

# Planting Guide



## Rural tree scheme

This document is to be used as a guide.

### Choose Australian native plants

They are beautiful, diverse and unique to Australia.

They improve our enjoyment and use of space by providing shade, shelter and a connection with nature.

They reduce our work load as native plants tend to reduce the amount of grasses and weeds once established, create a natural mulch layer, and require less water.

They improve the environmental value of your property by providing habitat and food for wildlife, reduce pollutants, increase nutrients in the soils, and have a cooling effect.



### General tips for successful planting

Ensure your plants have every success by following the guide below.

### Ensure good site preparation prior to planting

3-6 months prior to planting	Rip and/or pre-dig holes 20-50cm deep
1 months prior to planting	Rotary hoe and/or lightly fluff up the ground
	Spray weeds, consider a knockdown and/or pre-emergent herbicide

### Mulch

Consider mulching for water saving purposes. This can be done before or following planting. Look out for Moira Shires Free Mulch days which take place before winter and summer.

### How to plant

Plant May to August, ideally following a decent rainfall event

Choose seed or tube stock, as larger plants are more inclined to go into shock

Water initially with 5-10L per plant

Guard trees and shrubs with cardboard cartons

Create a bowl around your plant to pool water

### First 12 months

Ensure plants receive a good soak every month, either naturally from rainfall or hand watering, watering prior to summer is critical to establish the plants

Control weeds to reduce competition for water

### Longer term management

Fill in gaps where losses have occurred and consider selecting species that have shown high survivability rates

Occasional trim

Remove rubbish and guards that are no longer required

Stake plants to provide support as needed

Ongoing weed control

