

# Podium™

*Ficus brachypoda* 'BWNPOD' (L)

## ADVANCED TREES

### A hardy, evergreen compact shade tree that is perfect for a variety of landscapes.

- The Podium™ Fig is a beautiful native with a domed canopy, excellent as an evergreen shade tree. It ticks many boxes for a variety of commercial and residential landscapes, with a compact size of 6–9m.
- A uniform selection, great for streetscapes, while the common form is highly variable from 1–6m.
- Podium™ Ficus has lush foliage, the leaves mature to a glossy deep green. It's set apart from other species like *F. rubiginosa*, which tend to have a dull or glaucous leaf.
- The Podium™ tree has a strong central trunk, with branches that form a great vase-like structure. Its bark is pale grey in colour with a smooth-fine texture.
- Unlike other Figs, it keeps a clear trunk. After 10 years of observations, no aerial roots have formed.
- Podium™ Ficus is a safer tree. Fruiting is low, and smaller in size compared to other Figs. This means little fruit drop mess for paths, parks and streetscapes.
- Its flexible branches give it high wind tolerance, with no damage evident in cyclonic wind gusts up to 170 km/h.
- Once established, Podium™ Ficus is drought tolerant and has moderate frost tolerance (tested down to -2°C). It is sensitive to frost when young.



<b>Description</b>	Compact, domed Ficus tree
<b>Density</b>	1 per 8–10 linear metres
<b>Height &amp; Width</b>	6–9m x 6–9m
<b>Flowering</b>	Flowering is insignificant; low fruiting spring to early summer
<b>Best Planting Time</b>	Anytime, optimum in spring for cooler climates
<b>Uses</b>	Residential and commercial landscapes, shade tree, streetscapes, parks and for large containers
<b>Position</b>	Full sun to part shade; tolerates drought, light frost and windy conditions
<b>Soil Type</b>	Most soil types, avoid wet feet
<b>Care</b>	Water as required for 8–13 weeks until established; top up water in first summer if required; protect from frost in first winter when young; plant in a well mulched garden (chunky mulch is recommended); if required use slow release fertiliser in spring; responds well to pruning if required
<b>Where it Works</b>	QLD, Northern NSW, Central NSW, NT; more cold tolerance testing needed for Southern NSW, VIC, SA & WA

