Winton:Vision for Trees

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I would like to see the following happen:

* A focused plan that covers 10, 20, 50 and 100 years of planting and acknowledges that trees and shrubs have a life-span. If we had a plan like this there would have been mitigations put in place a few years ago, a planting plan would have already started to replace the main street trees.
* As a community Winto needs to decide if they actually want the main street trees replaced?
* My vision for Winton is to create a plan for the whole township, not just the main street. I would like Winton to become the Biophilic town of Southland, where we have the most trees per person of any community. Wellington is considered a Biophilic City as is Singapore. <https://www.biophiliccities.org/wellington>
* In Winton we already have some significant plantings around the margin of the town - the Ivey Russell Reserve, the CSC plantings, the Moores Reserve and the mature trees around the Winton Walking Track and Winton Stream. Planning native plantings around the grass kerbs would increase the habitat for native birds and contribute to increasing the corridors for native species.
* Planting in the main street - a combination of native and exotic trees, to represent the culture of the town. The native trees should be the same as the area had before it was cleared in the 1800’s. Strategic planting to allow the dwellings to maintain the sunlight along the main street would be a priority. Avoiding grasses and flaxes that are hard to maintain on the main street would be important, as these often look pretty untidy.
* McKenzie, R.G. (1960) Forest Hill. The Growth and Development of a Southern Parish. Presbyterianism from the Early Days. Pub R. H. Waddell & Son Limited, Invercargill. There is a copy of this booklet in the Central Southland College Library. It has a description of the area around the Winton township, describing the bush cover over the whole district and describes the timber mills in the area. I don’t have any notes from this book, but used it a few years ago. There may also be a copy in the Winton Library?