Fourteen students from RMIT’s Landscape Architecture Program recently came to Avoca under the guidance of RMIT lecturer Fiona Harrison.

The students are in their first or second year of studies and this is the first time that they have actually gone out into the field and completed hands on work.

With six gardens to choose from in the township the students picked out three to begin working in. After planning their strategy the students returned to Avoca recently to begin work in the selected gardens, hopefully having them ready for display to coincide with the Eco Living Festival on October 10th and 11th.

One of the gardens will be low maintenance and once the plants are established will need very little water. Another garden will be looking at plants that will attract the local bird population.

The gardens will all be opened for the festival and the students will be available to explain to you what they have done and the benefits that come from their planning and planting.

◆ RMIT Students studying Landscape Architecture, Ceria, Alistair, Daniel and Blaise work on a garden in Avoca getting it ready for the Eco Living Festival.