

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Victoria Street gardens to get a makeover

Bunbury's CBD will get a new lease on life with gardens in Victoria Street to be the centre of attention as part of a landscaping upgrade.

City staff will focus their efforts on a series of garden beds, with the work aimed at beautifying Bunbury's main street.

Among the improvements will be the planting of water wise plants and an upgrade of the reticulation system.

Manager Landscape and Open Space Kristy Tillett said tree roots had compromised the reticulation that serviced Victoria Street gardens and repairs were required to allow for more efficient watering.

"City staff have been watering by hand because of the damage to reticulation, however, reinstating the watering system means we can make smarter choices in regards to the types of plants we use," Ms Tillett said.

"Initial plant establishment will be supported by the automated irrigation, which means that planting of perennials over annuals is possible.

"Synthetic turf will also be put down in strategic locations, such as under the trees, to prevent mulch from washing away."

City staff will spend every Wednesday in the CBD working on the garden beds with the project continuing until the gardens have reached a high standard.

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