

Greening Perth, Greening our Future: Highlights

Greening Perth, Stepping Stones to Naturelink –

Sci-tech, West Perth – 8 October, 2026

Speaker 1: Dr Jane Chambers, Naturelink Perth



How can we reconcile this situation?

- Perth population to reach 3.5 million in 2050.
- Perth already the longest city in the world
- We need to increase housing density

- Perth sits in one of 36 global biodiversity hotspots.
- Contains over 1,500 endemic vascular plant species and has lost at least 70% of its habitat

- Block sizes have dwindled and houses have got larger.
- With little room for trees or backyard, people are reliant of public open space for rest and recreation

Naturelinks

Our focus is creating Naturelinks. To sustain biodiversity, wildlife need to be able to move between conservation reserves to maintain healthy populations.

Naturelinks are nature-friendly pathways joining two (or more) protected natural areas, that provide the least risk to species moving across the urban landscape.

Naturelinks promotes urban greening with benefits to people while also conserving our biodiversity.

Christina O'Donnell and Cameron Haddleton



Emphasis is to be placed on 300m Rule - **3-30-300 Rule** as stated in **Urban Forestry Guideline** - that every person should see at least 3 trees from their home, live in a neighbourhood with 30% tree canopy cover, and be within 300m of a quality green space.

Every Stepping Stone Habitat is valuable, creating them 300m apart provides the best outcome for our wildlife. Find out more about naturelinks and stepping stones at <https://naturelinkperth.org/naturelinks/>



What can you do?



NatureLink
Perth

Transitioning Perth to connect people and nature

Nature at Home

Step 1.
Find the
NatureLink Perth
website so you
have help every
step of the way.



Speaker 2: Caitlin Broadfoot - GIS (Geographic Information System) Project Coordinator, DPLH Urban Greening Dashboard

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Perth, showing a mix of urban development and green spaces. The city skyline is visible in the background.

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Urban Greening Dashboard

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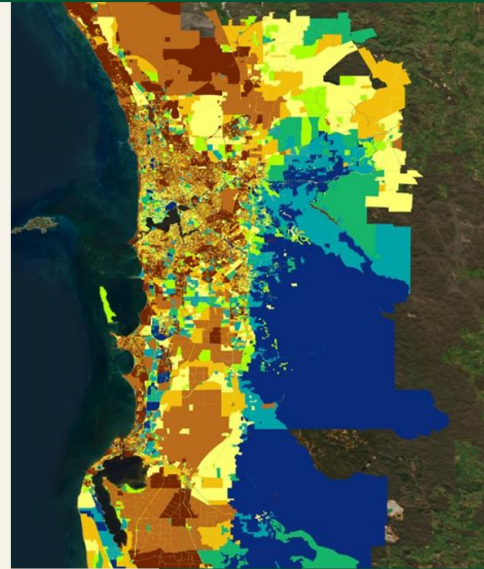
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Background

- **Urban Tree Canopy Dashboard** first published in 2020 to support Local Governments in their Urban Forest planning and reporting
- Based on State government's **Urban Forest** data – published 2-yearly since 2014 (*2022 and 2026 currently being processed*)
- Refreshed dashboard published in May 2026
 - Aligned to the **Urban Greening Strategy**
 - Better comparability between years
 - More flexible ways to explore the data
 - Features to provide more information and transparency



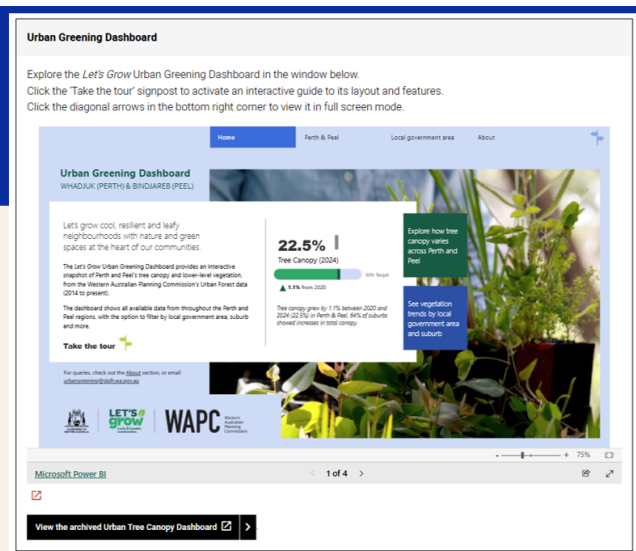
[Urban Forest map viewer](#) can help identify hot spots in your suburb.

[Urban Greening Dashboard](#) -

State government has set a canopy target of 30% for Perth and Peel. The canopy in 2024 was 22.5%

Getting

- Open your internet browser
We recommend using a desktop computer
- Search 'Urban Greening Data' or use the URL:
www.wa.gov.au/urbangreeningdata
Includes information about data collection, processing, formats and availability.
- Scroll down to the Urban Greening Dashboard window
- Click the *square* button in the bottom left to open the dashboard in its own tab
You can 'favourite' or 'bookmark' this page for quick access



Started

Email urbangreening@dplh.wa.gov.au with questions or feedback about the dashboard and data.

Speaker 3: Sue Conlan, Urban Bushland Council Committee Member and Volunteer with Friends of Mosman Park Buckland Hill



State Government “Let’s Grow Grants”

Look around your suburb and you’ll notice there are many areas perfect to revegetate with canopy and biodiversity.

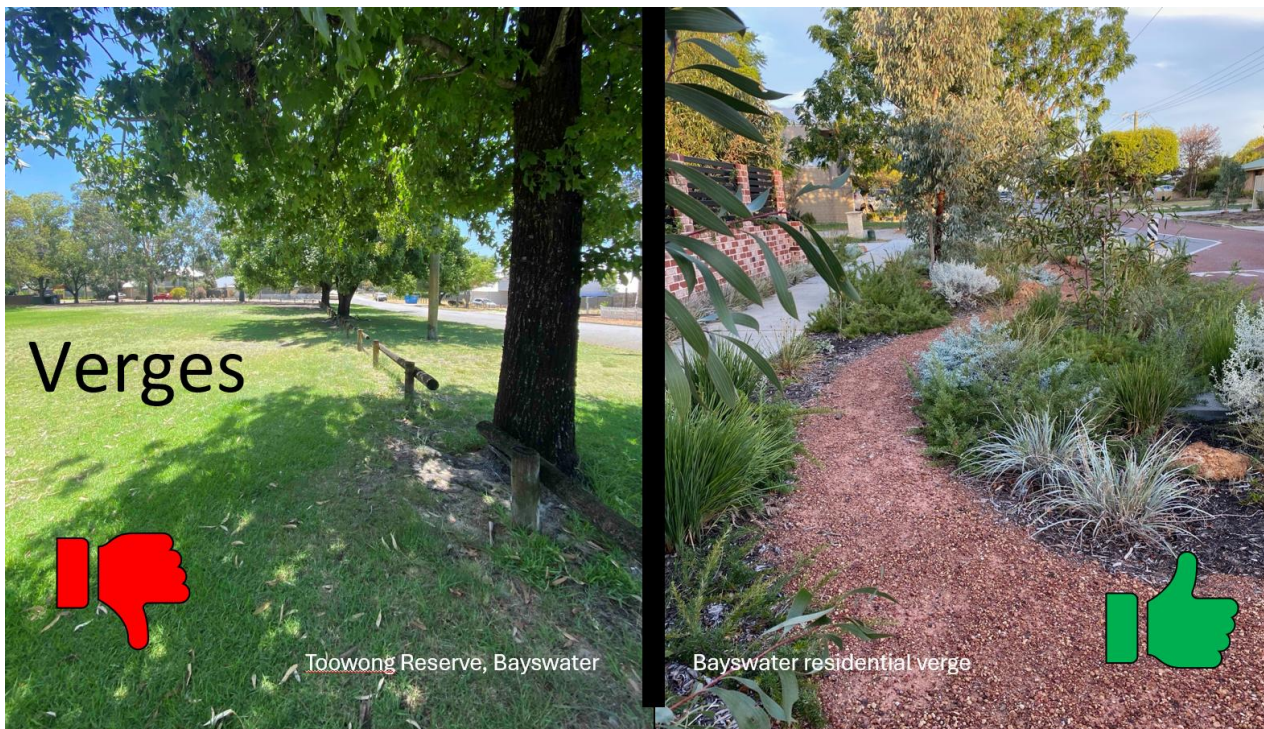
It’s never been easier to grow local and protect our wildlife!

- Find an over cleared public area in your locality -
 - a sporting precinct (see picture below)
 - community buildings
 - local remnant vegetation - increase the size
 - a carpark!
- Find buddies to help, school P&C, sports clubs!
- Discuss and pass it by your friendly Councillor as they will be happy to support your project when you approach your Local Council for permission.

1 Parks *....creating multifunctional green space*



Hillcrest Reserve, City of Bayswater



Criteria of [Let's grow grants](#) is to increase canopy cover, introduce local hardy plants back to the heart of your suburb, endear community, provide stepping stone habitat for wildlife.

- Let's Grow Grants Strategy [here](#)
- Let's Grow Grants Resources [here](#)
- First Round recipients of Let's Grow Grants [here](#)
- Project longevity depends on **building community support** to help you. Consider including aspects of how children could use the area, logs, stepping stoned, get people to love it, and especially to own it!
- Need help with what to plant? See list below

Let's Grow Grant project Plant Select Help 2026

Name	Contact	List	Suburb
Metropolitan			
SERCUL South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare	https://www.sercul.org.au/contact/	Lists for Perth Soils	Beckenham
Urban Bushland Council	Find a bushcare group for planting advice.		Perth wide
Florabase DBCA Flora of WA	Florabase	Need to know family name	Entire State
Cottesloe Coastcare	Cottesloe Coastcare local plants	Photos and names	Coastal Perth
REWILD Perth		Find a plant for your suburb here	All
APACE Nursery	admin@apacewa.org.au	Revegetation Catalogue for soil type	1 Johanna St, North Fremantle
Native Plants WA	nursery.manager@npwa.org.au Website (DIRECTIONS: Inside the Rockingham Golf Course Grounds. Access through the golf club gates, take the first left, follow the track 1km)	Plant list	Lot 2730 Elanora Drive, Cooloongup WA 6168 (See left for further directions).
Conservation Nursery at The Wetlands Centre	nursery@thewetlandscentre.org.au Website		184 Hope Road, Bibra Lake
Natural Area Consulting Management Services	https://naturalarea.com.au/ (08) 9209 2767		Bibra Lake
Nuts About Natives	ben@nutsaboutnatives.com.au https://nutsaboutnatives.com.au/?page_id=25 0418 658 028		20 Hilltop Rise, Karnup
Trillion Trees	contact@trilliontrees.org.au	Catalogue	Guildford
Australian Native Nursery	info@ANativeNursery.com.au	Plant List	141 King Road, Oakford
Rural:			
Boyanup Botanical	https://boyanupbotanical.com.au/ 9731 5470	Plant list	Lot 14 South Western Hwy, Boyanup WA 6237
Geographe Community Landcare Nursery	0429 644 885 gcln@gcln.org.au https://gcln.org.au/	Plant list with photos	366 Queen Elizabeth Ave, Ambergate, Busselton



Help make your neighbourhood greener and get a cash rebate.

Western Australians wanting to make their neighbourhood greener can purchase up to five native trees for their backyard and claim a rebate, with the second year of Treebate now open.

Up to 5 native trees for your property to value of \$150/owner per year. [Claim on ServiceWA](#)