



MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE

Melbourne's urban forest is pivotal in maintaining the health and liveability of our city.

The City of Melbourne proudly maintains more than 80,000 trees that help mitigate the impacts of climate change and reinforce Melbourne's reputation as the most liveable city in Australia.

This precious network of trees can be explored through our Urban Forest Visual, and we are delighted to see it interpreted by the CLIMARTE Tree Exhibition.

The 25 artworks in the collection breathe new life into our city's Urban Forest Strategy, and highlight its importance for a new audience. It reminds us that each tree plays a vital role in our city, and that we all have a responsibility to protect them.

Currently 92 per cent of Melbourne's residents live within a 300 metre walk to an open green space, and 25 per cent of our city is covered by trees. Our Urban Forest Strategy will see us transform the city from grey to green by increasing this canopy cover to 40 per cent by 2040.

We'll also increase our urban forest diversity with no more than 5 per cent of one tree species, no more than 10 per cent of one genus and no more than 20 per cent of any one family.

Alongside this commitment to greening our city, the City of Melbourne has declared a climate emergency and is taking drastic action to ensure our city is powered by 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030, and reaches zero net emissions by 2040.

We are proud to support this exhibition through the City of Melbourne Arts and Creative Investment Partnership and inspire a wave of climate caretakers.

Thank you to the 25 artists for honouring and advocating for our city's trees, and cementing Melbourne's reputation as the arts capital of the nation.



Sally Capp
Lord Mayor