*

Height 0.2-0.6m  
Width 0.3m

Full and part shade

Sep - Jan

Sand and clay tolerant

Well drained soils



**Common Correa**  
*Correa reflexa*

Height 2m  
Width 0.6-1.2m

Plant more than 4 metres from drains

Tolerates shade

Attractive flowers

Prefers neutral soil

Will tolerate moderate to slight exposure in coastal areas

Sand, wind, frost and drought tolerant

Requires well drained soil



**Hop Bitter-pea**  
*Daviesia latifolia*

Height 1-2m  
Width 1m

Plant more than 4 metres from drains

Attractive flowers

Sand tolerant

Requires well drained soil

Prefers neutral soil



**Common Heath**  
*Epacris impressa*

Height 0.3-1m  
Width 0.2-0.6

Plant more than 2 metres from drains

Tolerates shade

Attractive flowers

Will tolerate most soil pH levels

Will tolerate moderate to slight exposure in coastal conditions

Sand and clay tolerant

Requires well drained soil



**Scented Paperbark**  
*Melaleuca squarrosa*

Height 2-5m  
Width 1-2m

Not to be planted anywhere in the vicinity of drains

Tolerates shade

Attractive flowers

Prefers acidic to neutral soils

Will tolerate moderate exposure in coastal conditions

Sand, salt, clay, wind and frost tolerant

Poorly drained soil tolerated



**Black-anther Flax Lily**  
*Dianella revoluta* var. *revoluta*

Height 0.3-1m  
Width 0.5-2.5m

Full and part shade

Sept - Jan

Will tolerate slight to moderate exposure in coastal areas

Sand and clay tolerant

Dry to well drained soils



**Kidney-weed**  
*Dichondra repens*

Height Prostrate  
Width Creeping

Part to full shade

Sept - Dec

Will tolerate moderate exposure in coastal areas

Sand and clay tolerant

Moist to dry well drained soils



**Running Postman**  
*Kennedia prostrata*

Height Prostrate  
Width 1-2.5m

Full to part shade

Apr - Dec

Will tolerate slight to moderate exposure in coastal areas

Sand, clay and drought tolerant

Moist to dry soil



**Hop Goodenia**  
*Goodenia ovata*

Height 2m  
Width 1.5m

Not to be planted anywhere in the vicinity of drains

Tolerates shade

Attractive flowers and general appearance

Prefers acidic to neutral soil conditions

Will grow well in coastal areas with moderate exposure

Clay tolerant

Tolerates wet and dry soil conditions



**Golden Tip**  
*Goodia lotifolia*

Height 1.5-3.0m  
Width 2-2.5m

Plant more than 4 metres from drains

Attractive flowers

Prefers neutral soil

Clay tolerant

Tolerates moist, well drained soil conditions



**Yellow Hakea**  
*Hakea nodosa*

Height 2-2.5m  
Width 2m

Do not plant anywhere in the vicinity of drains

Prefers neutral soil

Clay and sand tolerant

Tolerates wet and dry soil conditions



**Coast Pomaderris**  
*Pomaderris paniculosa* ssp. *paralia*

Height 2.5m  
Width 2m

Not to be planted anywhere in the vicinity of drains

Attractive flowers, leaves and general appearance

Prefers neutral to alkaline soil

Will tolerate moderate to slight exposure in coastal areas

Sand, salt, clay and wind tolerant

Prefers well drained soil conditions



**Long Purple Flag**  
*Patersonia occidentalis*

Height 0.2-0.4m  
Width 0.4m

Full to part shade

Oct - Dec

Will tolerate slight to moderate exposure in coastal areas

Sand and clay tolerant

Tolerates wet soil



**Austral Stork's-bill**  
*Pelargonium australe*

Height 0.3-0.6m  
Width 0.3-1m

Full sun to part shade

Oct - Feb

Will tolerate exposure in coastal areas

Sand, clay and drought tolerant

Well drained to dry soils



**Austral Indigo**  
*Indigofera australis*

Height 2-2.5m  
Width 1-2m

Plant more than 4 metres from drains

Attractive flowers

Tolerates most soil pH levels

Will grow well in coastal areas with moderate exposure

Sand, clay and frost tolerant

Prefers well drained soil



**Heath Tea-tree**  
*Leptospermum myrsinoides*

Height 1-1.5m  
Width 1m

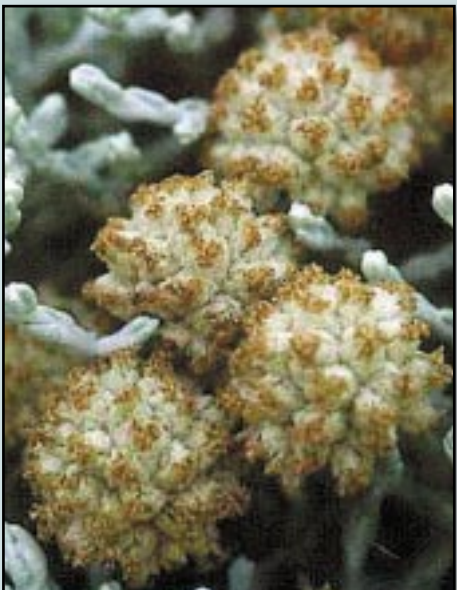
Plant more than 4 metres from drains

Attractive flowers

Prefers acidic to neutral soil

Sand tolerant

Tolerates wet and dry soil conditions



**Cushion Bush**  
*Leucophyta brownii*

Height 0.3-1m  
Width 1-2m

Plant more than 4 metres from drains

Attractive leaves

Prefers neutral soil

Will tolerate severe to moderate coastal exposure

Sand, salt, wind and drought tolerant

Prefers well drained soil conditions



**Common Flat-pea**  
*Platylobium obtusangulum*

Height 1m  
Width 0.5m

Plant more than 2 metres from drains

Tolerates shade

Attractive flowers

Prefers acidic to neutral soil

Will grow in very exposed coastal areas

Sand and clay tolerant

Prefers well drained soil conditions



**Blue Tussock-grass**  
*Poa poiformis* var. *poiformis*

Height 0.2-0.9m  
Width 1m

Part to no shade

Sept - Jan

Will tolerate full exposure in coastal areas

Sand, salt soil and salt spray tolerant

Dry, well drained soil



**Ivy-leaf Violet**  
*Viola hederacea*

Height 0.15m  
Width 1-2m

Tolerates shade

All year

Will tolerate slight exposure in coastal areas

Sand and clay tolerant

Moist to wet soil

## TIPS FOR PLANTING

- ✓ Ensure seedlings are young and healthy. Younger plants generally adapt more readily to their new conditions.
- ✓ When transporting seedlings make sure that wind or excessive movement in the back of a vehicle does not damage the plants.
- ✓ Do not let seedlings dry out. As soon as they arrive home, place them in a sheltered position in the open and give them a good watering.
- ✓ Grass and weeds compete with seedlings for moisture and light so make sure that your planting site is well prepared.
- ✓ Discuss your plant choices with your nursery advisor.
- ✓ Please contact your local council before planting on nature strips or road reserves.

Further information about plants and plant suitability for the Greater Melbourne area can be found in 'Flora of Melbourne - A guide to indigenous plants of the Greater Melbourne Area' Australian Plants Society, Maroondah (Inc), published by Hyland Publishing and available in all good book stores.

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