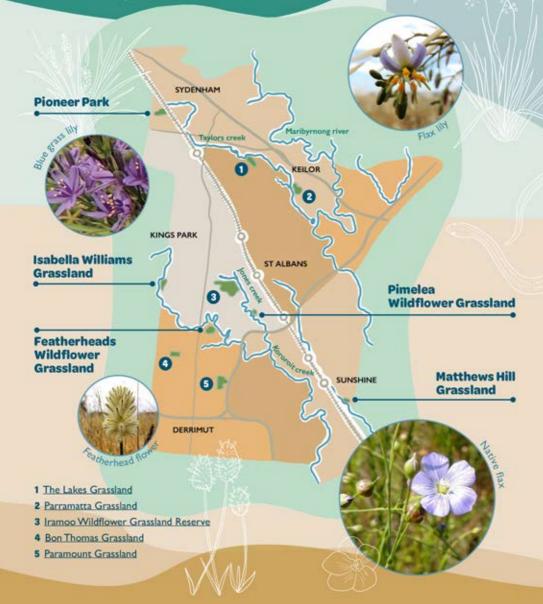






Prior to colonisation, the flat plains of Brimbank were covered in fields of native grasses and wildflowers. Today, less than 1% remain. Here are some of the precious grassland reserves in your neighbourhood. They are a safe haven for our unique plants and animals.





CRITICALLY ENDANGERED

Golden sun moth



ENDANGERED

■ Button wrinklewort



VULNERABLE

Growling 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.



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.



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



School students learning about their local native grasslands.



A study of the wildlife in a Brimbank grassland.



 A group of environmentalists explore Featherheads
 Wildflower Grassland.



 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.



- 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.



TREAT SNAKES & WILDLIFE WITH RESPECT

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



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.

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GRASSLAND PESERVE

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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