

# **Recommended Tree List**

## Species for Planting in the Strathfield Municipality

**Trees are a valuable resource on your property and can provide:**

- Shade
- Shelter
- Privacy
- Colour
- Texture
- Habitat
- Screen or soften buildings
- and add value to your property

### **How to Select a Tree**

When selecting a tree, consideration must be given to its potential height and form. You should carefully consider whether the tree, once mature, will be suitable for a particular position in your garden. You will need to consider its proximity to buildings, other trees, shrubs, overhead wires, sewage and water pipes. This will help to avoid later problems and will ensure your tree fulfils the desired function.

This leaflet has been produced to help you select the right tree for your garden. It lists a number of suitable tree species for the Strathfield Municipality, and gives approximate heights, form, flower colour and season, along with other characteristics.

### **Local, Native, Exotic or Deciduous**

Indigenous species (trees which are local to the Strathfield Municipality) are suited to our local climate and soils, which means they may grow better and will probably require less watering. Indigenous species provide important habitat for local fauna, such as birds, and help to promote the local natural character of the area.

The listed Australian Native species will also be well suited to local conditions and will usually require less watering than exotics (which saves on your water bill !!!).

Native and Exotic Deciduous species, (trees which lose their leaves in winter), will be desirable where winter sun and summer shade is desired. When positioned correctly these trees can be used to cut down on energy consumption from winter heating and summer cooling in the home or office.

Suitable Evergreen Exotic Species are also included to choose from which may fit the landscape character of your garden.

## **Enjoy your Trees**

# How to Plant a Tree

- **Weather conditions**

Planting is usually most successful in Autumn to early Winter. This will give the tree the opportunity to become established before the heat of Summer. If this is not possible, try to plant on cooler days.

- **Watering**

Thoroughly water the tree before and immediately after planting. Trees should be watered deeply to encourage better root growth. Water deeply once a week until the tree becomes established.

- **Dig a hole, remove tree from its container and place tree in the hole**

Dig a hole deep enough so that when the plant is placed in the ground the top of the root ball is level with the surrounding soil. Gently remove the tree from its container and position the tree in the hole.

- **Backfill hole.**

Place soil back around the tree so that it is firmly in place. Be careful not to compact the soil too much as this will suffocate the trees roots. Do not raise the soil level around the tree. The top of the root ball should be level with the surrounding soil

- **Mulch**

Place a 75 mm layer of mulch around the tree. This will help retain soil moisture, suppress weeds, prevent soil erosion and keep the soil temperature cooler. Keep mulch away from the tree trunk to avoid stem rot.

- **Staking**

Trees will usually grow stronger without the use of stakes. However if staking is absolutely necessary it is best to use three stakes positioned evenly around the tree. Ties should be fixed at about one third of the stem height. Try to use soft, wide ties that will not wear away at the plants trunk.

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<b>EVERGREEN</b>									
<b>Indigenous</b>									
<i>Alphitonia excelsa</i> (Red Ash)	15	dense / rounded							
<i>Angophora bakeri</i> (Narrow Leaved Apple)	15	upright/compact	Cream	Su	●				
<i>Angophora floribunda</i> (Rough Barked Apple)	15	dense / rounded	White	Sp			●	●	●
<i>Casuarina cunninghamii</i> (River She-Oak)	15	conical/erect				●	●	●	
<i>Casuarina glauca</i> (Swamp Oak)	15	conical/erect				●	●	●	
<i>Eucalyptus fibrosa</i> (Broad- leaved Iron bark)	15	open canopy	White	Su			●		
<i>Eucalyptus longifolia</i> (Woolly Butt)	15	dense/rounded	White	Sp	●		●	●	
<i>Eucalyptus globoidea</i> (White Stringybark)	15	open canopy	White	Sp	●		●	●	●
<i>Eucalyptus mollucana</i> (Grey Box)	20	open canopy	White	Su/Au	●				
<i>Eucalyptus paniculata</i> (Grey Ironbark)	15	dense/rounded	Cream	Sp	●			●	
<i>Eucalyptus pilularis</i> (Blackbutt)	20	open canopy	White	Sp/Su			●	●	●
<i>Eucalyptus robusta</i> (Swamp Mahogany)	13	dense/rounded	White	Su	●	●	●	●	●
<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (Sydney Blue Gum)	15	open/canopy	White	Su	●	●	●	●	
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i> (Mugga Ironbark)	12	open canopy	Pink	Au/Wi	●	●	●	●	
<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> (Forest Red Gum)	15	open canopy	White	Wi/Sp	●	●	●	●	
<i>Melaleuca decora</i> (White Cloud Tree)	12	pendulous	Cream	Su	●	●		●	
<i>Melaleuca linariifolia</i> (Snow in Summer)	10	dense/rounded	White	Su	●	●	●		●

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<i>Melaleuca styphelioides</i> (Prickly Paperbark)	12	dense/rounded	white	Su	•	•	•		•
<i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> (Turpentine)	15	conical/erect	white	Sp	•				
<b>Native</b>									
<i>Acmena smithii</i> (Lilly Pilly)	15	dense/rounded	Yellow	Sp	•	•		•	•
<i>Agonis flexuosa</i> (Willow Myrtle)	7	weeping/ pendulous	White	Sp		•			•
<i>Allocasuarina torulosa</i> (Forest Oak)	13	weeping/ pendulous				•			•
<i>Angophora costata</i> (Smooth Barked Apple)	15	open canopy	White	Sp			•	•	
<i>Araucaria cunninghamii</i> (Hoop Pine)	15	conical/erect				•	•		
<i>Backhousia citriodora</i> (Lemon Scented Myrtle)	15	dense/rounded	White	Su	•	•		•	•
<i>Backhousia myrtifolia</i> (Grey Myrtle)	8	dense/rounded	Yellow	Su	•	•		•	•
<i>Buckinghamia celissima</i> (Ivory Curl Flower)	8	medium dome	Cream	Su	•	•	•		
<i>Callicoma serratifolia</i> (Black Wattle)	12	dense rounded	White	Sp	•	•	•		
<i>Castanospermum australe</i> (Blackbean)	10	broad dome	Red	Sp	•	•		•	
<i>Ceratopetalum apetalum</i> (Coachwood)	15	dense/rounded	White / Pink	Sp	•		•	•	
<i>Ceratopetalum gummiferum</i> (NSW Christmas Bush)	6	dense/rounded	White / Red	Sp	•	•		•	
<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatus</i> (Blueberry Ash)	8	medium dome	White	Su	•			•	•
<i>Eucalyptus siderophlia</i> (Cider Gum)	15	dense/rounded	White	Su	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Rosea'</i> (Whitewood)	12	dense/rounded	Pink	Au	•		•	•	•
<i>Eucalyptus maculata</i> (Spotted Gum)	20	conical/erect	White	Wi	•		•	•	
<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i> (Yellow Box)	15	open canopy	Cream	Sp	•	•	•	•	

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<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i> (Tallowwood)	15	dense/rounded	White	Wi	●		●	●	●
<i>Flindersia australis</i> (Australian Ash)	25	Conical/erect				●		●	●
<i>Glochidion ferdinandi</i> (Cheese Tree)	12	dense/rounded	Yellow	Sp		●		●	●
<i>Harpullia pendula</i> (Tulip Wood)	12	dense/rounded	Yellow	Su	●	●		●	
<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i> (Native Frangipani)	10	dense/rounded	Yellow	Sp	●	●	●		
<i>Lophostemon confertus</i> (Brushbox)	15	medium dome	White	Sp			●	●	
<i>Macadamia integrifolia</i> (Macadamia)	13	medium dome	Cream	Sp	●	●			
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> (Broad Leaved Paperbark)	10	conical/erect	Cream	Su	●	●	●		●
<i>Oreocallis wickamii</i> (Tree Waratah)	10	medium dome	Red	Sp	●	●			
<i>Pittosporum rhombifolium</i> (Diamond Leaf Pittosporum)	8	dense/rounded	white	Au	●	●	●		
<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i> (Sweet Pittosporum)	8	dense/rounded	white	Sp	●		●	●	
<i>Stenocarpus sinuatus</i> (Qld Firewheel Tree)	10	broad dome	red	Su	●				
<i>Syzygium australe</i> (Brush Cherry)	10	broad dome	pink	Su	●			●	
<i>Syzygium leuhmanii</i> (Lilly Pilly)	15	medium dome	pink	Sp	●			●	
<i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i> (Watergum)	7	medium dome	yellow	Su	●	●	●	●	
<i>Waterhousia floribunda</i> (Weeping Lillypilly)	15	medium dome	cream	Su	●		●	●	●
<b>Exotic</b>									
<i>Arbutus unedo</i> Irish Strawberry Tree	5	dense/rounded	White	Au / Wi	●				●
<i>Calodendron capense</i> (Cape Chestnut)	10	broad dome	Pink	Su	●	●		●	

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<i>Gordonia axillaris</i> / <i>Franklinia axillaris</i> (Gordonia – Fried Egg Tree)	9	broad dome	White/ Yellow	Au	●	●			
<i>Fraxinus griffithi</i> (Fraxinus)	7	open canopy				●	●		
<i>Harpephyllukm caffrum</i> (Kaffir Plum)	9	dense/rounded	Green			●		●	●
<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i> (NZ Christmas Bush)	10	medium dome	Red	Su	●			●	●
<b>DECIDUOUS</b>									
<b>Natives</b>									
<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i> (Flame Tree)	15	medium dome	red	Sp	●				
<i>Brachychiton populneus</i> (Kurrajong)	15	medium dome	cream	Sp	●			●	
<i>Toona australis</i> (Red Cedar)	15	conical/erect	white	Sp			●	●	
<b>Exotics</b>									
<i>Fraxinus oxycarpa</i> 'Raywood' (Claret Ash)	10	medium dome				●		●	
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> (Maidenhair Tree)	10	conical/erect			●	●		●	
<i>Gleditsia tricanthos</i> 'Sunburst' (Honey Locust)	12				●	●	●	●	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> 'Auria' (Golden Ash)	7	rounded				●	●	●	●
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> (Jacaranda)	12	broad dome	purple	Sp	●	●	●	●	
<i>Koelreutaria panniculata</i> (Golden Rain Tree)	10	weeping/ pendulous	yellow	Su	●			●	
<i>Liquidamber styraciflua</i> (Liquidamber)	15	broad dome			●	●	●	●	
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> Tupelo	15	pendulous/erect				●		●	
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i> (Pistachio)	8	medium dome	red	Sp	●			●	
<i>Quercus palustris</i> (Pin Oak)	15	conical/erect			●	●	●	●	
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> Chinese Elm	13	broad dome				●		●	
<i>Ulmus glabra</i> 'Lutescens' (Golden Elm)	15	broad dome/rounded				●		●	