

# Smart Freeway Mitchell Southbound Hester Avenue to Vincent Street



## Latest News – Landscaping works underway

We're pleased to share that landscaping activities are progressing across the Hester to Warwick Alliance (HWA) project area, helping to restore and enhance the natural environment along the Principal Shared Path (PSP).

As part of our environmental commitment, five grass trees removed prior to construction have now been successfully replanted in the Kilrenny Natural Area in June 2025.

Preparation works across all landscaping zones are now complete, with topsoil and mulch laid in readiness for planting. Weed control was undertaken in mid-June, followed by staged planting beginning in early July and continuing through to August 2025.

This next phase will see a wide variety of native species introduced, including:

- Ground covers, understorey and canopy mixes.
- Water-tolerant basin plants, specially chosen to thrive in wet conditions and help manage stormwater.
- Mature trees along local roads adjacent to the PSP.

The landscaping plan has been developed in consultation with the City of Joondalup, which strongly supports the use of local native vegetation. This approach was guided by several important considerations:

1. Pest resistance: Native species are less susceptible to pests such as the Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB), which tends to target introduced species.

2. Local biodiversity: Native vegetation provides better habitat and support for local wildlife.

3. Sustainability: Native species require less maintenance and have higher survival rates—offering long-term savings for the community.

As with any planting, these will take time to mature, probably three to five years to get to early maturity for some bigger bushes and trees. However, we look forward to seeing these plantings establish and thrive, creating a greener, more sustainable corridor for everyone to enjoy.

**Thank you for your continued support of the project.**

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