

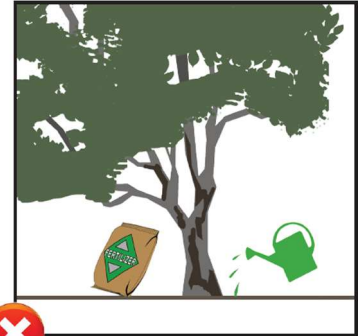
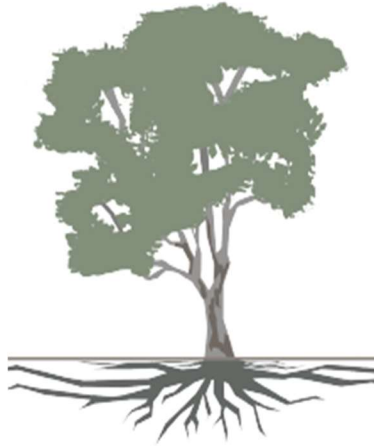
YOUR RIVER RED GUMS

The remnant River Red Gums are the most significant and predominant tree species within the Greater Dandenong Green Wedge and these trees are now protected.

They are beautiful to look at, supply shade and protection and provide valuable foraging and nesting resources for native animals.

They also increase property prices.

Please refer to diagrams which highlight how to look after your River Red Gums correctly.



Back off

Most River Red Gums can fend for themselves. There is also a risk of over-watering and over-fertilising.

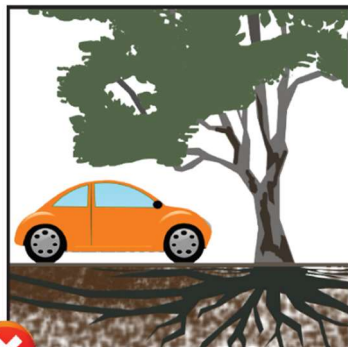
Those planted within the last 3-4 years benefit from additional fertilising and watering but can be damaged if too much is applied.



Watch where you dig

This is the biggest killer of mature trees.

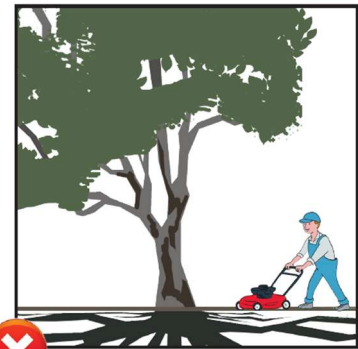
Even if development seems relatively far away, a root system can extend 2-3 times farther than the tree canopy's branches.



No parking

Do not park cars under trees.

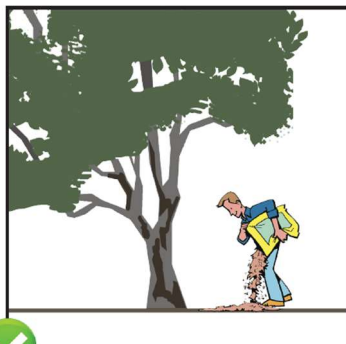
Over the years the soil becomes compacted and can slowly kill the tree.



Be careful

Mowers and trimmers can damage the tree's roots and trunk and weaken a tree.

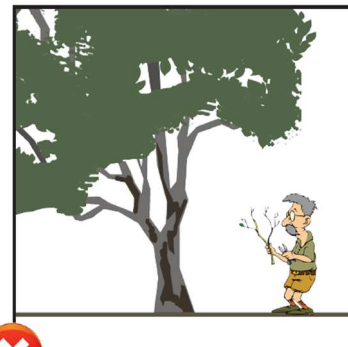
Also watch any lawn or herbicide applications – so you aren't pouring chemicals near or on the tree's roots.



Mulch regularly

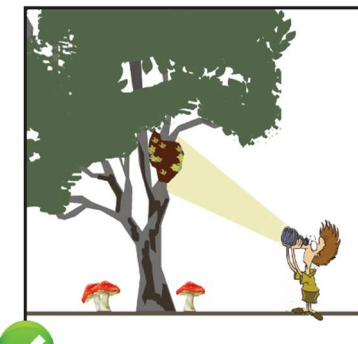
Mulch around the base of your tree. It should start 2cms from the trunk of the tree and extend as far as the drip line.

This also protects your tree from lawn equipment, keeps weeds down and moisture in the soil up!



Cut back the pruning

Mature trees seldom need help here – except for the removal of dead or damaged branches or branches that are rubbing together.



Know your tree

Keep an eye out for any diseases, dead twigs and mushrooms growing.