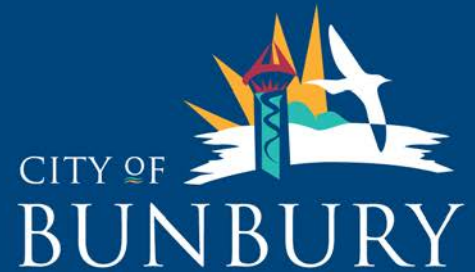


# MEDIA STATEMENT



Tuesday, 1 August 2017

## **City branches out with tree planting program**

Hundreds of trees have been planted throughout Bunbury as part of a wider beautification program that has already drawn positive comments from the community.

The City's Landscape and Open Space team has carried out a comprehensive plan that involves tree planting, mulching, the addition of more appropriate species of plants in specific areas and also general maintenance, with the aim to add appeal to Bunbury's green spaces.

A program to plant 52 verge trees in a variety of residential streets was recently completed and it followed the planting of almost 150 trees in Hay Park.

The Hay Park trees - include tuarts, marri, red flowering gums, peppermint trees, paperbarks and ironbarks - are being used as borders around the ovals or as a continuation of existing tree lines.

This comes after a range of other projects, including 12 paperbarks being planted on the Koombana Drive medium between Estuary Drive and Austral Parade; coral gums, peppermint trees and yellow gums at the site of the new Austral Parade slip lane; and yellow gums and silky oaks at Sundew Park following a residential request.

In total during the 2016/17 financial year, the Landscape and Open Space team planted around 500 trees and over 14,000 plants.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the amount of landscaping work being carried out gave Bunbury a more welcoming and relaxed feel.

"We have already seen some very noticeable changes, including the Koombana Drive entry into the City where significant work has taken place on both sides of the road," Mr Brennan said.

"This includes a fantastic transformation of the Wally Crowd Reserve thanks to a partnership between the City and Bunbury Senior High School's Shed Works program that resulted in the planting of around 4300 Australian natives, plus the laying of truckloads of mulch.

"These works are being noticed by the community who are commenting on how much a difference it makes to our already beautiful City."

Other recent projects have included a rejuvenation of the Symmons Street/Ocean Drive roundabout, more plants being added to the Symmons Street/Victoria Street roundabout, and mulching and pruning in Koombana Cove.

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The City undertakes tree planting every winter to help improve the City's aesthetics and bring all the social, economic and environmental benefits that trees offer. Residents wanting to register for the winter 2018 verge tree planting program can submit a request to the City for consideration.

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