
ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - GREENING OUR CITY FUNDING

FROM: The Mayor

TRIM #: 20/408585

I am delighted to announce Council has been successful in receiving funding through the NSW Government's Greening our City grant program.

There were two streams of funding as part of this program, which we applied for in August. The first stream was called Cooler Suburbs and it gave priority to applications that involve planting trees in suburbs with low canopy cover and therefore increased exposure to heat.

We proposed, and were successful in receiving funding for, three projects as part of this stream:

- The first was Street Tree Planting Program 2020-21 and 2021-22, for which we received \$310,000. This funding will help us plant up to 600 trees.
- The second was Narellan Sports Hub Tree Planting, for which we received \$80,400. Council plans to carry out significant landscaping as part of Stage Two works at the Sports Hub in April 2021.
- The third was Ferguson's Land Tree Planting, for which we received \$50,780. Council plans to carry out significant landscaping as part of upcoming Stage One work in October 2021.

The funding received under the first stream totalled \$441,180.

The second stream is the Green Innovations Stream, which focuses on finding innovative solutions to challenges the community is facing as they work towards achieving increased tree canopy and green cover.

We proposed, and were successful in receiving funding for, the establishment of a Camden White Gum Forest. We were granted \$41,500 for this project, which will see 500 Camden White Gums planted on a one-hectare site located on Council land at Elizabeth Macarthur Reserve, Camden South. This important project for the threatened species – Camden White Gum – will create a seed orchard and add value to other isolated wild or planted Camden White Gum trees.

I'd like to thank the NSW Government for the funding for these projects. Their support is vital in being able to complete these key projects.

The Greening the City program will go a long way in assisting local councils and their partners to enhance tree canopy and green cover.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. accept grant funding to the value of \$482,680 from the NSW Government Greening our City grant program;**
- ii. write to The Hon. Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, thanking him for the grant; and**
- iii. write to Mr Peter Sidgreaves, Member for Camden, thanking him for his support.**