

An innovative version of the traditional 'tree guard'. Incorporating an efficient one step weed protection system, designed to increase seedling survival rates and reduce establishment and maintenance costs of tree planting projects.

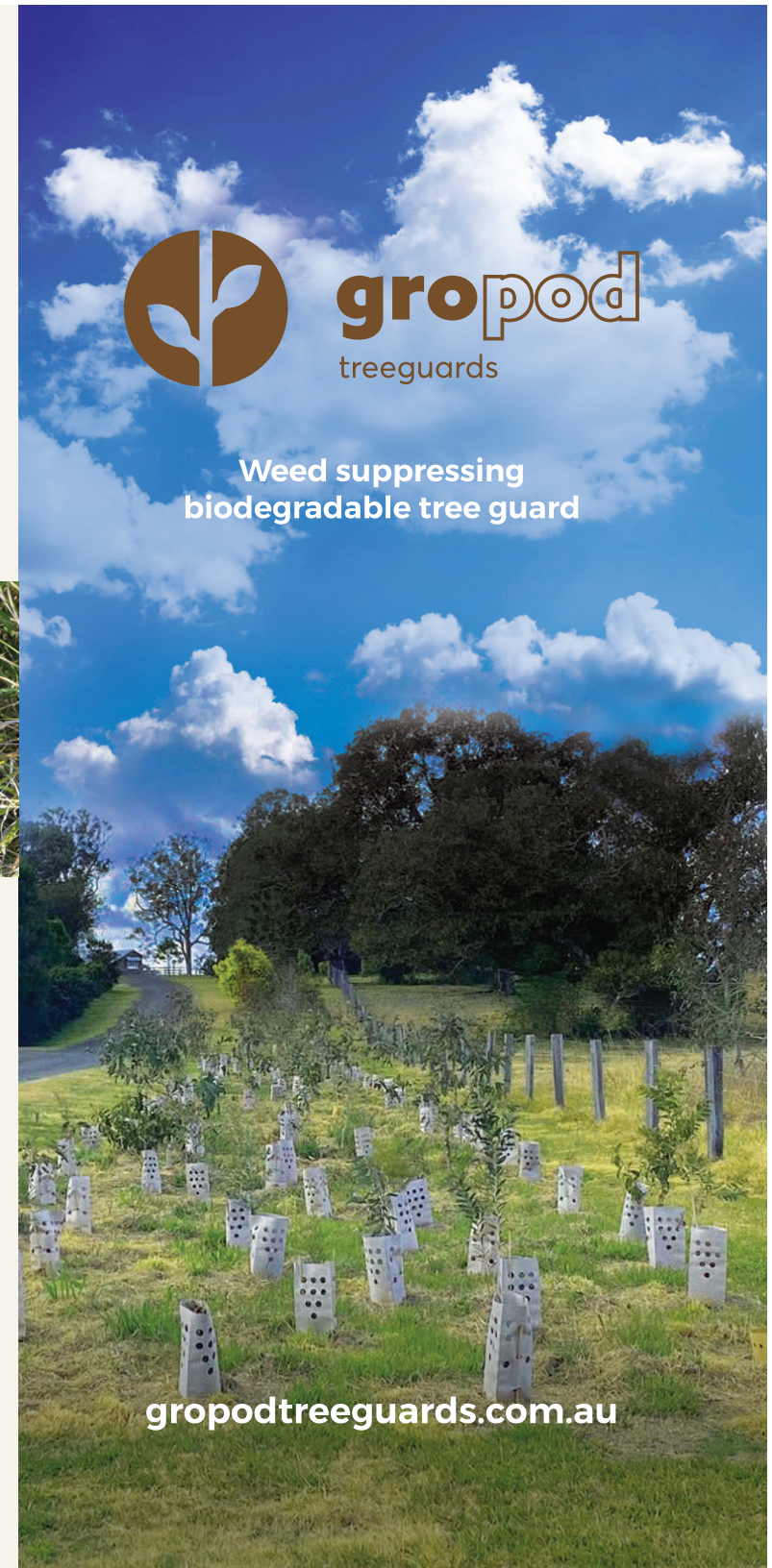
The gropod was invented by Humphrey Herington founder of Eastern Forest Nursery in Northern NSW. With 30 years of growing and planting native trees under his belt, the gropod innovation developed over 7 years, as a means of saving time, money and importantly improving environmental outcomes.

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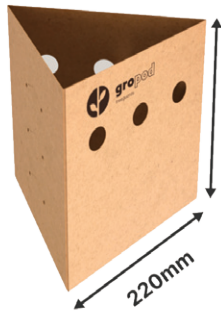
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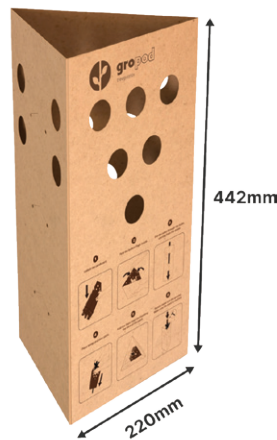


gropod Mini

Suitable for smaller plants
(eg) Lomandra species

gropod Standard

Suitable for general
trees and shrubs



bamboo sticks

Gropods are designed for one or two stick installation. We recommend two sticks for exposed or windy sites and one stick for more sheltered sites.

Recommended sizes

750mm x (14 - 16 mm) - Gropod Standard
500mm x (14 - 16 mm) - Gropod Mini



Sustainable

- 100% biodegradable with a field life of up to two years
- Suitable for organic farming projects
- Reduced herbicide use
- No risk to terrestrial and aquatic wildlife from plastic guard residues
- Australian designed and manufactured



Better seedling survival rates

- Prevents seedling deaths caused by competition with weeds
- Reduces risk of herbicide damage during maintenance spraying
- Reduces risk of damage from slashing or brush cutting during maintenance
- Provides protection to seedlings from browsing animals
- Provides protection to seedling from frosts and other extreme weather conditions



Cost Saving

- Simple installation - lower labour costs and higher productivity
- Efficient, one step weed protection
- No weed growth within the tree guard to slow down maintenance activities.
- Reduces maintenance and in some situations removes this task altogether.
- Biodegradable - No labour intensive cost to remove old plastic guards from planting area.



Location flexibility

- Ideal for use on riparian zones, flood plains and wetlands.
- Ideal for use on remote sites with limited access
- Broad acre and small-scale projects
- Ideal for organic growing
- Suitable for landcare, farming, mining rehabilitation, roadside planting, landscaping, forestry, bush regeneration and government agencies.