



## **Media Release**

### **Street and Reserve Tree Strategy – Nhill Meeting**

Council was pleased to welcome a number of interested members of the Nhill community to a meeting on Monday 14 May to discuss the importance of trees to our community as part of the development of a Street and Reserve Tree Strategy.

Meg Caffin of Urban Forest Consulting led the workshop, providing an overall context of why trees are important in Hindmarsh towns. Meg ran through the Nhill data collected by Stephen Frank, Director of Tree Logic who assessed 54 streets, noting approximately 2,300 existing street trees. Callistemons are the dominant species (66%) and there are currently 800 vacant sites where trees could be planted. The audit identified that there are opportunities to create greater shade, reduce the dominance of callistemons and to replace poorly performing trees, particularly the Ash and Pyramid species.

To assist in formulating the draft tree strategy, Community members were given the opportunity to ‘vote’ for their preferred Nhill ‘character’, (colour, shade, biodiversity, main street amenity) and to then identify opportunities and challenges for tree planting.

If you were unable to attend but are interested in receiving a copy of the draft Street and Reserve Tree Strategy when it is finalised, please register your interest with your contact details at [info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au)