

Media Release

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GREENER TRANSPORT DELIVERING A COOLER WEST

Families in Melbourne's west will enjoy cooler and shadier streets thanks to investment by the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for the Environment Steve Dimopoulos today announced a \$190,000 investment to create a tree canopy across four sites across western Melbourne through the More Trees for a Cooler, Greener West program.

Partnering with Maribyrnong City Council, a turning lane will be realigned on Williamstown Road between West Footscray and Seddon to make way for green space.

Partnering with Yarra Trams, two urban arbours will be installed in spaces at tram stops in Maribyrnong and Moonee Valley.

Delivered with Metro Trains, an urban arbour will be installed on a platform at Glenbervie Station in Essendon.

The projects demonstrate the importance of using creative solutions to increase canopy coverage such as urban arbours – which are structures that plants can grow around to provide shade and greenery in urban landscapes.

All three cooling projects are part of the Government's More Trees for a Cooler, Greener West program which has planted over 419,000 trees to date in partnership with a variety of local councils, including Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and Wyndham.

The program is set to complete these flagship projects and achieve its 500,000 planted trees target by the end of 2026, showcasing the Government's commitment to improving the city's liveability.

For more information on the More Trees for a Cooler, Greener West program, including upcoming community tree planting days visit environment.vic.gov.au/more-trees.

Quote attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"We've already planted more than 419,000 trees across Melbourne's bustling western suburbs and we're on track to plant 500,000 by the end of 2026."

Quote attributable to Member for Essendon Danny Pearson

"This isn't just about planting trees, it's about making the spaces people use every day cooler in summer and more liveable."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"We're partnering with councils and public transport providers to make commutes more comfortable, communities more climate-resilient, and Melbourne's western suburbs more liveable."

Quote attributable to Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne

"By planting more trees in Melbourne's west we are creating a cooler environment with more green coverage that improves the quality of our public spaces for everyone to enjoy."

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