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Agents for Supertreat Wastewater Systems

PLANTS SUITABLE FOR IRRIGATION AREAS.

If the natural topsoil is less than 150mm deep, it is recommended that the irrigation area be thoroughly dressed with river sand or wood chips to a depth of at least 200mm. This will greatly assist in retaining water with the area, allowing the plants to take up and transpire more efficiently.

☞ “Poorinda Royal Mantle” (Grevilla)

Prostrate x 6 metres. Full to partial sun. Tolerates frost but needs water in dry conditions. Dark red toothbrush type flowers in winter / spring.

☞ “Wiry Dog Rose” (Bauera Rubioides)

1-2 metres tall x 1-1.5 metres. Full, partial or no sun. Likes boggy conditions but is tolerant of most situations. Needs summer water. Attractive shrub with small leaves. Pink or white flowers most of the year. Low spreading form also available.

☞ “Wild Native or Ivy Leaf Violet” (Viola Hederacea)

Prostrate x 15cm x 1-2 metres. Full, partial or no sun. Tolerates frost, snow and wet conditions. Dense mat forming plant spreading long runners. Mauve and white flowers most of the year.

☞ Astartea Ambigua

50cm x 1.5 metres. Full or partial sun. Tolerates damp conditions. Low spreading shrub with dense pink or white flowers on slender arching branches in spring and summer.

☞ “Spiny-headed Matt Rush” (Lomandra Longifolia)

50cm - 1 metre x 1.2 metres. Full, partial or no sun. Tolerates wetness. Tuft with long green arching leaves. Scented cream flowers in Spring. Considered a “low storey” rain forest for cool conditions.

☞ “Bottle Brush” (Callistemon Cultivar)

Covers a large range numbering over 20 varieties. 1.5 - 6 metres. Some particularly suitable varieties are C. Viridiflorus, C. Speciosus, and C. Subulatus.

☞ “Yellow Hakea” (Hakea Nodosa)

Up to 8 metres x 2.5 metres. Full or partial sun. Tolerates wet conditions. Long thin branches bear yellow flowers in Spring.

☞ “White Cloud Tree” (Melaleuca Bracteata)

5 -6 metres x 5 metres. Like all paperbarks will tolerate very wet conditions. Small white brushes in Spring and Summer. Vigorous root system. Has ability to absorb fats and phosphates from soap and detergents. **This plant is highly recommended for irrigation areas.**

☞ “Feather or Thyme Honey Myrtle” (Melaleuca Thymifolia)

60cm - 1 metre x 1.2 metres. Full or partial sun. Tolerates both dry periods and very wet conditions. Small bushy shrub with mauve / purple flower in Summer and Spring.

There are a large range of other trees and shrubs which are considered to be suitable for planting in irrigation areas served by secondary treated effluent. These include the following :

Eucalyptus Botryoides, Eucalyptus Robusta, Kennedia, Pannosus, Lonicera Japonica, Lacteus, Pandorea Jasminoides, Casis Bicapsularis, Cottoneaster Glaucohyllus and Euphorbia Milli.

Your local plant nursery should be able to advise you on specific plants, shrubs and trees particularly suitable to your area and climate.