

5.9 Open Space Edge Treatment

Simple changes in maintenance programs assist ecological outcomes. The simple idea of excluding areas from being mowed will provide habitat and assisted revegetation will result in the further colonisation of indigenous plants. This can be assisted by planting pioneer species and essentially leaving the site to establish itself. Depending on the location, the amount of care (maintenance/ human involvement) can be increased/ reduced to provide the appropriate outcome.



Figure 5-13: Typical park boundary



Figure 5-14: Park boundary with planting and altered maintenance regime

5.10 Habitat Island Treatment

Open space areas provide a great opportunity to enhance bio-links whilst also enhancing landscape features. Again, simple management and maintenance techniques can be implemented as well as the creation of landscaped areas to provide bio-links, community assets and places of beauty.



Figure 5-15: Open space parkland



Figure 5-16: Habitat islands