

Community notice

Shading and cooling at Galada Tamboore

We're creating tree canopy over the Merri Creek Trail at Galada Tamboore so that it can be enjoyed by the local community for more days of the year.

Why are we doing this?

Hotter and more frequent heatwaves are having a big impact on our cities due to the urban heat island effect. As the manager of over 33,000 hectares of land, Melbourne Water is doing our part to make Melbourne cooler and greener.

Through our Urban Cooling Program, we're working with councils and community groups to transform exposed parklands, paths and trails into enjoyable community spaces.

Growing evidence shows that we can effectively lower local temperatures by planting trees to create more shade. In fact, standing under a tree in the shade can feel 10 degrees cooler than standing in the sun. Creating tree cover over walking and cycling trails allows them to be used more days of the year – improving recreational opportunities and community health and wellbeing.

What we're doing

We'll be planting 100 red gum trees along both sides of the Merri Creek Trail, as well as 1,700 native shrubs and grasses to create some understory garden beds.

This project will enhance amenity and public use of the shared path through Galada Tamboore, while protecting remnant grassland vegetation and biodiversity values within the reserve. Tree canopy will create shade to improve the comfort of cyclists and pedestrians by protecting them from summer sun.

We thank the Merri Creek Management Committee and Hume City Council for their input into the project.

Timing

Weed control will be undertaken in April 2022 to prepare areas for planting.

Plantings are expected to occur in May/June 2022 and will be maintained for a number of years.



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Location map of tree planting



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