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Landcare NSW and Greater Sydney Landcare are planting 200,000 trees as part of the Greening our City program to help reduce urban heat in Greater Sydney. Proudly funded by the NSW Government.

About Greater Sydney Landcare

Greater Sydney Landcare (GSL) is a community organisation that supports individuals, groups and organisations working to protect, restore and improve the natural environment of Greater Sydney.

GSL manages multiple large-scale environmental projects, including:



The Aim of Creating Canopies

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Creating Canopies aims to help mitigate urban heat in Greater Sydney. It achieves this by planting native trees that will grow to 3 m and above. Plantings are prioritised in LGAs with 30% canopy cover or less.



Volunteers at a Creating Canopies tree planting event.

About Creating Canopies

Creating Canopies Stage 1: 2020-2022

In 2020 GSL, in partnership with Landcare NSW, received funding from the NSW Government for Creating Canopies.

Stage 1 of the project saw GSL engage with public and private landowners, volunteers and contractors to plant 100,000 trees within two years to increase canopy cover in Greater Sydney.

Considering the project was affected by COVID-19 restrictions and challenging La Niña conditions, its successful completion was a significant achievement.

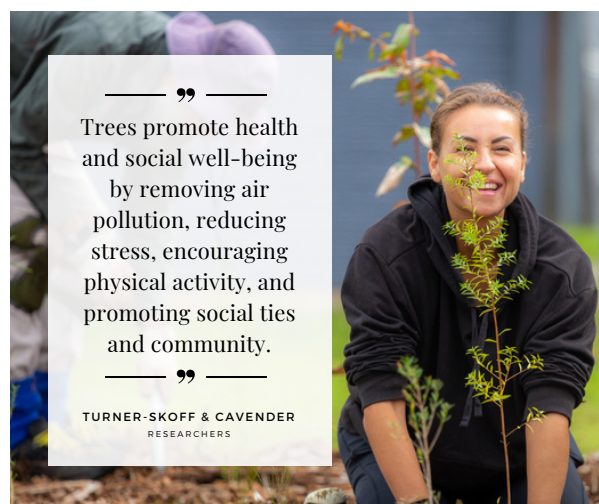


Council Partnerships

During Creating Canopies Stage 1, GSL partnered with eighteen Councils across Greater Sydney to plant in parks, reserves, on verges and in other public spaces.

In Stage 2 of the project, GSL is looking to continue building strong partnerships with local governments.

Is your Council interested in greening and beautifying your local area and creating cooler, more liveable spaces for your communities? A partnership with GSL may be suitable for you.



Creating Canopies Stage 2: 2023-2025

2023 saw NSW government funding for Creating Canopies increased and its scope widened. GSL was re-engaged to deliver the planting of 200,000 trees across Greater Sydney within three years.

Creating Canopies & You

Partnership with GSL provides Councils with a range of free services, including:

- expert advice on site selection and tree species
- all plants and equipment provided
- volunteer assistance for planting, including involving your local community in tree planting events

Plus, you'll be contributing to the health and wellbeing of your community by providing shade, habitat for wildlife, and a cooler city.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to create a more sustainable future for your council area.



Working in Partnership

If required, and subject to negotiation, GSL is able to help with site preparation and follow-up maintenance in line with the size of the site and number of plants.

We see our role as partnering with Land Managers to deliver the best on-ground results for the site, the community, the LGA and Greater Sydney.

The sites we are looking for could be currently mown areas, though with our skilled staff consisting of experienced and qualified Bush Regenerators and Ecologists, we can help to undertake more complex areas requiring more preparation.

Regarding plant numbers, GSL has 200,000 to plant before the end of 2025, however we appreciate that each LGA has its own unique requirements.

If you can find a space for 1,000 that would be great, though GSL would prefer to allocate many more.

The higher the plant count, the more site preparation and follow-up maintenance GSL can provide.

GSL can also work with you to plant multiple sites.

How Your LGA Can Benefit

The Creating Canopies team will work in partnership with you to achieve our joint environmental goals. This can look different depending on the requirements and needs of your LGA.

The Creating Canopies team includes two full-time, fully qualified Bush Regenerators. They have experience with spraying, slashing, ripping, weeding, mulching, installation of tree guards, water crystals and more. They can assist with follow up monitoring and maintenance as negotiated with you.

The Creating Canopies team has extensive experience running planting events which include an Acknowledgement of Country, catered lunch, a port-a-loo if required, plus the provision of plants, tools, and on-site training and supervision for volunteers.

It is important to us that all volunteers are provided with a safe and supportive environment while tree planting. All Creating Canopies staff hold current First Aid Certificates and Working With Children Checks. First aid kits are provided at every planting day. GSL also holds public liability cover of at least \$10 million.



The Creating Canopies Team

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greatersydneylandcare.org/our-staff

What Does the Field Team Do?

The Field Team's role involves conducting site visits with colleagues and helping to advise clients on planting opportunities within their properties. They provide advice on the suitability of works as well as the long term viability of potential plantings. Their diverse skill sets allow them to conduct much of the preparation works themselves, however they also regularly collaborate with local businesses across sites. Their roles also include advising on species selection to incorporate the most suitable plants for each area. They host and provide accessible training on planting days with community and corporate volunteer groups, as well as providing insightful and engaging opportunities for volunteers during bush care and working bees. Their responsibilities also include keeping the plants happy and healthy, by providing adequate watering and maintenance visits.



What Creating Canopies Offers

A relationship with the friendly and professional Creating Canopies team, which includes two full-time, fully qualified bush regenerators.

Site inspections and visits to discuss site suitability & planting capacity.

Site preparation as negotiated with you in advance, which can include ripping, spraying, slashing, watering, mulching, and digging holes.

Expert advice on site selection and preparation, native plant selection, protection of plantings including stakes and guards, sourcing of native plants.

Coordination and supervision of the event at our cost.

Organisation of a planting day or multiple days which can include an Acknowledgement of Country, catered lunch for volunteers, port-a-loo if required, and for larger groups - an environmental educational talk.

Sourcing of volunteers to plant on the day - from GSL's own mailing list and working with you to engage your local community.

Opportunity to engage local community in environmental stewardship and foster a sense of connection to local green spaces.

Better amenities for the local community.

Communications support - promotion of partnership and event via GSL website, social media channels, e-newsletter, and media release as appropriate/desired.

Invitation of Mayor, Councillors, local MPs, or Department Minister/s to planting event as appropriate/desired.

Follow up maintenance including watering, spraying/weeding etc to ensure highest possible survival rate as negotiated with you in advance.

We're here to organise a great planting event (or many!) for you

Get in touch today to find out more.

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See our latest activities:



Ms Danielle Packer
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Dear Danielle

Re: National Tree Day 2023

On behalf of Liverpool City Council and the local community, I would like to thank the Creating Canopies team for all your contributions and support in delivering a successful 2023 National Tree Day at Gough Park, Cecil Hills.

From full bookings, we had over 85 attendees planting 3200 plants. It was excellent to see so many people participating and enjoy spending time giving back to the natural environment.

The team's energy and friendliness on the day was appreciated in welcoming everyone to site and ensuring the activity went safely and smoothly. The catering, live music, face painting, and weaving workshop helped make this a fun and rewarding experience for families and individuals of all backgrounds and ability.

We couldn't have achieved this level of success without you.

We look forward to working with you and the team on future collaborations, connecting the community to their local bushland areas.

Yours sincerely



Alexi Gilchrist
ERP Program Leader