

MAYORAL MINUTE

(ITEM MM9/22) NATIONAL TREE DAY 2022

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Summary

As Mayor I am passionate about increasing Burwood's urban tree canopy cover. In just over 2 years we have hit great targets and we won't stop.

In April 2019 I introduced the 500 Trees Program and have promoted a continuation of the program each year thereafter. Since then over 1,200 new trees have been planted along the streets of Burwood contributing to Council's goal of 25% urban canopy cover.

In celebration of National Tree Day 2022, and as proof of the importance of this endeavour I have committed to continuing these efforts through the delivery of community education campaigns, events and tree planting programs such as the planting of seven mature Flame Trees in Burwood Park to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee in partnership with the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

The goal of National Tree Day is not only to get people involved in planting trees but to highlight the importance of increasing tree canopy. I believe these initiatives will play an important role in supporting our community as we continue to enhance the biodiversity, sustainability and liveability of Burwood.

Operational Plan Objective

3.1.1.1 Maintain and increase green spaces, the urban tree canopy, natural shade and enhance biodiversity corridors

I therefore move that:

- Two native quandong trees are planted outside George Street Burwood in celebration of National Tree Day 2022.
- Council commits to planting another 500 street trees to increase our urban canopy cover in addition to the 1,200 street trees already planted.
- The General Manager creates a new street tree inventory which will assist in planning for future street tree planting programs.
- The General Manager continues to encourage staff to promote State Government programs including the Free Tree Giveaway Program which has made free trees available for Greater Sydney households and the Everyone Plant One campaign which encourages the community to plant a tree in their backyard in an effort to contribute to the NSW Government goal of 1 million trees by 2022.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.