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Action Plan 2026-2030

WHADJUK (PERTH) AND BINDJAREB (PEEL)

Urban Greening Strategy



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About this document

The 5-year *Let's Grow* Action Plan sets out the practical steps to bring the Strategy to life through the *Let's Grow* program.

Let's Grow is a body of State Government urban greening work that will grow over time — this is just the beginning.

The Western Australian Planning Commission (Commission) is the lead entity responsible for coordinating State Government urban greening under *Let's Grow*.

The Commission is supported by a dedicated *Let's Grow* team within the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.

The team will work with other agencies and the community to coordinate delivery of the *Let's Grow* Action Plan.

A reporting framework will be developed to track actions and key measures of success, including progress towards the Strategy's tree canopy target.

We'll review progress and update this Action Plan as needed so it stays on track.

While this Action Plan may not capture every action, the reporting framework will cross-reference complementary projects and programs to provide a whole-of-government view.

State Government will align investment with the Strategy, *Let's Grow* Action Plan and ultimately, the target embedded in the Strategy.

Actions are organised by timeframe and reflect the period in which we'll start the work:

- **Short term (Years 1–2)** — the first things we'll get done
- **Medium term (Years 3–5)** — the next steps to build momentum
- **Ongoing** — work that continues throughout the plan and beyond

A handy guide to abbreviations and acronyms used can be found [here](#).



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Let's Grow recognises that together with Government investment and action, meeting the Strategy's ambitious target will require shared responsibility across how we all plan, build and manage our urban spaces – no single person, organisation or sector can do it alone.

How will you contribute?

Action Area: Growing More

Coordinate planting to drive progress towards the target.

Urban Greening Strategy		Let's Grow Action Plan		
Outcome	Strategic Action	Detailed Actions	Lead	Timing
Funding is accessible and drives action	<i>Grants program to enable projects that focus on boosting tree canopy.</i>	1.1 Let's Grow Grants program supports the delivery of strategic projects that focus on boosting tree canopy. 1.2 Waterwise Greening Scheme offers co-funding to Waterwise Councils for neighbourhood greening, such as waterwise verges, street trees, plant sales, workshops and garden competitions. 1.3 Swan Canning Riverpark Urban Forest grant program restores urban forest areas within the Riverpark and its catchment, including tributaries and drainage lines. 1.4 Treebate incentive program offers rebates to households to plant native trees on their private properties.	WAPC WC DBCA DWER	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
	<i>Incentivise private landowners to retain and plant trees and vegetation on their property.</i>	1.5 WA Tree Recovery program funds local governments, residents and the Perth Zoo to replant trees lost from the Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB). 1.6 Explore financial and other incentives to encourage tree retention and planting.	DWER WAPC	Ongoing Medium term
Plant more on public land	<i>Seek out opportunities to green State and local government land.</i>	1.7 State Government agencies to prepare Urban Greening Plans that identify and prioritise opportunities for planting on land they manage. 1.8 Identify opportunities for planting on underutilised WAPC-managed land in urban areas. 1.9 State agencies to continue integrating greening into ongoing project delivery and land that they manage.	WA Gov LM WAPC DTMI, PTA and MRWA, WP, Water Corp	Ongoing Medium term Ongoing

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Greening integrated into urban areas and developments	<i>Ensure relevant State Government policies and operational documents are aligned to this Strategy.</i>	<p>1.10 Integrate urban greening outcomes (vegetation retention, protection and green links) and urban heat mitigation within the State Planning Framework policy, manuals, guidance, strategies and review processes.</p> <p>1.11 Draft State Planning Policy Neighbourhood Design to address and integrate the role of trees and other vegetation in the planning and development of new neighbourhoods.</p> <p>1.12 Update the Residential Design Codes to integrate urban greening outcomes.</p> <p>1.13 Update the Better Urban Forest Planning Guide that provides contemporary guidance to assist local governments to establish Urban Forest Strategies and urban greening targets.</p> <p>1.14 Update relevant State Government internal operational documents, such as frameworks, principles, guidelines and manuals to ensure alignment with this strategy.</p> <p>1.15 Initiate a review of the Utility Providers Services Committee's Utility Providers Code of Practice for Western Australia to better accommodate street tree requirements, including root zones, in verges.</p>	<p>WAPC</p> <p>WAPC</p> <p>WAPC</p> <p>WAPC, WALGA</p> <p>WA Gov agencies</p> <p>UPSC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Short term</p>
Quality data informs decision-making	<i>Refine, develop and share high-quality contemporary data, tools and models.</i>	<p>1.16 Make improvements to the <i>Let's Grow</i> Urban Greening Dashboard to create a valuable, user-friendly shared resource that enables stakeholders to track progress.</p> <p>1.17 Investigate the use of DWER's urban heat island modelling, being developed under the Climate Adaptation Strategy, as a tool to inform urban greening initiatives and priorities.</p> <p>1.18 Develop an accessible prioritisation mapping tool that identifies areas most vulnerable due to low urban greening and high urban heat.</p> <p>1.19 Establish high-quality data capture, mapping and monitoring of vegetation on State Government owned and managed land to identify greening opportunities.</p> <p>1.20 Investigate the development of common data standards to assist with sharing greening information between State and local governments.</p> <p>1.21 Enable access to the Biodiversity Data Platform, Dandjoo, to maximise urban greening outcomes that support and enhance biodiversity.</p>	<p>WAPC</p> <p>DWER, WAPC</p> <p>WAPC, Landgate</p> <p>WAPC, DWER, DBCA, Landgate</p> <p>LG, WAPC</p> <p>DBCA</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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Government greening is coordinated	<i>Strengthen State Government understanding of leading practice and benefits, specific to Whadjuk and Bindjareb.</i>	1.22	Develop comprehensive urban greening guidance materials for State agencies, such as green links, canopy layer restoration, appropriate plant species and urban heat mitigation techniques.	BGPA, WAPC, DBCA	Medium term
	<i>Enhance collaboration, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building across State Government.</i>	1.23	Establish an urban greening network to aid collaboration, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building across State agencies.	WAPC, WA Gov agencies	Ongoing
	<i>Identify, deliver and showcase innovative solutions in State Government urban greening.</i>	1.24	Promote demonstration projects and case studies that exemplify leading-practice State urban greening.	WAPC	Ongoing
		1.25	DevelopmentWA to continue to undertake and promote innovative and best practice urban greening outcomes in its Whadjuk and Bindjareb developments.	DevWA	Ongoing
		1.26	Metropolitan Cemeteries Board to incorporate urban greening into their master planning processes.	MCB, WAPC	Short term
		1.27	Implement resilient, waterwise green verges for all new Department of Housing and Works social housing projects.	DHW	Ongoing



Action Area: Growing Together

Strengthen the collective effort to grow an inspired and invested community.

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Everyone is engaged and participating in urban greening	<i>Development of a 'Let's Grow' strategic awareness and education program.</i>	<p>2.1 Develop a rolling communications strategy for the program that champions urban greening and promotes activity delivered under the Let's Grow Action Plan.</p> <p>2.2 Identify and establish effective Let's Grow communication channels, such as social media and e-newsletters.</p> <p>2.3 Development of online Let's Grow program information, resources, news, events, opportunities and more.</p> <p>2.4 Development of Let's Grow educational resources and content for the communication channels that's tailored to urban greening and our local context.</p> <p>2.5 Undertake regular research to gather insights to refine program activities and track progress.</p>	WAPC WAPC WAPC WAPC, BGPA WAPC	Ongoing Short term Short term Short term Ongoing
Noongar culture is valued with partnerships created	<i>Build relationships with Noongar people and create positive outcomes for Noongar communities.</i>	<p>2.6 Partner with Noongar people to facilitate traditional ecological knowledge to inform State Government urban greening work.</p> <p>2.7 Partner with Aboriginal peoples to develop Aboriginal-led urban greening projects, including on Noongar managed land across Whadjuk and Bindjareb.</p> <p>2.8 Identify economic development opportunities for Aboriginal people through urban greening.</p> <p>2.9 Engage Noongar people to facilitate cultural learning opportunities and sharing perspectives with stakeholders and the broader community.</p>	WAPC, Aboriginal organisations WAPC, Aboriginal organisations, WA Gov LM WAPC, Aboriginal organisations, WA Gov LM WAPC, Aboriginal organisations, WA Gov LM	Short term Medium term Ongoing Ongoing

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Local governments supported	<i>Continue working with the local government sector to share resources and align efforts towards common goals.</i>	2.10 Establish a Let's Grow Local Government facilitator to support best practice greening outcomes. 2.11 Sharing of events, opportunities, success, knowledge, resources and more to engage and educate local communities at a neighbourhood level. 2.12 Maintain the Urban Forest working group as an active forum for engagement with the local government sector.	WAPC, WALGA WAPC, LG WALGA, WAPC, LG	Short term Ongoing Ongoing
Greater collaboration, reach and impact	<i>Partner with schools and education providers to cultivate urban greening appreciation, knowledge and skills among students and the local community</i>	2.13 Through Sustainable Schools WA and the Bush Classrooms initiative, provide Let's Grow urban greening resources to support curriculum delivery, bush classrooms and sustainability education. 2.14 Prepare urban greening guidance materials and resources to support schools. 2.15 Increase tree canopy and vegetation at schools through the Let's Grow Grants program. 2.16 Embed urban greening principles in designs as outlined in the Primary School Brief and Secondary School Planning Guide.	WAPC, DoE, BGPA WAPC, DoE, BGPA WAPC, DoE DoE	Short term Short term Short term Medium term
	<i>Collaborate with the development and building industry to identify new urban greening opportunities in infill and greenfield developments.</i>	2.17 Work with the development sector to understand opportunities and encourage innovation to incorporate urban greening as standard practice.	WAPC	Ongoing
	<i>Engage with landscape architects, horticulturalists, arborists and nurseries to understand industry needs and inform future collaboration and action.</i>	2.18 Regular engagement to explore opportunities for better design, build and maintenance of urban green spaces; innovative practices; and suitable/sustainable plant stock and supply.	WAPC, BGPA	Ongoing
	<i>Explore partnerships with commercial and member-based organisations that share this Strategy's vision and values.</i>	2.19 Explore opportunities for partnerships between private organisations and the State Government where there are shared goals or mutual interest in the benefits that urban greening provides, such as improving the environment, community wellbeing or enhancing public spaces.	WAPC	Medium term

Action Area: Growing Stronger

Prioritise biodiverse and resilient planting with good design and practices.

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Urban greening is planned and future-proofed	Support local governments to develop and implement local urban greening and biodiversity strategies.	3.1	Support local governments to maintain or prepare contemporary urban greening and biodiversity strategies, embedding implementation into local planning strategies.	LG, WAPC	Ongoing
	<p><i>Unlock the potential of native and climate-resilient plants through species trials and testing innovative management practices.</i></p>	3.2	Trial the planting of low height and maintenance native vegetation ('woody meadows' concept), such as within Western Power infrastructure corridors where tall trees aren't suitable.	BGPA, WAPC, WP	Short term
		3.3	Undertake Climate-ready Street Tree trials to identify new or underutilised species that are resilient to local conditions, across a number of local governments.	WALGA, WAPC	Short term
		3.4	Investigate the development of an urban greening tool premised on climate change resilience to inform species selection and planting considerations including location, setting, habitat value, resilience and management factors.	WAPC	Medium term
		3.5	Investigate and implement opportunities for the collection and reuse of topsoil to support re-seeding and regeneration of native vegetation.	BGPA, WAPC	Medium term
	Encourage a diversity of plantings in Government and community greening, including species for wildlife habitat.	3.6	Assist local governments to work with Murdoch University and the Keep Carnaby's Flying – Ngoolarks Forever project to identify opportunities to support black cockatoos.	LG, WAPC	Medium term
	<p><i>Help strengthen the supply of suitable species, ensuring ongoing availability to meet increased demand.</i></p>	3.7	Collaborate with nurseries, growers and the arboriculture industry to help deliver suitable and resilient plant supplies.	WAPC, BGPA	Ongoing
		3.8	Collaborate with the development industry, land managers, nurseries, growers and the arboriculture industry to establish methods for forecasting demand and supply needs to support urban greening efforts.	WAPC, BGPA	Ongoing

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	<i>Foster urban greening related skills, expertise and education and training pathways.</i>	3.9	Explore opportunities for new urban greening education, training and skills pathways through TAFE and other learning institutions.	DTWD, WAPC	Medium term
Existing vegetation is valued and enhanced where possible	<i>Collaborate with the development industry to maximise retention of tree canopy and vegetation in new development.</i>	3.10	Work with the development industry to identify opportunities to consider urban greening early-on to maximise canopy potential across greenfields and other developments.	WAPC	Ongoing
		3.11	Undertake research to inform development guidance on the new and innovative engineering options to retain trees which might damage or be removed due to impacts on infrastructure.	WAPC	Medium term
	<i>Maintain and enhance urban bushland and wetlands in State Government conservation estates, including Bush Forever areas.</i>	3.12	Review State Planning Policy 2.8 – Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region.	WAPC	Medium term
Limited water supplies are used efficiently for urban greening	<i>Partner with and complement the State Government's Kep Katitjin - Gabi Kaadajan Waterwise program to support the integration of green and blue infrastructure and resources.</i>	3.13	Investigate implementation options for future water source opportunities at a sub-regional scale to enable urban greening targets.	DWER, WC, WAPC	Medium term
		3.14	Develop and implement guidelines to enhance urban greening and water sensitive urban design objectives in carparks.	WAPC	Medium term
	<i>Implement waterwise leading practice and water-sensitive urban design in State Government urban greening.</i>	3.15	In all new State Government projects, ensure greater integration of water sensitive urban design with urban greening to improve survival rates and resilience through less reliance on potable water irrigation.	WAPC, DWER	Short term
		3.16	Drainage for Liveability program converts selected stormwater drains and basins into living green spaces, incorporating urban greening principles.	WC, DWER	Ongoing

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Green links are created and strengthened	Investigate opportunities for State Government to implement green links as part of infrastructure and project delivery.	3.17	Develop and publish a detailed Let's Grow Green Links Map to drive greater understanding and implementation of green links.	WAPC, DWER, DBCA	Short term
	Provide data and guidance material to local governments and other stakeholders to inform identification and ensure delivery of green links.	3.18	Provide quality data and develop guidance material for decision support around green links.	WAPC, LG	Ongoing
		3.19	Support local governments to incorporate green link identification and implementation into local planning strategies.	WAPC, LG	Ongoing
		3.20	Local Government planting programs should be informed and prioritised to implement green links identified in Local Planning Strategies and/or strategic planning documents.	WAPC, LG	Ongoing



Abbreviations and Acronyms

WA Gov agencies	Western Australian Government agencies	WC	Water Corporation
WA Gov LM	Western Australian Government land managers	WP	Western Power
WAPC	Western Australian Planning Commission	MCB	Metropolitan Cemeteries Board
DPLH	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage	UPSC	Utility Providers Services Committee
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	LG	Local Government
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
BGPA	Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority		
DoE	Department of Education		
DoH	Department of Health		
DHW	Department of Housing and Works		
DTMI	Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure		
MRWA	Main Roads Western Australia		
PTA	Public Transport Authority		
DTWD	Department of Training and Workforce Development		
Dev WA	DevelopmentWA		





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