



# GROWING GREEN: TREE CANOPY IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY 2021-2045

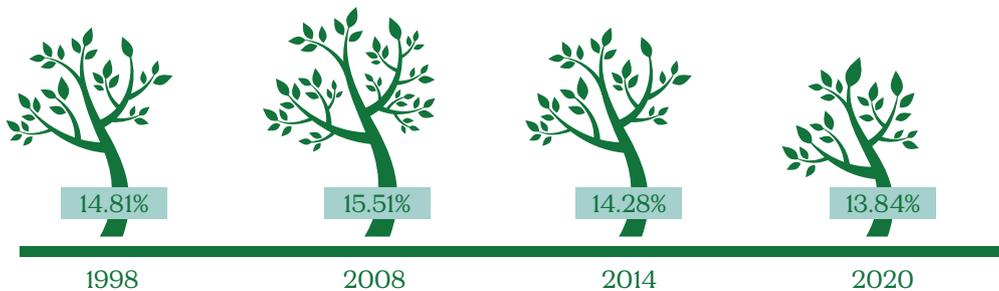
## Our City is GROWING GREEN

Help us make our City greener, cooler, healthier and an even better place to live.

Our City is getting hotter from the impacts of climate change and the urban heat island effect. Trees provide cooling benefits, support our health, create a sense of place and produce important habitat. Planting trees is an investment in the future of our City. The mature trees we enjoy today were planted by those generations before us.

## The Tree Canopy is Currently in Decline

We need a Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy to provide a planned approach to arrest the decline we are seeing in our tree canopy cover, primarily due to the loss of trees on private property from infill development.



## WHAT WILL THE CANOPY BE IN 2045?

Our target is to reach a tree canopy cover of 25% by 2045

Let's work together to GROW the tree canopy cover across our City!

## Our Draft Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy

Our Strategy proposes an extended and intensive tree planting programme commencing now, and continuing for the decades to come.

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## GROWING GREEN Vision

The City of Charles Sturt has an extensive, healthy, diverse and sustainable urban forest which grows to reach a City-wide canopy cover target of 25% by 2045.

## GROWING GREEN Commitment

We will achieve this vision by increasing resources with a dedicated focus on planting more trees, whilst maintaining, protecting and retaining our existing trees, and engaging our community to enable action to protect and retain trees in both the public and private realm.

## GROWING GREEN Guiding Principles

1. Plant more trees.
2. Have a plan and set a target.
3. Protect more trees.
4. More tree maintenance and management.
5. Appreciate trees more.
6. Monitor and evaluate our progress (and change course if we need to).

There are 41 actions in the strategy that align to the 6 principles.

## We want to know what you think of our Draft Strategy and the Tree Canopy Target.

### How you can be involved:

Visit Your Say Charles Sturt (Council's online community engagement hub) at [yoursaycharlessturt.com.au](https://yoursaycharlessturt.com.au) (you can use a smart phone, iPad or computer)

- View or download the Draft Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy 2021 - 2045.
- View or download the fact sheet.
- Complete our quick poll and online survey.
- Register your interest in becoming a Charles Sturt Tree Champion (see survey form).
- Prepare a written submission.

### Visit one of our Libraries, Community Centres, or Civic Centre

- View the Draft Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy 2021 - 2045.
- Pick up the fact sheet.
- Collect a hardcopy survey form.

### Come Along To Our Community Event

- GROWING GREEN Workshop, 6.00pm - 7.30pm, Wednesday 25 August 2021 at the Charles Sturt Civic Centre, 72 Woodville Road, Woodville. Registration is required, please call us for more information.

### Email Us

- Email your completed survey or written submission addressed to Mark Hannan at [mhannan@charlessturt.sa.gov.au](mailto:mhannan@charlessturt.sa.gov.au) and include the subject heading "Draft Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy".

### Post to Us

- Post your completed survey or written submission addressed to the CEO, City of Charles Sturt, PO Box 1, Woodville SA 5011, Attention Mark Hannan at [mhannan@charlessturt.sa.gov.au](mailto:mhannan@charlessturt.sa.gov.au) and include the subject heading "Draft Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy".

### Call Us

- Phone us on 8408 1111 for help or more information.

NOTE: When completing our survey, if you have the option of completing the survey online we would greatly appreciate you using this option over completing a hard copy version.

**Consultation closes at 5pm on Sunday 5 September 2021.**

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHARLES STURT TREE CHAMPION?

Once the Strategy has been endorsed by Council we will have the 'green light' to act. If you are potentially interested in working with us and others in our community please register your interest (refer to the last part of the survey form). We will be back in touch in October/November 2021 to explore opportunities with you.

