

### **URBAN FOREST PROGRAM**

Planting Season Report for the 2019 year.





### **FOREWORD**

To ensure both efficient use of water and plant survival the implementation of greening initiatives should be restricted to a designated planting season suitable to our climate. In Perth this planting season runs through winter and spring from approximately June to September when adequate moisture is present in the soil from rainfall. The Urban Forest Strategy implementation can be split into two seasons, a 'planting season' and a 'planning season'. The planning season is when projects are identified, plant stock secured and design and documentation conducted.

#### **2019 RESULTS SUMMARY**

In 2019 the Town of Victoria Park experienced a large increase in tree and shrub planting. Almost triple the amount of trees were planted in public spaces compared to the 2018 planting season. 1,659 trees and 118,000 shrubs were planted in 2019. This added a total of 70,000m2 of projected canopy to the urban forest. The increase in planting was due to both the delivery of large public projects with significant greening components and the increase in the street and park tree planting program.

#### PROJECT DELIVERY

A number of strategic projects were delivered within the Town in 2019 and provided approximately 50% of tree planting for the year. The following table lists the project, its tree planting numbers and its contribution to urban forest canopy addition.



| Project                        | Canopy (m <sup>2)</sup> | Trees |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| LPRP* - Mineral Resources Park | 6,898                   | 200   |
| LPRP* - Zone 2                 | 5,610                   | 139   |
| LPRP* - Zone 2X                | 10,384                  | 273   |
| LPRP* - McCartney Crescent     | 2,166                   | 28    |
| Taylor Reserve/McCallum Park   | 3,630                   | 63    |
| G.O. Edwards park upgrade      | 909                     | 32    |
| ROW52 laneway upgrade          | 364                     | 8     |
| John Mactivation project       | 3,178                   | 45    |
| Victoria Park Drive            | 2,451                   | 55    |
| Total                          | 35,593                  | 843   |

### Street and park tree planting program

Since 2016 the Town has planted on average 400 street trees per year as part of the annual street and park tree planting program. In 2019, 390 trees were planted as part of this program. Inspired by the direction set forth in the Urban Forest Strategy the Town planted an additional 426 trees in a dedicated planting program on verges of public land and on the lowest canopy coverage streets in the Town. This increased planting resulted in a total of 816 trees and over 35,000m2 of projected canopy added to the urban forest.













