

Why we have a marker system

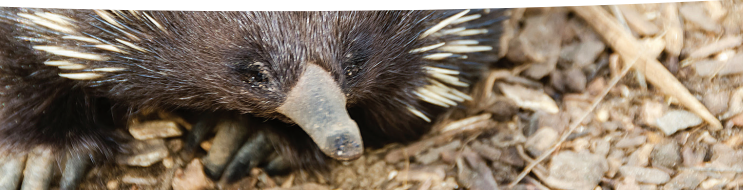
The Adelaide Hills forms part of a 'biodiversity hotspot' – both biologically rich and under threat from humans. Due to human activity, only about 15% of the original 'hotspot' vegetation now remains.

If you have an NVMS marker outside your property, you live close to a precious fragment of an internationally recognised environmental treasure.

Remnant roadside vegetation is a biological and community asset.

These stands are not only beautiful, but also:

- are sometimes the only remaining haven for unique local plants and animals
- connect habitats for native animals, and provide seed sources for natural regeneration and local revegetation projects
- are a buffer against wind erosion, reduce dust, preserve soil moisture and provide shelter for livestock on adjoining land
- help control agricultural and horticultural pests and diseases by supporting predatory insects and by deterring damaging insects
- protect water quality by preventing erosion and filtering pollutants
- can reduce fire hazard by preventing high fuel-load weeds from establishing.

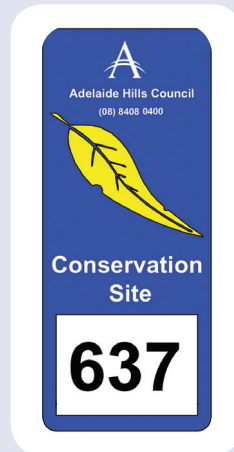


What is your responsibility?

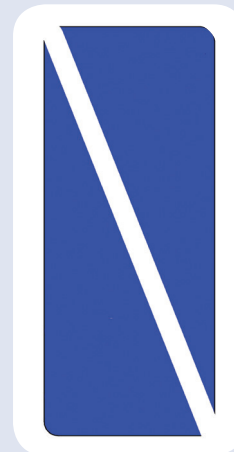
The presence of an NVMS sign indicates that the site has been registered, mapped and is being monitored by the Council.

It also means the site contains plants and animals that require highly specialised management. Permission must be granted by the Council before any activity is carried out on a NVMS site.

Activities include things like weeding, slashing, spraying, digging, planting and collecting firewood. If you believe work is needed on the site, contact the Council.



Start NVMS zone



End NVMS zone



How you can help

There are many pressures on remnant roadside vegetation, including road works, road verge maintenance activities, trampling and dumping.

Please:

- contact the Council if you are considering any activity within an NVMS site, or to report unauthorised activities
- learn more about native plants and animals by joining a local volunteer group, or by visiting the website on the back page of this brochure
- use only designated trails and tracks when cycling, hiking, horse-riding and driving
- avoid unauthorised vegetation clearance – including spraying, mowing, brush-cutting and chainsawing
- don't harvest firewood from these sites, as dead trees and fallen logs provide valuable habitat
- discuss the NVMS site with your neighbours.

If you see any damage to an NVMS site or its markers, or you believe work may be being carried out without permission, please make a note of the number on the NVMS sign and contact the Adelaide Hills Council on 8408 0400.



The Native Vegetation Marker System (NVMS) identifies areas of important native vegetation on roadsides so that council staff, contractors and residents can protect them from damage.

Many roadsides contain remnant vegetation; the original plants that grew there before settlement. This may include trees, shrubs, ground covers, grasses, sedges, lilies, orchids and climbers, or a combination of these.

Roadside native vegetation throughout the district has been assessed and mapped. The most important remnants are marked with NVMS signs.

Each sign displays a number, which relates back to a detailed register kept by Adelaide Hills Council. The NVMS allows us all to quickly identify significant vegetation and take the necessary protective actions to conserve it.



More information

For more information, or if you see any damage to a site or its markers, please contact the Adelaide Hills Council
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Native Vegetation Marker System

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