

## New Fuels Service Station, Corio

Clean energy milestone delivered with sustainable landscaping





Image: Viva Energy revegetation works along Corio Bay

## **Project Specs**

Client: Viva Energy, TFA Project Group

Location: Corio, Geelong, Victoria

**Date:** Landscape works mid- 2025 **Role:** Landscape architecture services

for approvals and construction

## Our Approach

PM&A were appointed early in the planning phase to prepare landscape plans with a tight delivery schedule for town planning approval and tender.

Our approach demonstrated a variety of sustainable landscape design features: careful vegetation and soil management, reuse of oniste materials and planting a diversity of indigenous species.

The 5Ha site supported many mature trees planted 30-40 years ago including species indigenous to the Corio Basalt Plain, along with native and exotic weed tree species.

Careful analysis of tree data and mapping enabled the selective removal of weedy trees, and retention of locally indigenous species and trees with amenity value. To increase visibility from Princes Hwy, strategic views were also opened up into the site. Where possible, removed trees were mulched for reuse onsite, with logwood reserved as habitat in landscaped areas.

While careful regrading was required to maintain floodwater capacity, earthworks specifications included double-stripping to create weed-free stockpiles of topsoil for reuse.

Low-fuel landscaping was required around the hydrogen plant delivery areas to reduce fire risk, with extensive recycled gravel surfacing, low-fuel planting, and basalt rock stacks for habitat and amenity.

Planting across the site reconstructs some of the original open woodland vegetation that existed prior to settlement.



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