

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.



Description	Compact, domed Ficus tree
Density	1 per 8–10 linear metres
Height & Width	6–9m x 6–9m
Flowering	Flowering is insignificant; low fruiting spring to early summer
Best Planting Time	Anytime, optimum in spring for cooler climates
Uses	Residential and commercial landscapes, shade tree, streetscapes, parks and for large containers
Position	Full sun to part shade; tolerates drought, light frost and windy conditions
Soil Type	Most soil types, avoid wet feet
Care	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
Where it Works	QLD, Northern NSW, Central NSW, NT; more cold tolerance testing needed for Southern NSW, VIC, SA & WA

