

## GCL Lowland grassland complex

### Community Description:

Lowland grassland complex generally contains natural or disturbance-induced grasslands dominated by a species-poor grassy sward of *Rytidosperma* or *Austrostipa*, with occasional patches of *Poa* species and *Themeda triandra*. *Rytidosperma/Austrostipa* grasslands occur naturally in valley bottoms and lower slopes.

### Benchmarks:

Component	Cover (%)	LF Code
Dominant Life Form	60	MTG
Organic Litter	10	

Understorey Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover (%)
Medium Shrub/Small Shrub	S	2	5
Prostrate and Mat Forming Shrubs (including cushion plants)	PS	2	5
Herbs and Orchids	H	18	10
Large Tussock Grass	LTG	1	5
<b>Medium to Small Tussock Grass</b>	<b>MTG</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>60</b>
Non-Tussock Grass	NTG	1	1
Tiny Grass/Sedge/Lily	TGS	3	5
Large Sedge/Rush/Sagg/Lily	LSR	3	10
Medium to Small Sedge/Rush/Sagg/Lily	MSR	3	2
Ground Ferns and fern allies	GF	1	1
Mosses and Lichens	ML	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>	

### Species lists:

Dominant Life Form Species	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Rytidosperma</i> spp.	wallabygrass	MTG
<i>Austrostipa</i> spp.	speargrass	MTG

Emergent Tree Species	Common Name	Notes
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	wattle	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	silver banksia	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	prickly box	Scattered trees only, when present

Typical Understorey Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Bossiaea riparia</i>	leafless bossia	S
<i>Pimelea humilis</i>	dwarf riceflower	S
<i>Astroloma humifusum</i>	native cranberry	PS
<i>Bossiaea prostrata</i>	creeping bossia	PS
<i>Hibbertia</i> spp.	guineaflower	PS
<i>Lissanthe strigosa</i>	peachberry heath	PS
<i>Acaena</i> spp.	sheepsburr	H
<i>Asperula</i> spp.	woodruff	H
<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	common everlasting	H
<i>Cymbonotus preissianus</i>	southern bears-ears	H
<i>Convolvulus angustissimus</i>	blushing bindweed	H
<i>Cynoglossum suaveolens</i>	sweet houndstongue	H
<i>Dichondra repens</i>	kidneyweed	H
<i>Drosera</i> spp.	sundew	H
<i>Geranium</i> spp.	cranesbill	H
<i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>	common raspwort	H
<i>Helichrysum scorpioides</i>	curling everlasting	H
<i>Hypericum gramineum</i>	small st johns-wort	H
<i>Leptorhynchos</i> spp.	buttons	H
<i>Oxalis</i> spp.	woodsorrel	H
<i>Plantago varia</i>	variable plantain	H
<i>Rumex dumosus</i>	wiry dock	H
<i>Scleranthus</i> spp.	knawel	H
<i>Senecio</i> spp.	fireweed	H
<i>Solenogyne</i> spp.	flat-herb	H
<i>Veronica</i> spp.	speedwell	H
<i>Viola</i> spp.	violet	H
<i>Vittadinia</i> spp.	New Holland daisy	H
<i>Wahlenbergia</i> spp.	bluebell	H
<i>Poa</i> spp.	tussockgrass	LTG
<i>Themeda triandra</i>	kangaroo grass	MTG
<i>Ehrharta</i> spp.	ricegrass	NTG
<i>Arthropodium minus</i>	small vanilla-lily	TGS
<i>Carex breviculmis</i>	shortstem sedge	TGS
<i>Hypoxis</i> spp.	yellowstar	TGS
<i>Schoenus</i> spp.	bogsedge	TGS
<i>Wurmbea</i> spp.	early nancy	TGS
<i>Juncus</i> spp.	rush	LSR
<i>Lepidosperma</i> spp.	swordsedge	LSR
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	sagg	LSR
<i>Arthropodium</i> spp.	vanilla-lily	MSR
<i>Bulbine</i> spp.	bulbine lilies	MSR
<i>Luzula</i> spp.	woodruff	MSR
<i>Asplenium flabellifolium</i>	necklace fern	GF
<i>Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia</i>	green rockfern	GF
<i>Lindsaea linearis</i>	screw fern	GF

\*This list is provided as a guide only. The species listed are typical of this plant community type but may not necessarily be present.