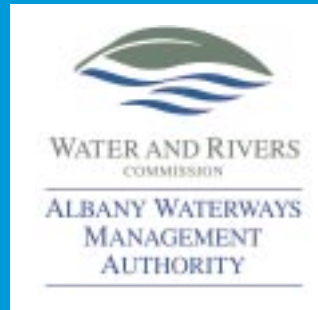


# Lets Do the Right Thing!

- Take care that your use of the land does not pollute or harm the foreshore vegetation or waterways.
- Contact the WRC or City of Albany for advice when planning any landscaping, building, drainage or other works that may affect the foreshore area or waterways.
- If your foreshore includes a public reserve, you will also need approval for any works from the authority responsible for the care and maintenance of the reserve.
- Jetties and ramps, both public and private must be licensed by the Department of Transport.

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## Waterway Words . . .

### Riparian Vegetation

is the vegetation growing along the banks of our rivers, harbours and estuaries.

### Buffer Zone

Riparian vegetation acts as a buffer zone or nutrient filter, removing fertiliser and other pollutants from water before it enters our waterways. The vegetation also stabilises the soil and prevents erosion.

### The Riparian Zone

is the zone along or surrounding the waterways where the vegetation and natural ecosystems benefit from and are influenced by the passage and storage of water.



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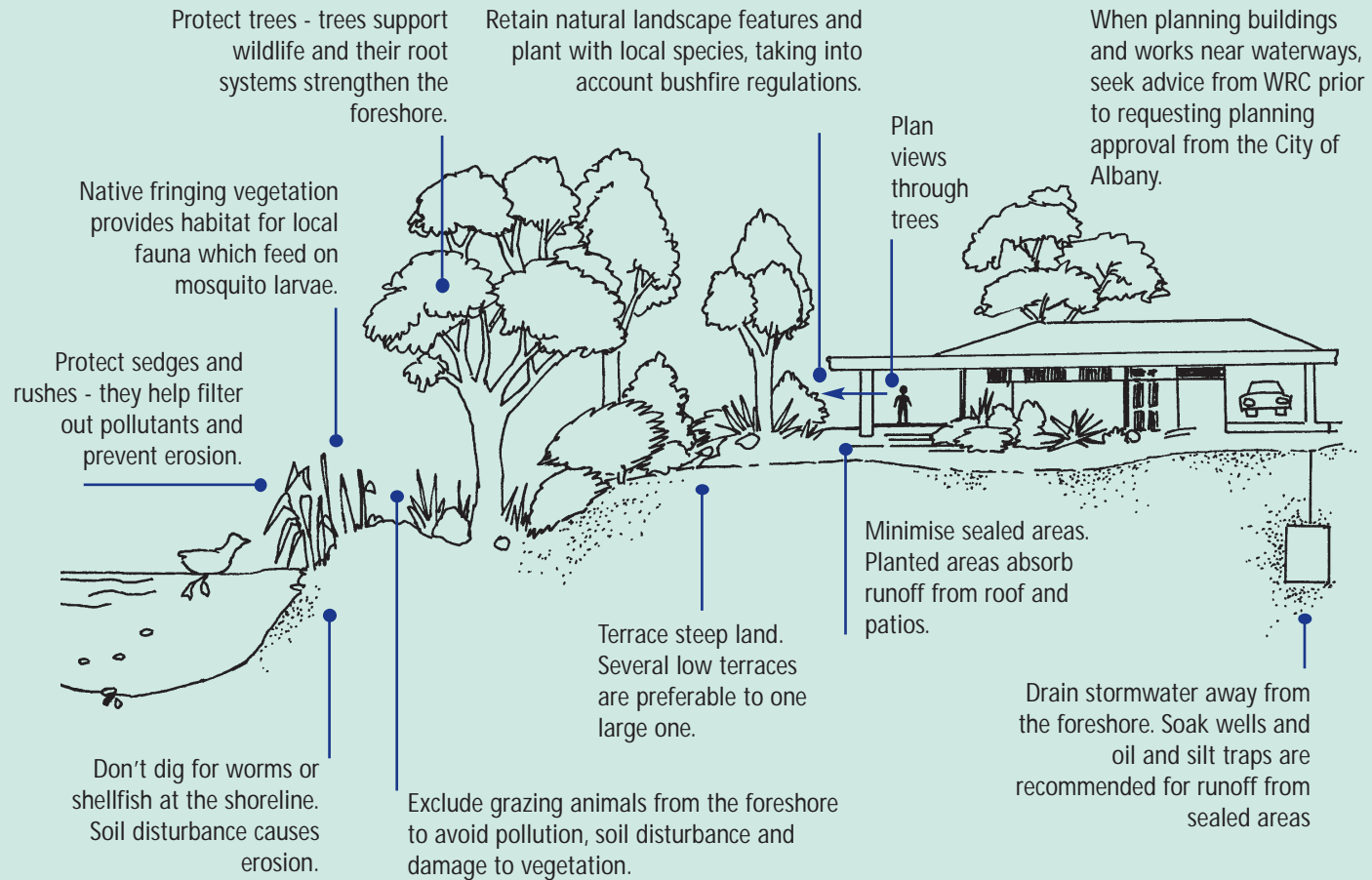
*You can make a difference!*

# I Can do That!

1. Protect the native vegetation along our river, harbour and estuary foreshores. This vegetation is known as the *riparian buffer zone*.
2. Garden waste dumped in foreshore vegetation spreads weeds which chokes out native species. Mulch or compost garden and household waste.
3. Apply slow release fertilisers to your lawn and gardens. Keep lawn areas small and apply all fertilisers sparingly.
4. Avoid over-watering your lawns and garden. This will help prevent fertilisers and herbicides running off into our stormwater drains and waterways. It will also save you money!
5. Wash your car on the lawn using a bucket rather than the hose.
6. Stormwater drains are for rain! Keep oil, paints, cleaners, pesticides, poisons and solvents out of kerb-side drains.
7. Join community weeding projects to help repair foreshore vegetation. Revegetate the newly exposed areas with local native plant species to prevent weed re-invasion.
8. Take care that your use of the foreshore area does not litter, pollute or damage native vegetation.
9. Launch boats only at official boat launching areas. Boat storage amongst foreshore vegetation causes bank erosion and considerable damage to vegetation.
10. Advise the City of Albany promptly of any destruction to foreshore vegetation on public foreshore reserves.
11. Advise staff at the Water & Rivers Commission promptly if you notice any pollution of the waterway.

# Living with our waterways.

Albany's rivers, harbours and foreshores are of considerable value for the people of this region. People living nearby have special opportunities to enjoy them, but also have a vital role to play. Your support by protecting foreshore vegetation is essential if Albany's waterways are to remain clean, healthy features of our landscape and lifestyle.



Advise the Water & Rivers Commission or the City of Albany promptly of any waterways pollution.