

URBAN FOREST PROGRAM

2020 Planting report #GreeningVicPark



In 2020, the Town of Victoria Park continued its #GreeningVicPark initiatives through a number of Urban Forest program activities.

This contributed to 2,899 trees and 29,419 shrubs planted around the Town.

Overall, the 2020 Urban Forest program planting season added 110,000 m² of projected canopy cover to the Town.





Tree & shrub planting in Town

Greening Vic Park



George St Reserve
965 trees
6071 shrubs
24,983m² canopy cover

FoJ Kensington Bushland Biodiversity Plantings
56 trees
2,771 shrubs
530m² canopy cover

Charles Patterson Park
18 trees
3,500 shrubs
1,707m² canopy cover

Urban Forest Grants
12 trees
480 shrubs
708m² canopy cover

Vic Park Leafy Streets
797 trees
44,807m² canopy cover

Urban Forest at Home
904 trees
4,860 shrubs
32,685m² canopy cover

25 Boundary Road
29 trees
2,694 shrubs
2,183m² canopy cover

G.O. Edwards Island
100 trees
4,620 shrubs
1,766m² canopy cover

Sunbury Reserve
30 trees
480 shrubs
689m² canopy cover

Various streetscapes and Town facilities
3,943 shrubs



Yearly projected canopy addition

(m²) per year

Tree Planting 2017 - 2020 Canopy addition (m²)



42% increase in projected canopy addition

In 2020, despite the challenges brought upon by a global pandemic, the implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy has been agile and creative.

Programs such as **Urban Forest at Home**, a first ever **Urban Forest Grants Program** and **Leafy Streets Vic Park** initiatives all contributed to a successful planting season.

Facility closures led to the redeployment of gym and pool staff as UFO's (Urban Forest Officer's) who were instrumental to the delivery of these programs during the peak of the pandemic.

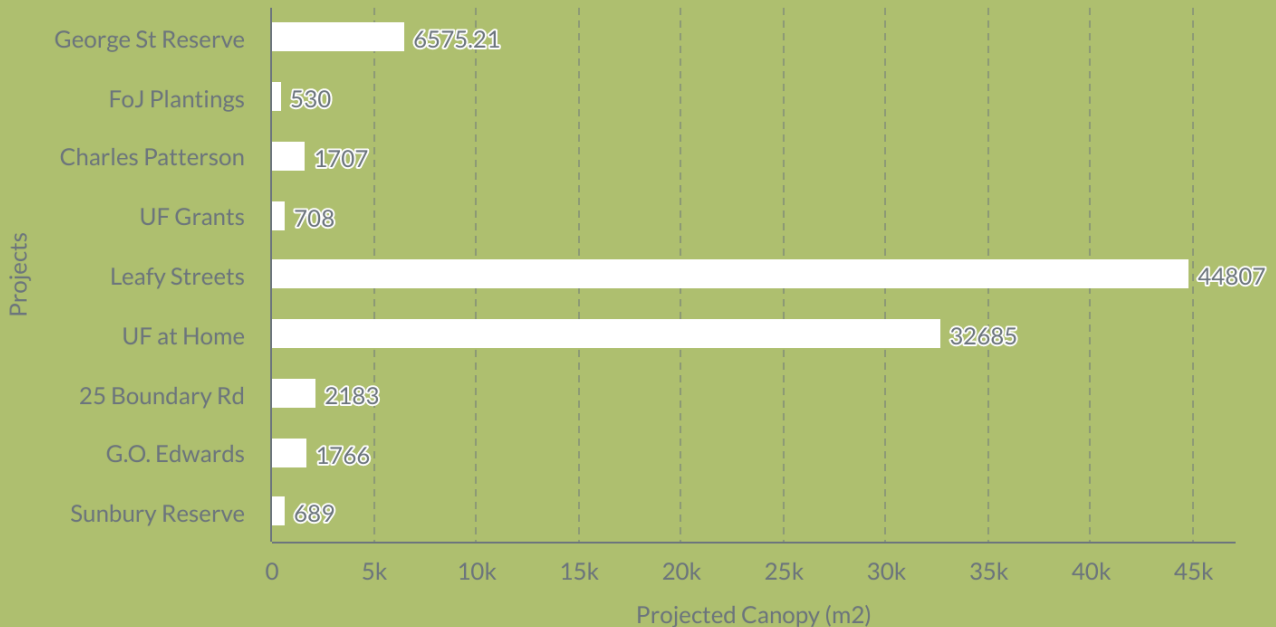
The overwhelming community support for our UFS has prompted the Town to start ordering stock in advance of planting season 2021.

2,200 trees have been ordered and almost 35,000 local shrubs propagated to meet the increasing demand for greening Vic Park!



Contributors to our canopy cover

2020 Planting Season

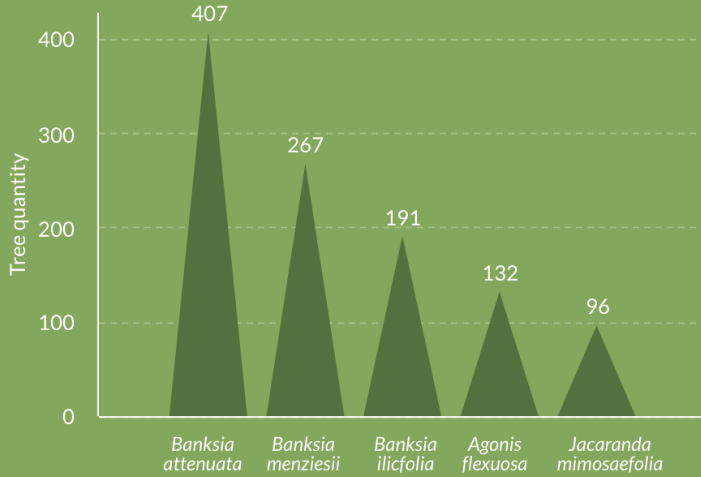




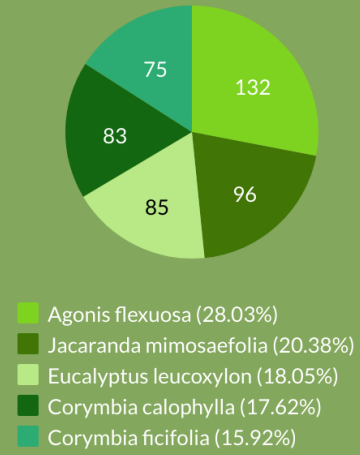
Tree planting statistics

2020 Planting Season

Top 5 tree species for 2020 planting season (overall)



Top 5 tree species for Vic Park Leafy Streets



***Banksia attenuata* wins!**

Banksia attenuata or the candlestick banksia was the most planted tree species in 2020.

407 of this tree species was planted at George St Reserve.

With an average projected canopy of 19.63 m² this banksia tree added a total 7,989.41m² of canopy cover in Town.

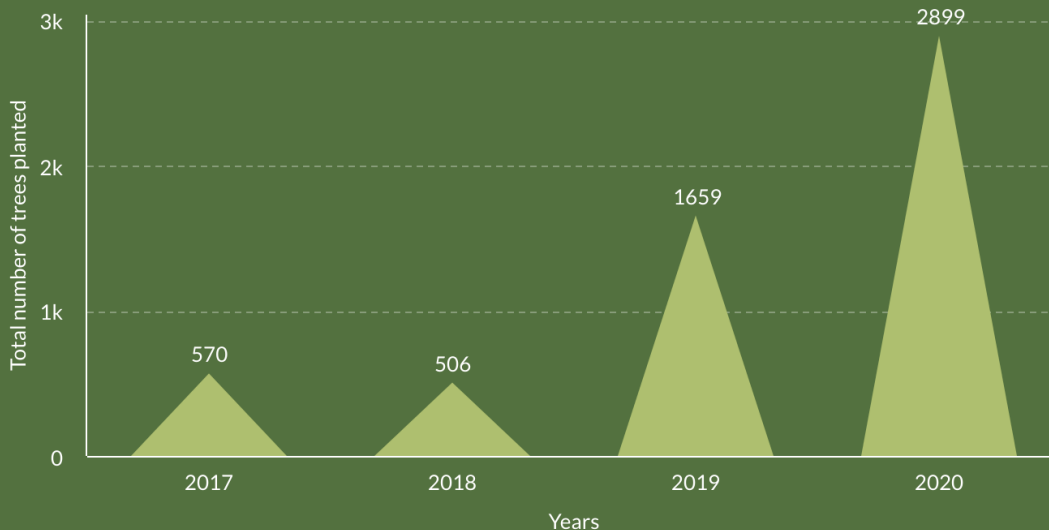
Other top species included:

- *Banksia menziesii* (firewood banksia)
- *Banksia ilicifolia* (lantern banksia)
- *Agonis flexuosa* (WA peppermint)
- *Jacaranda mimosaeifolia* (blue jacaranda)



Tree planting year on year

Yearly reviews



PLANTING SEASON 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



Urban Forest at Home

Urban Forest at Home program was a huge success with 904 trees and 4,860 shrubs collected and planted by residents of the Town.

The program has contributed to 32,685 m² of canopy cover.



Community planting day at Charles Patterson Park

Large scale community planting events have been held on sites around the Town. These events allow the community to be involved with minimal commitment.

The community planting day at Charles Patterson Park saw 18 trees and 3,500 shrubs planted by over 100 community members.



FoJ Kensington Bushland Biodiversity Plantings

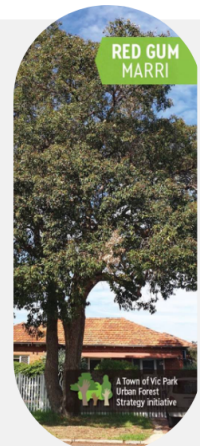
The Friends of Jirdarup have worked in partnership with the Town to plant more native seedlings in Kensington Bushland.

In 2020, the Friends planted 56 tree seedlings and 2,771 shrubs to provide the Town with a projected canopy cover of 530 m²

Vic Park Leafy Streets

This program has been delivering the Town's mass street planting program.

This year the program has planted 797 trees around streets in Town, adding 44,807 m² of projected canopy cover for the Town.



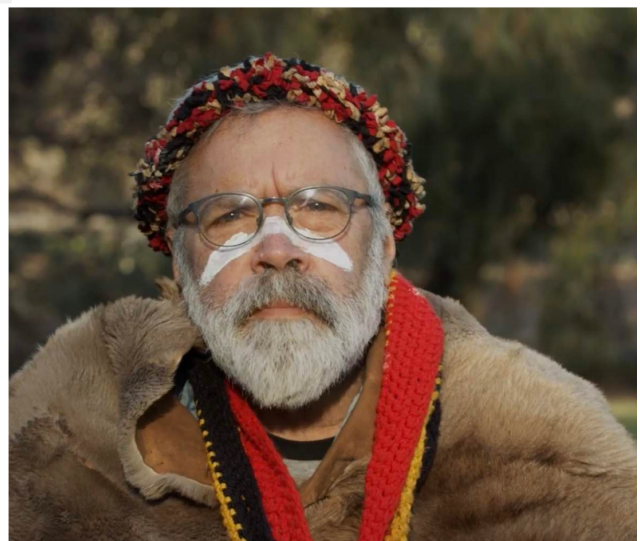
Urban Forest Grants

The first Urban Forest Grants Program was launched in March 2020 with three grant recipients contributing to 12 trees and 480 shrubs planted.

Efforts from Connect Vic Park Inc. and Kent St SHS and P&C contributed to 708 m² of canopy cover for the Town.

Some other exciting highlights for Urban Forest Program 2020

- Gardening Australia filmed a segment of the Town's urban forest initiative for national viewing;
- Boorn Stories four part video was developed with local Noongar Elder, Professor Simon Forrest.
- The Town's Urban Forest Program won the LG Professionals Award for Environmental and Sustainability Leadership
- Local seed propagation is happening with City of South Perth nursery as a key partnership for future Urban Forest Program initiatives.



THANK YOU

We say "thank you" to all residents, community groups, Elected Members, and Town staff for your support and involvement in the 2020 Planting Season.

Watch this space for a live tracker of the Urban Forest projected canopy and more exciting initiatives for the 2021 planting season.

More information & to get involved: vicpark.info/urbanforest