



# Green

## OUR STREETS



### HOW WE CHOOSE STREET TREE SPECIES

The tree species selected for this year's street tree planting program are all local native species.

Prior to planting trees on Council land, many things are taken into consideration to ensure the right tree is planted at the right location. These include:

- Inspection of the planting site for services and availability of planting space
- A 'dial before you dig' is undertaken to reduce the instances of conflicts between services and trees.

Council has highly qualified staff that have studied and worked in the horticultural industry for many years. We source tree stocks from reputable suppliers who grow according to acceptable nursery standards and the Australian Standard AS2303:2015 'Tree Stock for Landscape Use'.

We do not encourage residents to plant trees in Council road reserves due to tree quality and consistency of plantings.

### BENEFITS OF STREET TREES

Trees play an important role in the 'greening' of our City and are an invaluable asset for our community.

More trees will:

- Provide relief from summer's heat and reduce glare from the pavement
- Improve air quality
- Enhance biodiversity
- Counter climate change and heat islands
- Make your surroundings pleasant
- Reduce runoff.

Increasing Greater Sydney's tree canopy to 40 percent is one of the Premier's priorities, with a target to plant five million trees by 2030.

This tree planting program will assist in achieving a more livable city and a better community

For more information, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Trees](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Trees)



## HOW COUNCIL MANAGES ITS PUBLIC TREES

In 2012, City of Ryde adopted a Street Tree Master Plan to strategically plant and manage public trees. Every year, guided by this document, a number of streets in the City of Ryde are selected to have trees planted on the road reserve or naturestrip. Streets are determined by a priority matrix.

View our Street Tree Masterplan at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/StreetTrees](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/StreetTrees)

## QUERIES

If you have any queries in relation to Council's Street Tree Planting Program, contact our Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222 between 8.00am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

To find out more about trees in the City of Ryde, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Trees](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Trees)

## CARING FOR STREET TREES

Council is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of street trees, however, residents can lend a helping hand by:

- Watering the newly planted street tree regularly
- Maintaining the mulch circle around the base of the tree
- Protecting the tree from mower and whipper snipper damage
- Monitor and contact Council regarding any maintenance concerns.

For more information about caring for newly planted trees visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/TreeSelection](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/TreeSelection)

