



Why? By planting spiky local native plants you can:

- Provide shelter for passing small birds and protection for lizards,
- Create a barrier to deter graffiti,
- Enhance security by discouraging access to windows,
- When flowering, the plants add colour and ambience to your local area.



Note: native plants benefit from being trimmed. They can be kept to a neat size / shape or allowed to grow more naturally.

Plants:

- Local native plants are best, ask your local Council for advice on species and supply,
- Choose spiky plants such as *Hakea*, *Bursaria*, *Banksia*, native *Grevillea*, *Epacris* and *Leptospermum*,
- Select plants suitable to the area being planted from 1m to 4 m in height,
- Depending on the desired result, plant either all plants of the same species or a mix.

Planting:

- Choose a place to plant that is out from the rain shadow of buildings and fences,
- Dig holes less than 30 cm apart - dense planting is preferred,
- Fill each hole with water and allow the water to soak in before planting,
- Gently remove the plant from the pot,
- Place the plant in the hole, replace the soil, press soil firmly around the plant and water in.
Note: either keep the base of the plant at the soil level as it was in the pot or plant it so that half of the stem is buried.
- Trim the top off each plant to encourage it to branch more densely,
- When established the plants may be left to grow naturally or trimmed.

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