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## COUNCIL TREE PLANTING SEASON HAS BEGUN

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As part of an extensive tree planting program for 2018/19 Council aims to plant up to 240 trees throughout Narrandera, Barellan and Grong Grong, subject to adequate seasonal conditions.

So far Council has received 78 trees at the depot for planting with some already planted along Peters Street, at Jonsen Street Park and Victoria Avenue along Narrandera High School.

Over the coming weeks trees will be established along Riverine Street, Jellinbah Street, Victoria Avenue, Dundas Street, Larmer Street, Audley Street, Roslyn Street, East Street, King Street, Twynam Street and around Barellan's Big Tennis Racquet.

Markers have been laid out along Irrigation Way where 20 maple trees will be planted, while 40 Eucalyptus Scoparia will be planted throughout the Red Hill Industrial Estate.

Council has selected a range of tree species dependant on the space available, consistency in the streetscape, nearby services and improving aesthetics. In this year's planting there are a number of Chinese Elms, Chinese Pistachio, Eucalyptus, Yellow Bloodwoods and other varieties including plane trees and natives.

Narrandera Shire is renowned for the rich diversity and maturity of trees found within its streetscapes, parkland and private gardens. The purpose of Narrandera Shire Council's Tree Service is to ensure a safe environment for residents and visitors while also maintaining and enhancing the aesthetics of our Shire.

Trees are an essential part of the urban and rural fabric, providing significant economic, social and ecological benefits and hold equal importance as the water supply, roads and footpaths.

As the tree planting season for 2018 begins, it is an excellent opportunity to also review the successful planting season of 2017.

Council replanted 87 trees between August and September of 2017. The various locations including Elizabeth Street along the Showground, Elwin Street, Japonica Place, the corner of Melbourne and Midgeon Street, Red Hill Industrial Estate, Peters Street, Victoria Avenue, Narrandera Sportsground, King Street, William Street, Frederica Street, Irrigation Way and Cadell Street.

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## 2018 Tree Planting Progress



*Tree Watering along Melbourne Street for a Tree Planted in 2017.*



*Council utility loaded with trees ready for planting.*



*Various trees at the Council depot for planting.*



*Trees planted along Peters Street.*

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*Staff preparing to plant trees at Jonsen Street Park.*



*Markers for tree planting along Irrigation Way.*



*Tree Planting Along the High School, Victoria Avenue.*

## 2017 Trees Planted



*Elizabeth Street along the Show Ground.*



*Elizabeth Street along Narrandera High School*

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*Bolton Street along the Coles Building*



*Rupert Street, Narrandera*

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