

## Actions so far

Council is committed to maintaining our tree canopy. Here are some examples of what we have already undertaken.

1. Ongoing management of more than 1,700 hectares of bushland by Council, home to 1,460 native plant species and 540 native animal species
2. Ongoing management of pseudo-arboretums including Stony Range Botanical Garden at Dee Why, Ivanhoe Park Botanical Garden in Manly and the Palm Beach Bible Garden
3. Ongoing management of our community nursery program which enlists the help of dedicated volunteers who propagate thousands of Indigenous plants, including rare species, from seed every year
4. Bushcare program with over 400 volunteers who work at over 80 different sites throughout the Northern Beaches using plants from our community nursery program
5. Ongoing annual tree planting program which includes considering succession planting, avoiding overhead or underground infrastructure, proactive new tree maintenance programs and monitoring survival rates of new trees
6. Tree giveaways at special events such as National Tree Day and market days where advice is provided, and young trees are given to the community to plant in their own gardens
7. Developed and implemented a risk-based approach to the management of trees on public land and the assessment of trees on private land
8. Developed a nature strip planting program with residents
9. Planted 36,396 trees since 2018 – 2022 with our target 100,000 by 2038
10. Cyclic tree maintenance and audit program
11. Developed the Public Open Space and Design Guidelines with professional input from arborists, planners, engineers, urban designers, biodiversity experts, landscape architects and the Northern Beaches community, including a species list to seek better outcomes in public domain projects
12. Adopted our award winning Local Strategic Planning Statement, Towards 2040, providing a strong strategic planning framework to inform new LEP & DCP controls
13. Developed a suite of Technical Studies to inform the new LEP & DCP controls, including conservation zones, as well as studies on biodiversity, waterways, stormwater, bush fire and riparian areas which are vital to support the tree canopy
14. Facilitated offset compensatory programs within the planning framework resulting in the renewal of canopy across the LGA
15. LiDAR information baseline surveying of LGA
16. Reviewed Green Cover Targets based on the Government Architects NSW Targets
17. Initiated planting program including identifying planting opportunities on public land
18. Successfully obtained grant funding of \$1.9 million for tree planting projects