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# GOOD GRASSLAND NEIGHBOUR IN BRIMBANK



# Native grasslands of Brimbank

Prior to colonisation, the flat plains of Brimbank were covered in fields of native grasses and wildflowers. Today, less than 1% remain. Here are some of the precious grassland reserves in your neighbourhood. They are a safe haven for our unique plants and animals.

## Pioneer Park

Blue grass lily



## Isabella Williams Grassland

## Featherheads Wildflower Grassland



Featherhead flower

- 1 The Lakes Grassland
- 2 Parramatta Grassland
- 3 Iramoo Wildflower Grassland Reserve
- 4 Bon Thomas Grassland
- 5 Paramount Grassland



Flax lily

## Pimelea Wildflower Grassland

## Matthews Hill Grassland



Native flax





Photo: G. Rudolph

CRITICALLY  
ENDANGERED

■ Golden  
sun moth



ENDANGERED

■ Button  
wrinklewort



Photo: J. Small

VULNERABLE

■ Groling  
grass frog



CRITICALLY  
ENDANGERED

■ The spiny  
rice-flower  
flourishes  
in many of  
Brimbank's  
grasslands.

## At home in the grassland

Grasses and  
wildflowers  
provide food  
& habitat for  
native animals.



Photo: A. Sarrael

VULNERABLE

■ Brimbank  
grasslands provide  
habitat for some  
of the largest  
populations of  
striped legless  
lizards in Australia.



VULNERABLE

■ The world's only wild  
population of fragrant  
orchid (Sunshine diuris)  
survives in a grassland  
in Sunshine.

Peas, lilies,  
orchids  
and daisies  
add colour  
to our  
grasslands.

Brimbank grasslands are home  
to plants and animals that are  
threatened with extinction.



# Meet your grassland neighbours

Native grasslands are carefully managed to keep them healthy and weed free.



■ Grassland management in action.



■ School students learning about their local native grasslands.



■ Fire is an important process in the regeneration of our grasslands. Local residents are always advised in advance of a planned burn.



■ A study of the wildlife in a Brimbank grassland.



■ A group of environmentalists explore Featherheads Wildflower Grassland.

Photo: M. McDonald



■ Careful monitoring of the threatened basalt orchid.



■ Join the Good Grassland Neighbour program to show support for your local grassland. [Join here.](#)



## How can I get involved?

Participate in a Brimbank City Council or local community group planting day or working bee.



Get in touch with these groups for a list of upcoming dates:

- Friends of Iramoo
- Friends of Kororoit creek
- Friends of Organ Pipes National Park
- Friends of Maribyrnong valley



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# How to be a good grassland neighbour

If you live near one of Brimbank's native grasslands, there are lots of things you can do to be a good grassland neighbour.



Build a cat patio to keep your pet safe at home. It is estimated that a pet cat kills 75 wild animals each year.



Order a green waste bin for disposal of lawn clippings and garden waste.



Include some native grassland plants in your home garden.



Walk your dog on a lead.

## TREAT SNAKES & WILDLIFE WITH RESPECT

It is illegal to collect or kill Australian wildlife, including snakes.



Photo: K. Griffiths

# Keep our grasslands rubbish free

Don't dump green waste or rubbish in or near grasslands.

Rubbish and waste destroy habitat for grassland animals.

Garden waste introduces weeds that compete with native plants.

Dumped rubbish and green waste can smother grassland plants.

Slugs and snails in garden waste eat native plants such as the precious fragrant orchid (Sunshine Diuris).

Dumped rubbish looks and smells awful.

## What to do if you find a snake at home

- Don't touch the snake!
- Watch it from a safe distance.
- Safely remove any people or pets from the area.
- If you can see the snake on your property, call Brimbank City Council on 9249 4000 to arrange for our professional snake catcher to come to your home to remove it (no charge).

**Brimbank City Council respectfully acknowledges and recognises the Kulin Nation including the Wurundjeri, Bunurong and Boon Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners of this land and waterways and pays respect to their Elders past, present and future. For the Traditional Owners the lands in the City of Brimbank have always been a significant trading and meeting place.**



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