

GREENING GREATER BENDIGO

Year 2 report

It has now been 2 full years since Greening Greater Bendigo's inception in June 2020. Following on from a successful first year of adoption, the City has continued to ramp up its effort and commitment in achieving its goal of 25% canopy cover throughout the municipality by 2030.

In what was a challenging year for everybody, the value of our trees and green spaces could not be understated. With COVID-19 restrictions in place, the opportunity to visit Bendigo's beautiful local parks and greenspaces helped to maintain mental and physical health throughout the difficult period.

Tree Planting

With the successful increase of 807 trees planted on top of 2020's total, we have decided to fast track our goal to plant 3,000 trees per year from 2022 onward.

Planting Year	Total Trees Planted	Establishment Rate
2017	1,160	73.5%
2018	1,055	76.4%
2019	1,161	82.4%
2020	1,725	82.1%
2021	2,532	TBD
2022	Total trees programmed = 3,010	

2021 Planting Program

2021 Priority Streets (44)

There were 44 streets identified as priority streets for planting in 2021. These were labelled as priority streets due to their requirement for additional canopy cover and shade.

Bendigo

- King Street
- Arthur Street

California Gully

- Smalley Street
- Weatherall Street
- Rule Street
- McGowan Street
- Bright Street

Epsom

- Station Street
- Julian Court
- Tobin Crescent
- Robbins Court
- Cassandra Crescent
- Cooba Drive
- Robertson Street

Flora Hill

- Adelaide Street
- Burrell Street

Golden Square

- Alamein Court
- Akoonah Drive
- Alder Street
- Norelle Crescent
- Sterry Street
- Curnow Street

Heathcote

- Broodie Street
- Caldwell Street

Huntly

- Burgoyne Street
- Pasley Street

Kangaroo Flat

- Olympic Parade
- Danson Avenue
- Eron Street
- McLachlan Street
- Orchid Court
- St George Park Drive

Long Gully

- Knappe Street
- Excell Street
- Gundry Street
- Britain Street
- Derwent Drive
- Pearl Place

Maiden Gully

- Highland Way

North Bendigo

- Thunder Street
- Gwenola Court

Sailors Gully

- Lester Street

Strathdale

- Locliff Avenue
- Reservoir Road



Natural shade where children play

The City doubled its effort to plant trees throughout playspaces in 2021, to ensure there is sufficient shade into the future. Creating shade and minimising UV exposure is a big focus of the planting program, as well as the connecting corridors and pathways to these spaces.

2021 Playspace Planting (26)

Bendigo

- Shadforth Park
- King Street

California Gully

- Bright Street

East Bendigo

- Lansell Street

Flora Hill

- South Bendigo Progress Hall
- Somerville Street

Kangaroo Flat

- Queen Street
- Howell Crescent
- Graemar Court
- Osborn Avenue
- William Drive

Kennington

- Warranwah Drive
- Bolton Drive
- Hakea Street
- Summit Drive
- Ross Park

Long Gully

- Derwent Drive

Spring Gully

- Kunzea Court

Strathdale

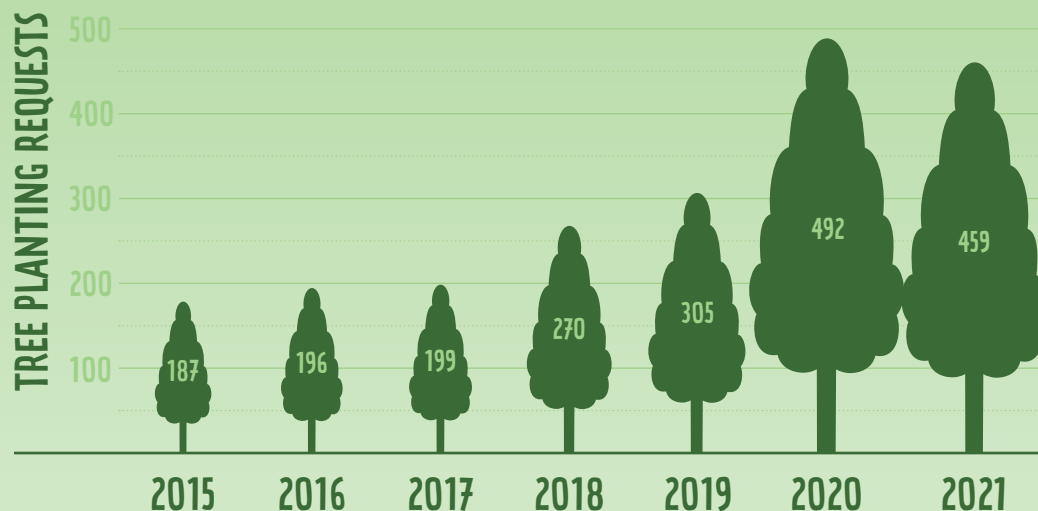
- East Lloyd Street
- Cliff Avenue
- Amaroo Crescent
- Herbert Avenue

Strathfieldsaye

- Sunset Drive
- Park Village Terrace
- Clydebank Court

White Hills

- Burvale Court



Customer requests for street trees

High numbers of tree planting requests have continued to come in, reinforcing the positive relationships between our residents and our trees.



Above: Greening Greater Bendigo Team Leader Daniel Carr, with Claudia Bell and Thomas Watson-Short planting Silver Banksia (*Banksia marginata*), a fantastic species with heavy nectar flow that is key to attracting indigenous fauna and pollinators.

Brougham Street

16 English Oak (*Quercus robur*) were planted in new median strips in Brougham Street, Bendigo. The trees make use of passive irrigation and will provide shade for many years to come through the huge open canopies they will develop. The median strips provide the trees with a significant increase in establishment chance, while also acting as a traffic calming mechanism. The project has been very well received by all.



Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

A mix of indigenous, native, and exotic ornamental trees were planted at the Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve to increase canopy cover significantly and improve the aesthetic of the reserve. 126 trees were planted in total and included species like Spotted Gum (*Corymbia maculata*), River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*), European Nettle (*Celtis australis*), Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*), Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) and Silver Dollar tree (*Eucalyptus cinerea*) among many others.



Sustainability Festival and Easter Festival

Greening Greater Bendigo was present at both the Sustainability Festival and Easter Festival. It was fantastic to engage with the community and get helpful information about home gardening and native plants into the hands of community members. The Easter Stall was conveniently positioned close to the children's Easter egg hunt, allowing us to provide the next generation with the opportunity to learn how to sow seeds into biodegradable containers. As the future inheritors and custodians of our urban forest, it was fantastic to see the smiles on the faces of both children and parents, as they learned the importance of having a green thumb.



Above: Nursery worker, Jess Carr demonstrating how to plant and grow seeds to an enthusiastic young family.

The City's Nursery

The City continues to increase the number of trees grown internally for the street tree program. It is on track to reach its goal to start planting 1,500 trees grown from the nursery each year.



Above: Nursery Team Leader, Matt Miller inspects the nurseries advanced tree stock to ensure it is ready for the Greening Greater Bendigo planting program.