

Urban Tree Canopy Growth Program: Street Tree Application



Application Form & Information Sheet

Applicant Full Name:

Address:

Address of
Requested Tree:

Preferred Location
(if necessary):

Contact Phone Number:

Email Address:

Tree Species Requested (in order of preference):	#1:	
	#2:	
	#3:	

Other information:

Has a site visit with a Shire Officer taken place? Yes No

Are you requesting a site visit with a Shire Officer? Yes No

Are there photos attached to this application? Yes No

Declaration:

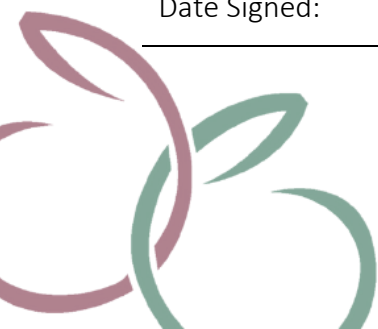
I, _____, of the above address, would like to register my interest for one tree to be planted on the Shire verge adjacent to my property. I hereby acknowledge that as part of this application:

- I have read and understood the attached Information regarding trees in residential areas;
- I am aware that the Shire's Residential Verge Policy is applicable at all times, and any actions undertaken will be in line with this policy (accessible on the Shire's website);
- The final decision regarding the tree species and its location will be decided upon by the Shire's Environmental Officer or other suitably qualified Shire Officer. Should the tree or its location requested in this application be deemed unsuitable, an attempt will be made by the Shire to discuss alternative options prior to a decision being made, and if I am dissatisfied with the outcome of this application, I can contact the Shire in line with the Shire's Customer Service Charter;
- I understand that the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup will inspect the site for the requested tree to determine suitability and will only plant the most suitable tree according to the available room on the verge and in keeping with the existing streetscape;
- I will provide necessary access to Shire staff if required in order to install/maintain the tree;
- I will endeavour to ensure the tree is properly cared for to facilitate the establishment of the tree, including watering/mulch/fertiliser if needed, for the next three years, and;
- I will contact the Shire, should the tree planting be unsuccessful within the next three years.

Signature (electronic accepted):

Date Signed:

Date Tree
Installed:



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What is the Urban Tree Canopy Growth Program?

Trees are an asset to the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup; they add amenity, as well as environmental and aesthetic value to our Shire's natural environment. Urban trees provide the following functional benefits:

- Enhanced property values
- Reduced ambient air temperature
- Cleans the air by absorbing polluting gases
- Reduces cooling energy consumption costs
- Saves water through reduced evaporation
- Creates habitat for wildlife

Street Tree Requests from Shire Residents:

The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup provides a limited number of street trees to residents on an annual basis, as part of its Urban Tree Canopy Growth Program. A residential property owner within the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup can request a tree be planted on the verge adjoining their property. All you need to do is submit a completed Verge Tree Request form to the Shire.

Once an application has been received, it will be assessed for suitability, including a site visit if necessary. The resident will be advised of the outcome, and arrangements will be made to install the tree, including soil improvements and mulch if needed.

It is expected that applicants will assume responsibility for the health of the tree for the first three years: including watering, mulch and fertilising as required. As a guide, the tree will greatly benefit from the following regime:

- Deep watering every 2-3 days from installation until the end of summer, weekly deep watering from autumn through until regular rain is observed in winter in the first year.
- Deep watering every 2-3 days from spring until the end of summer, weekly deep watering through autumn until regular rain is observed in winter in the second year.
- Weekly watering in the warmer months over the third year.

The recommended trees have been selected due to their minimal requirements for nutrients and water, however mulching and an application of slow fertiliser prior to the second and third summer may assist the tree to retain water and nutrients in the harsh summer months. The above information is provided as a guide only; the Shire's Environmental Officer can be contacted for further assistance or advice.

Should the tree require pruning of any kind, please contact the Shire to carry this out.



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The Shire's Recommended Tree List has been developed in collaboration with environmental specialists and planners, to enhance Shire verges and increase the myriad of benefits that trees bring to the Shire.

No tree or plant is perfectly suited to all environments; the descriptions provided should be used to guide which tree species and ideal planting locations are selected to minimise impacts to safety or infrastructure. The information contained in this document is not comprehensive, and further investigation may be required. Should you wish to plant a specific tree that is not listed, it can be requested and it will be assessed by the Environmental Officer, the Planning Development team and the Parks and Gardens Supervisor.

Recommended Trees:

A list of appropriate and preferred trees have been provided based on their suitability to the climate and the residential environment. Other trees may also be suitable for your residential block; the Shire's Environmental Officer can assist you with tree selections if required.



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Recommended Trees List:




Common Name (<i>Genus / Species name</i>)	Average Height (m)	Description	Potential Hazard	Example Picture
WA Peppermint (<i>Agonis Flexuosa</i>)	9	Native to the Southwest. Small white flowers in Spring. Drought and salt tolerant, can prune to shape including shrub shape. Attracts Western Ringtail Possums and other pollinators	Can spread via seed.	
Kings Park Bottle Brush (<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>)	4	Cultivar of the native Callistemon. Brilliant large red flowers. Hardy in most soil types. This option can be selected where overhead powerlines are present. Can be pruned to shape, great hedging plant. Attracts Western Ringtail Possums, birds and other pollinators	Drops a carpet of red stamens after flowering	
Red Flowering Gum (<i>Corymbia ficifoli</i>)	9	Native to the Southwest. Bright pink flowers in Summer. Deep green leaves. Prefers sandy, gravelly soil. Bird attracting plant		

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WA Peppermint

<https://honkeynuts.com.au/peppermint-agonis-flexuosa/>

Kings Park Bottle Brush

<https://gardendrum.com/2015/07/29/goodbye-callistemon-and-hello-melaleuca/>

Red Flowering Gum

<https://www.onlineplants.com.au/eucalyptus-ficifolia-red-flowering-gum>



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Common Name (Genus / Species name)	Average Height (m)	Description	Potential Hazard	Example Picture
Pincushion Hakea (<i>Hakea laurina</i>)	6	Large shrub to small tree; red stems and blue-green leaves stunning globe shaped flowers open late autumn through winter	Can drop debris during flowering season	
Coral Gum (<i>Eucalyptus torquata</i>)	7	Native to the Goldfields. Pink flowers in Spring. Greyish leaves and rough bark. Endemic to WA. Flowers from August to December.		
Swamp Paperbark (<i>Melaleuca raphiophylla</i>)	6	Native to the Southwest. White flowers in Summer, attracts bees and birds. Upright tree. Thrives in wetter soil	Dense foliage can cause a line of sight hazard	

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Pincushion Hakea

<https://grantonplants.com.au/plants/natives/hakea-laurina/>

<https://www.rhyniepastoral.com.au/by-cece-shop/hakea-laurina-flower>

Coral Gum

<https://www.etsy.com/au/listing/1038451584/eucalyptus-torquata-coral-gum-20-tree>

Swamp Paperbark

<https://www.benaranurseries.com/melaleuca-raphiophylla>



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Crepe Myrtle (<i>Lagerstoemia</i>)	6-8	Non native- deciduous. Prolific bright flowers in Summer, vase shaped profile. Can be pruned to shape.	Leaf drop in Autumn	
Flowering Plum (<i>Prunus Nigra</i>)	5	Non native- deciduous, vase shaped profile. Prolific flowering during spring (Pink- white flowers), followed by deep burgundy leaves in summer	Leaf drop in Autumn	
Japanese Maple (<i>Acer Palmatum</i>)	4	Small ornamental tree, 5 lobed leaf with light green foliage that usually turns deep orange and crimson in Autumn	Leaf drop in Autumn	

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Crepe Myrtle

<https://www.blericktreefarm.com.au/product/lagerstroemia-tuscarora-crepe-myrtle/>

Flowering Gum

<https://www.dawsonsgardenworld.com.au/product/prunus-cerasifera-nigra-common-name-deciduous-flowering-plum-305mm-pot/>

Japanese Maple

<https://www.daleysfruit.com.au/>



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Trident Maple (<i>Acer buergerianum</i>)	6-8	A small deciduous tree - leaves are small, triangular and tri-lobed. New spring foliage is a rich bronzy-red colour maturing to a dark green in summer. In autumn foliage turns yellow to orange to red.	Leaf drop in Autumn	
Tuckeroo (<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>)	5-8	Rounded shady evergreen tree. Cream flowers in autumn followed by orange fruit. Establishes quickly, non invasive roots, tolerates drought and frost once established		
Golden Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	7	Deciduous, spreading, hardy specimen tree with attractive yellow bark and lime green foliage turning yellow in autumn. Sooty black buds in winter. Will endure warm conditions in sun or shade.	Not drought tolerant Leaf drop in Autumn	

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Trident Maple

<https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/waste-environment/trees-and-plants/street-tree-management-plan/main-roads-street-tree-planting-program/>

Tuckeroo

<https://www.flowerpower.com.au/tuckeroo-9002290200p>

Golden Ash

https://www.gardensonline.com.au/gardenshed/plantfinder/show_1349.aspx

