

MEDIA RELEASE

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Improving Bayside's Green Canopy

Council received a \$100,000 grant from the NSW State Government's *Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney Grant* to improve the green canopy in Bayside.

"Having the airport in our LGA means we have a lower tree canopy than many other areas around Sydney. This grant will go a long way to improving our green coverage. We will also be able to work with the Bayside Garden Centre to supply the plants," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

This funding will be used for the first stage of a significant tree planting program to increase tree canopy cover throughout the LGA with 800 trees planted in Banksmeadow, Kyeemagh, Mascot, and Sans Souci.

Council is now formulating a plan of action for this project that will see 320 trees planted along our streets and 480 trees planted in our parks and reserves.

The predominately native trees will initially be about 1.5m tall when planted and will be selected according to where they will be placed.

- Street trees planted near power lines will grow to about 4m tall.
- Street trees not near power lines will grow to 6 to 10m tall
- Trees in parks will grow to between 4 and 20m tall

Council will work with the Bayside Garden Centre to supply the trees which will include *Callistemon viminalis*, *Ceratopetalum gummiferum*, *Prunus cerasifera* and *Eucalyptus ficifolia*.

The Bayside Garden Centre is a joint collaboration between Bayside Council and Intellectual Disability Foundation of St George.

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