

Shepparton's Urban Forest

On Thursday the 29th of June the Greater City of Shepparton launched its Urban Forest Strategy. This strategy has a vision of making Greater Shepparton an attractive, vibrant and liveable region with well-connected green spaces that are valued by the community.

By 2037 the council aim to:

- Increase the urban forest canopy cover in each town to 40%.
- Reduce the number of vacant street tree sites to zero.
- Improve urban forest diversity by age and useful life expectancy.
- Increase the number of biodiversity links

through each towns streets and road network.

- Include urban trees in all major Council infrastructure projects at planning, design and implementation phase.
- Ensure best practice urban tree management is being delivered across all Council programs.

We see this strategy as a great move forward for the Greater Shepparton region and know that it will benefit the community in so many ways such as lifestyle, health and wellbeing, liveability and property value. As well as economic benefits like reduced energy costs in both heating and cooling,

protection of infrastructure, reduced crime rates, reduces the

heat island effect and wind speed and other environmental improvements. Apart from all that it also just looks so much better.

This foresight also brings us in line with so many other go ahead Cities and Councils. Well done Greater City of Shepparton.

For further information follow the link:

[http://
greater-shepparton.com.au
/council/major-projects/
urban-forest-strategy](http://greater-shepparton.com.au/council/major-projects/urban-forest-strategy)