

## REPORT THREATS TO OUR BUSHLAND

The Bushland Watch Program aims to help protect our native trees, shrubs and grasses from any threats that makes it hard for them to survive. Bushland is made up of patches and corridors of native plants.

Bushland can be found on private land and public land.

Most bushland on public land is managed by one of the following authorities:

- Mildura Rural City Council (including local roadsides)
- Parks Victoria
- Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning
- Vic Roads (main roadsides)



Spear Thistle

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African Boxthorn



Mildura Rural City Council

Phone (03) 5018 8100  
[www.mildura.vic.gov.au](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au)



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## WHY IS BUSHLAND IMPORTANT?

- It provides habitat for native animals and insects to live, eat and breed.
- It prevents the salty water table from rising to the soil surface.
- Improves water quality as the plant acts as a filter to clean the water.
- Bushland forms shelter belts, which protect stock and crops from extreme weather, therefore improving productivity.
- Holds soil together, preventing wind and water erosion.
- Bushland is great place to spend some time enjoying nature, creating a feeling of wellbeing.

Over the last 200 years most of the bushland within the Mildura Rural City Council area has been cleared for pastures, crops, roads, dams, gardens and buildings.

This means that many types of native vegetation have been destroyed. Many plants and animals that were once common are now only found in a few small areas. To maintain the variety of life we must look after those plant and animal communities that have been most depleted.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- **Green waste can be disposed of for FREE at the Mildura Landfill.**
- **There are threats to our bushland that make it hard for native plants and animals to survive.**



Example of illegal dumping



Example of illegal green waste dumping

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

### Report threats to our bushland

Please report any of the following threats to our bushland by contacting Council's Environmental Sustainability Team on (03) 5018 8100 or email to [mrcc@mildura.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrcc@mildura.vic.gov.au)

- Clearing or lopping of natural bush (trees, shrubs or grasses).
- Dumping of rubbish and garden waste.
- Rabbits.
- Weed infestations.

Details such as location, registration plate numbers and photos of the site can be helpful.

### Care for our bushland

Some of the things you can do to care for our bushland areas are:

- Never drive vehicles off the designated tracks.
- Take your rubbish with you when visiting or camping in bushland areas.
- Never drive vehicles on muddy tracks.
- Never dispose of rubbish, hard waste or green waste in bushland areas.