

More Trees for a Cooler, Greener West



Phase 2 Guidelines

The Victorian Government's 'More Trees for a Cooler, Greener West' initiative seeks to plant 500,000 trees in Melbourne's west - creating cooler spaces for families in the western suburbs to enjoy for generations to come.

This program will provide more shade and green spaces, driving down pollution, reducing the urban heat island effect and improving air quality.

The new trees will bolster Victoria's efforts to tackle climate change, helping to meet the target to cut greenhouse gases by 45-50% by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050. They will also complement the thousands of hectares of new open space being delivered under the \$154 million Suburban Parks Program.

The rollout of this exciting program is being completed in several phases. The

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, announced the package of tree planting projects funded under phase one in October 2021.

In phase two of the program, further funding is available for eligible organisations for projects to be rolled out throughout 2022.

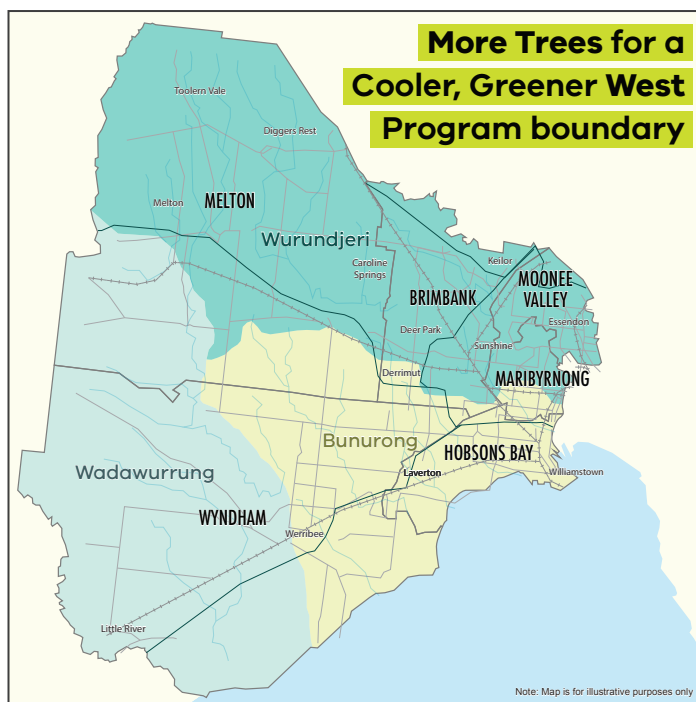
The Program aims to:

1. Contribute to urban cooling and greening in the west of Melbourne by planting more trees.
2. Leverage and accelerate existing and potential investment in urban forests by local governments and networks such as Greening the West.
3. Collaborate with Traditional Owners to design and deliver tree planting projects on country.
4. Support local communities to participate in tree planting projects.

Eligibility

Tree planting projects must be located within one of the six Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Melbourne’s west: Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and Wyndham. These areas were selected because the western region has the lowest tree canopy cover across metropolitan Melbourne and are significant areas of population growth.

Eligible organisations can apply for junior tree stock (commonly referred to as tubestock) and associated funding under the following three streams.



	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3
Stream description	Mass tubestock planting by delivery partners and community groups.	Street tree planting of advanced tree stock alongside priority streets and roads.	Planting on country.
Eligible organisations	Local councils of: Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley, Wyndham; water authorities of: Melbourne Water (incorporating Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority) and Greater Western Water; Parks Victoria, Victoria University and Department of Transport.	Local councils of: Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley, Wyndham.	Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) of: Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.
Tubestock available	175,000 program-wide. Negotiable per project.	N/A.	175,000 program-wide. Negotiable per project.
Funding available	Maximum rate of \$10 per tree (tubestock).	Maximum \$75,000 per local council.	Negotiable per project.
Community involvement	At least 2 tree planting events and/or other opportunities for involvement for local communities such as Friends groups and schools to participate is required. Partnerships with community groups on applications is encouraged (e.g. a portion of the tubestock requested allocated for community groups to plant).	N/A - planting semi advanced and advanced trees in local streets will be undertaken by contractors under local council supervision.	Encouraged.
Priority locations	Refer to Guidelines.	Refer to Guidelines.	On country.

Available funding

Stream one includes an allocation of tubestock to be planted in agreed locations. Associated funding is also available for site preparation, stakes and guards, planting and establishment maintenance (up to a total cost of \$10/tubestock).

Stream two provides funding for planting semi-advanced and advanced trees in priority local streets and roads by Councils (up to \$75,000 available per Council).

Stream three provides funding to Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) in the project area for planting on country projects (funding and tubestock available is negotiable dependent upon applications made by RAPs).

Eligible organisations are expected to contribute towards the overall cost of the project(s). These contributions can be a combination of in-kind support (time spent planning and delivering the projects) as well as cash contributions (such as planting and maintenance costs).

Tubestock planting should commence in Autumn 2022 to provide optimal conditions for the trees to establish. The tree planting component of all projects must be completed by the end of Spring (30 November 2022). This does not include tree planting projects that have an establishment maintenance period of up to 2 years.

Guidelines

Projects (streams one and two)* should demonstrate how they:

1. Contribute to urban cooling in locations of high community use, especially by those particularly vulnerable to the effects of urban heat (e.g. young children, older people, people with disabilities).
2. Contribute to urban greening in locations with particularly low canopy tree cover, adding to the urban forest and benefiting biodiversity values.
3. Include tree species and sizes appropriate for the location and future climate conditions.
4. Consider passive watering/integrated water management principles to utilise all sources of water.
5. Include opportunities for local community involvement, including at least two community tree planting events**.
6. Are able to complete all of the tree planting component by 30 November 2022.
7. Are financially viable and represents value for money.
8. Have all relevant planning, approvals and management plans (e.g. cultural heritage), or able to demonstrate that those planning considerations can be factored into the projects and still be delivered within the required timeframes.

*Projects by RAPs for stream three will demonstrate how they contribute to planting on country aspirations.

**Not applicable where there is a safety issue preventing community involvement, e.g. tree planting along a busy road or environmentally sensitive area requiring specific expertise.



Key dates

Program briefing for eligible applicants	Tuesday 1st February 2022
Applications open	Tuesday 1st February 2022
Applications close	5pm Monday 28th February 2022
Applications reviewed and applicants notified	March to April 2022
Project funding agreements established and finalised	April to May 2022
Projects commence	April 2022 onwards
Projects (tree planting) completed and final reports submitted to DELWP	30th November 2022

NB: Key dates may be subject to change – eligible organisations will be advised of any changes to key dates accordingly.



More information

Additional information on the program is available at:

More trees for a cooler greener west (environment.vic.gov.au). The Open Space Programs team can be contacted at **Open.Space@delwp.vic.gov.au**.

Eligible organisations who are successful in obtaining funding must enter into a funding agreement (or equivalent) with DELWP. It is recommended that applicants review the terms and conditions of the Victorian Common Funding Agreement (VCFA) before applying: **Victorian Common Funding Agreement | Victorian Government (www.vic.gov.au)**.

Eligible organisations will be also required to acknowledge any financial and other support provided by the Victorian Government in all communications as part of the project and must comply with the [Acknowledgement and Publicity Guidelines](#).

Additional information regarding the application and funding process for phase two of this initiative will be provided through a program briefing with eligible organisations in early February 2022.

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