THE URBAN FOREST IN HOBSONS BAY

The urban forest refers to all trees on public and private land within Hobsons Bay City Council area. Almost two thirds of these trees are in council owned streets, parks and reserves. While over half Hobsons Bay is comprised of private land, these lands contain only one third of the urban forest.

HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL HAS SET THE TARGET OF 30% CANOPY COVER BY 2040.

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- Trees improve social connection and cohesion by providing attractive places.
- Trees contribute to local identity and enhance local character.
- Trees improve health and well-being outcomes, including reduced stress and obesity levels.
- Access to and views of trees can alleviate depression and improve mental health.

- Tree shade to buildings and homes reduces the need for air conditioning.
- Tall trees with wide canopies provide the most effective shade for cooling.
- The urban forest can reduce temperatures by up to 10°C in summer.
- Street trees can reduce electricity consumption and provide household savings of up to $438 each year.
- Urban trees improve property values for homes and businesses.

- Customers prefer shopping in streets with large trees.
- Tree shade increases the lifespan of asphalt and reduces maintenance costs.
- Trees act as carbon sinks by absorbing atmospheric carbon.
- Canopy trees capture air borne pollutants and improve air quality, helping to reduce the occurrence of smog.

- Trees enhance biodiversity and provide habitat for fauna.
- Tree canopies and root systems reduce storm-water flows and remove nutrients that can pollute waterways.
- Broad tree canopies reduce the impact of heavy rainfalls.

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