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# Deakin Waterway Revegetation



Prior to planting



After planting



One year after planting



Completed Revegetation

## Project Specs

- Client:** Deakin University  
**Location:** Waurm Ponds, Victoria  
**Date:** Commenced 2014, ongoing  
**Role:** Planting design, documentation

## Our Approach

PMLA produced a designed plan for the revegetation of the dams located on Deakin University's Waurm Ponds Campus.

The existing waterways were bare and eroded with little or no vegetation cover to prevent further erosion, and presented poor views from adjacent facilities.

Our vision was to re-establish a rich ecosystem supporting a diversity of plants and animals, that will become a self-supporting system that provides a range of ecological services and aesthetic values. Also to create a relaxing environment for students and visitors to 'immerse' themselves in nature. And finally to create a more lush, cool-climate closed forest landscape around the lower lakes, giving scale and context to the large rocks and waterfall feature.

We selected and sourced locally indigenous plant species to replicate closed forest vegetation types that enhance the natural qualities of the waterways, while reducing maintenance requirements in the longer term.

In later years enrichment planting of more tender shade-tolerant species is planned once the overstorey canopy is established (10 years time).



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