

Debate over tree species for Cecil Ave

BY GERALDINE ALPHONSE

Canning's first smart street in Cecil Avenue was on track to open in December but the type of tree chosen may have started a community debate.

The city was planning to plant more than 80 new trees to help increase its tree canopy.

There are 47 London plane trees that have been growing off site at a tree farm and 37 Australian native spotted gums however the announcement caused commotion on Facebook, when members of the public questioned the advantages of London plane trees. Victoria Park shire president Marnie MacKee said those trees were planted all through Carlisle and made a mess.

"I disagree that these trees only make a mess for a couple of weeks, it's much longer than that," she said.

"They leave fluff that gets rolled into the ground surfaces.

"Gum trees please,

please, please [sic]."

Victoria Park resident Kerry Jones said London plane trees were beautiful but they needed to be planted in the right environment.

"In WA we have many good landscape architects, it would be nice if the city of Canning had asked their residents and ratepayers to have some input to the planning choice," she said.

Local resident Craig Wansbrough wanted the city to celebrate local native flora.

"South West WA is a world biodiversity hotspot with a vast array of tree species and we are resorting to plane trees from England," he said.

The tree selection and rationale was identified in the Cecil Avenue Public Realm Concept Plans which were shared with the community in early 2018.

City of Canning mayor Patrick Hall said the London plane trees would be restricted to the pedestrian pavements of Cecil Avenue.

"They are proven and versatile species in main street environments due to their fast growth, tolerance to pollution and ability to offer extensive shade in summer whilst allowing winter sun through the canopy in the cooler months," he said.

"The trees will be supported by structural soils designed to promote root growth and engineered grates to protect infrastructure.

"Overall the London plane tree represents less than 10 per cent of the trees to be planted throughout the city centre."

Mr Hall said the vast majority of trees planted within the Canning city centre over the next 10 years would be natives.

"The city is committed to creating a vibrant city centre and once complete Cecil Avenue will have big street trees," he said.

The transformation of the road into a pedestrian-friendly street was the first stage of the city's \$76 million city centre regeneration program.



The City of Canning will be planting more than 80 new trees on the new Cecil Avenue.



The Climate Canons of St Norbert College have collected and removed 270 litres of plastic.

Students want to make big change in the world

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Meet the Climate Canons – a growing band of teenagers making a change in the world 'one dent at a time'.

St Norbert College students wanted to reduce the impact on energy and waste in the world and so formed a sustainability committee to get hands on.

The group formed in May last year and ever since they have added solar panels to the college's performing arts centre, they have removed straws from the canteen, added biodegradable cups to the school's daily breakfast club and turned all staff room food waste into compost.

All of this started when year nine students took part in the Australian Youth Climate Justice Summit some time ago and within only two days, they learnt about climate science, climate impacts and how they could lead solutions within their school and the wider community.

They then felt the need to create their own committee which they dubbed the Climate Canons.

After forming only 18 months ago, 38 student from years seven to 10 have already joined.

Today the Climate Canons are working on a vertical garden and veggie patch for their school's canteen and for students to use while

learning to cook in food, science and technology classes. Removing all plastic and styrofoam products from the staff room and from college events, plus adding a worm farm, was next on the agenda.

Year eight student Sophie Griffiths said she wanted to make a change in the world even if it was just a tiny dent.

"It doesn't have to be anything massive like becoming a billionaire," she said.

"It just has to be the smallest thing like putting plastics in the right bins and picking up some rubbish.

"I believe that change can't come to be without a large, motivated and passionate community and this community for me is the Climate Canons."

Year 10 student Ali Tkacz said he had often felt alone in trying to make a change when it came to sustainability.

"I'm so grateful to have this opportunity to share with my peers who share the same goals and wishes," he said.

"Our actions have resulted in such a jam-packed and successful year.

"With almost 40 students we've held an excursion to an e-waste recycling facility, saw the movie 2040, held several planning sessions and rolled out the green batch bins."

Teacher Danielle Pisoneri said the Climate Canons had their sights on achievable changes that would be passed on.



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