

Thinking of getting involved in the Blue Tree Project?

The Blue Tree Project raises awareness of mental wellbeing. Seeing a Blue Tree on a roadside may spark difficult conversations and encourage people to speak up when battling mental health concerns. By spreading the paint and spreading the message that "it's ok to not be ok", you can help break down the stigma that's still largely attached to mental health.

Before painting your tree there are several things that should be considered. The information below will help you to decide if you are prepared to paint a Blue Tree. Once you have considered these questions, please feel free to call the City's Community Development team on 9405 5600 to discuss your idea further.

Identified a tree? A little bit more about the tree!	Painting a tree? Before you start	Ready to go
<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who owns the land where the tree is located? The City will only support a maximum of one blue tree in each suburb The City will only support trees that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In an area of public open space Not in a road reserve Not in visible line of sight of any residential properties The recommendations from the Blue Tree Project website and/or Facebook page 	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The size of your tree as all painting must occur from the ground What paint you are using How accessible the tree is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there steep slopes? Is there much undergrowth? As the intent of Blue Trees is awareness raising and bringing the community together, how will you run a small community painting day? You may need to consider public liability insurance 	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you touched base with the Blue Tree Project to seek their support? The purpose of Blue Trees is awareness raising. The City's Memorials in Parks and Reserves Policy may be relevant to your project instead: policy can be found here Don't have a tree? Consider other ways to get involved, find some inspiration on the Blue Tree webpage
<p style="text-align: center;">Remember:</p> <p>You will need permission from the owner of the land, this may be the City of Wanneroo, a private land owner or it could be on Crown land.</p> <p>Trees should be visible but not cause distraction or hazards to passing motorists or pedestrians.</p> <p>Trees are to be in areas of public open space and not in National Parks or Conservation Reserves.</p> <p>Consideration needs to be given to the surrounding area and residents; not all want a Blue Tree across the road.</p> <p>Any tree considered for painting should be dead and not home to native wildlife. The City may request an Arborist report to confirm.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Remember:</p> <p>Blue Trees should be visible but should not cause distraction or hazards to passing motorists or pedestrians.</p> <p>Your safety is priority- seek a tree that can be painted whilst your feet are firmly on the ground.</p> <p>Paint selection is very important and should be non-toxic so not to affect natural habitat and wildlife. Please consult your local store for recommendations.</p> <p>Ensure that the surrounding area is safe and accessible to your painting team.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Remember:</p> <p>Find help from others and register your tree on the Blue Tree Project website.</p> <p>Consider alternatives to painting - be creative with yarn bombing, hand prints, hanging a blue sign, etc.</p> <p>Can't locate a suitable tree? Get creative in your own space-paint branches and make a display in your garden or add a blue sculpture</p> <p>Find further inspiration and information at https://www.bluetreeproject.com.au/</p>