



HUME CITY COUNCIL VOLCANO DREAMING

Volcano Dreaming is an epic mural showcasing the amazing diversity of life found in the wildflower grasslands of Victoria's western plains.

This detailed montage of over 3,000 photos is the creation of [Inherit Earth](#). It depicts an intriguing grassy landscape, revealing the flora and fauna in a stunningly detailed panorama.

The mural comprises twelve x 1m-wide fabric banners; it is easy to install and dismantle. Each banner has a theme, describing various aspects of our native grasslands, what has happened to them, or how they are being preserved.

Your school, community group or organisation can borrow this beautiful exhibition from Hume City Council for free.

The Victorian Volcanic Plains (VVP) bioregion has fascinating geological features and rich Aboriginal and European histories. This mural shows many special native plants and animals of the basalt plains.

These grassland communities have been devastated since European settlement, with widespread land-use changes and by numerous other threats. Less than 4.5% of the original extent (2.3 million hectares) now remains. Some experts say no more than 0.01% of good quality grasslands survive. These unique Victorian ecological communities are listed as being critically endangered under both federal and state environmental legislation.

Important places, such as the Evans Street Grassland in Sunbury, help to conserve and protect what little is left. Many other remnant grassland and grassy woodland patches are dotted across Hume City in nature reserves.

Extensive notes about native grasslands and research links are available online at volcanodreaming.com.au.

Schools can access teacher notes and student worksheets from Ecolinc in their program called [Footprints](#). The AusVELS curriculum-related materials for Years 4 to 7 complement each panel. Ecolinc provide free apps (Apple devices only) of field guides of grassland flora and fauna, specifically of the [VVP](#) and also more broadly for [south-eastern Australia](#).

Hume City can provide further educational support for local schools through biodiversity-related incursions and excursions. The popular [Seedlings for Schools](#) program offers free indigenous grassland seedlings.

Some rural landholders in Hume City may be eligible to apply for a grant or rebate through the [Rural Engagement Program](#) to undertake on-grounds works to enhance their native grassland remnants on their property.

For full impact, the Volcano Dreaming mural is best displayed in a straight line or semi circle. Or it can be curved around corners. For one person, it takes around 20-30 minutes to set-up or pack-down the twelve panels.





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BOOKING FORM

Bookings and enquiries

For more information or to check the mural's availability, contact Hume City's Sustainability Engagement team on 9205 2200.

Please fill-in this interactive pdf booking form, indicating the borrower's contact details, and the dates for the mural to to be collected and returned.

Save the completed form and email to **environment@hume.vic.gov.au** as an attachment. Or complete a printed hardcopy and post to:

Sustainability Engagement team
Hume City Council
PO Box 119
Dallas VIC 3047

Your Volcano Dreaming booking will be confirmed with you.

Borrower's details:

Organisation:.....

Organisation's Address:

Borrower's Name:.....

Email:.....

Phone:.....

Terms and conditions

- Volcano Dreaming can be borrowed for a maximum of two weeks and is free of charge.
- By prior arrangement, the mural must be collected from and delivered back to the Hume City Council administration building at 1079 Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows.
- The mural must be displayed indoors and not in direct sunlight, as the fabric panels are not weather proof and may fade. All care must be taken to avoid it being damaged.
- The twelve individual panels must be returned in the correct numbered bags, as sub-sections of the mural can be borrowed to fit smaller spaces.

Collection Date:Return Date:.....

Details and location to be displayed:

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By completing and signing this booking form you agree to the terms and conditions.

Signature:.....

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