

Estate and Gardens report 2024

Estate Gardens

The Gardens committee have had an active year, they have:-

- Engaged with an arborist to have a look at the trees in the estate
 - generally, most of the trees are in good condition,
 - a couple of “old and ailing” trees were identified and will need attention in the new year.
- Been actively involved with tree removal request from residents.
- Drafted a preferred tree/shrubs list to be used as a guide for the replacement trees/shrubs for any removed tree. (below)
- Agreed, subject to review by the committee that any Fever trees close to the road that is or will probably cause damage to the roads will be removed.

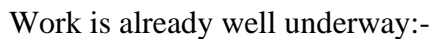
TREE/SHRUB RECOMMENDATIONS			
DEFINITIONS	Benefits	Width & Heights (Guidelines only)	Size (Guidelines Only)
TREE - A woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to considerable height bearing later branches at some distance from the ground.	Help reduce air pollution, forms a barrier against noise and wind, are wonderful O2 producers and provide shade and shelter for people, as well as birds and wildlife.		
SHRUB - A woody plant which is smaller than a tree and has several main stems arising at or near the ground.	Provides body and interest to a garden.		
Medium/Large trees			
Monkey thorn	Acacia galpinii	18-25 x 12m	L
Wild olive	Olea europaea	6-18 x 3m	M
White stinkwood	Celtis Africana	13-38 x 9m	L
Cape chestnut	Calodendrum capense	9-18 x 8m	L
Tree Wsiteria	Bolusanthus Speciosus	6-12 x 3m	M
Sweet thorn	Acacia Karoo	6-20 X 4M	M
River bushwillow	Combretum Erythrophyllum	6-17 x 8m	L
Pom tree	Dais cotnifolia	5-8 X 2m	M
Common wild pear	Dombeya rotundifolia	5-7 x 2m	M
Common coral tree	Erythrina lysistemon	8-16 x 6m	L
Lavender tree	Heteropyxis natalensis	5 x 4m	M
Wild peach	Kiggelaria africana	8 x 6m	M
Henkels Yellowwood	Podocarpus henkelii	10 -36 x 5m	L

Karee	Rhus iancea	6-16 x 6m	M
Nonindigenous trees			
Pride of India*	Lagerstroemia indica	5 x3 m	M
SHRUBS			
Sagewood	Buddleja salviifolia	5 x 3 m	
Baldder nut	Diospiros whyteana	5 x 3m	
Pincushion protea	Leucospermum	3 x 2m	
Orange jasmine *	Murraya exotica	3 x 2m	
Sacred bamboo *	Nandina domestica	3 x 1m	
chinese hawthorn*	Photinia	3,5 x 1,5m	
Wild violet	Polygala myrtifolia	2 x 1m	
English laurel*	Prunus laurocerasus	4 x 3m	
Dune crowberry	Rhus crenata	4 x 3m	
Cape honey suckle	Tecomaria capensis	3 x 3m	
Tree maintenance suggestions			
Note root growth and possible damage to surrounding areas.			
Keep tree balanced with appropriate pruning. Prevent falling over.			
* nonindigenous			

My thanks to the Ashlea and Dennis of the Gardens committee for their time and effort.

The roads project was given a green light by a 91% vote on the 21st July 2024

Proposed solution for the rejuvenation of the roads



- Graham Hartlett