

Waterwise Gardens: Quick Guide



Simple actions for waterwise gardens in Boorloo (Perth) and Bindjareb (Peel)

The climate in the Boorloo and Bindjareb region is hot and dry. These simple steps will help save water, protect our waterways, wetlands and bushland, and keep your garden cool, green and healthy.

1 Water smarter

- keep to your two watering days
- water before 9am or after 6pm
- switch irrigation off in winter, and when rain is forecast in other seasons
- adjust run times as seasons change



- avoid evaporation from water misting by choosing drip irrigation or heavy droplet sprinklers
- water plants deeply, less often, as they establish
- check for leaks and fix them quickly
- group plants with similar water needs

2 Improve soil health

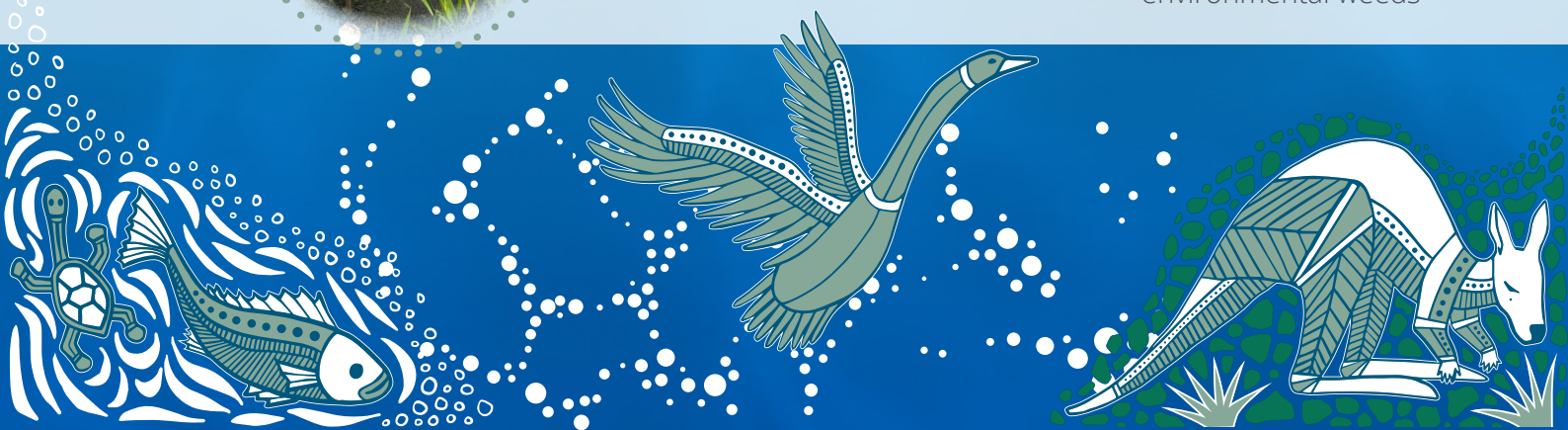
- add wetting agents and soil conditioners like compost and clay, if required

- mulch garden beds with coarse material (5–10 cm deep), as healthy soil retains more water

3 Choose plants wisely

- plant local native and waterwise species
- plant in autumn and winter

- retain existing trees and plant more trees where possible
- remove plants that are environmental weeds





4 Avoid infrastructure damage

- ✿ locate underground pipes and utilities
- ✿ use root barriers
- ✿ choose plants with low invasive root systems



5 Support wildlife and biodiversity

- ✿ provide water and diverse habitats for wildlife
- ✿ rewild your garden



6 Protect water quality and river and wetland health

- ✿ minimise nutrient leaching by improving soil
- ✿ use fertiliser sparingly and at the right times



- ✿ use controlled-release granular fertilisers
- ✿ keep leaves and lawn clippings out of roads and stormwater drains



7 Manage pests and diseases

- ✿ limit the spread of Polyphagous shot-hole borer and other pests and diseases



8 Create a positive impact in your neighbourhood

- ✿ join a conservation group or community planting day
- ✿ attend a gardening workshop



Want more detail?

See the **Complete Waterwise Gardens Guide** for more advice on irrigation, soil, plants, wildlife and protecting waterways, wetlands and bushland.



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