

MELBOURNE'S URBAN FOREST



60,000

COUNCIL TREES



\$650m

AMENITY VALUE



22%

CANOPY COVER

LOW DIVERSITY
Just three species – plane, elm and red river gum make up more than 35% of Melbourne's trees



AGEING
Some of our grandest trees are nearing the end of their lives



HIGH VULNERABILITY

Fitzroy Gardens now

CITY OF MELBOURNE EXPECTS TO LOSE

If no action is taken



- 27% of trees in 10 years
- 44% of trees in 20 years



CHALLENGES

Pests & Disease

Myrtle rust could affect almost 45% of Melbourne's trees

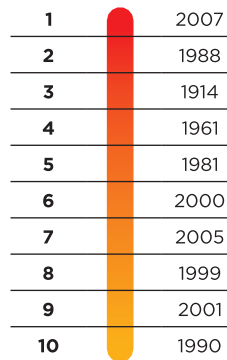


Climate change

Victoria's temperatures are predicted to increase into the future

Victoria has recorded five of its ten hottest years since 1999**

**Ranked according to average daily temperature



Increasing Population & Density



THE FUTURE

OUR VISION

The City of Melbourne's urban forest will be resilient, healthy and diverse and will contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community and to the creation of a liveable city.

URBAN FOREST STRATEGY TARGETS

1. Increase canopy cover – 40 per cent by 2040.
2. Increase diversity – no more than 5% of one tree species, 10% one genus, 20% one family.
3. Improve vegetation health – 90 per cent of tree population healthy by 2040.
4. Improve soil moisture.
5. Improve biodiversity.
6. Inform and consult with the community.

