



TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

TITLE:	TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	SUPERVISOR PARKS AND RESERVES
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INTENT

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear direction for the management of trees under Council control throughout the Municipality.

OBJECTIVES

The management of all trees located on Council land (e.g. road reservations, parklands and bushland). Consultation with government agencies may be required concerning leased Crown Land e.g. river & foreshore reserves.

This policy shall apply to anyone working on trees under the control of Council.

REQUIREMENTS

1. RECOGNISE THE BENEFITS OF TREES:

- 1.1 Establish vegetation to provide benefits for the community including shade, temperature and UV control, wind suppression and reduction in noise and air pollution.
- 1.2 Support organisations in planting and management of trees.
- 1.3 Involve residents in ongoing maintenance and management of street trees as necessary.

2. CONSERVING AND ENHANCING THE MUNICIPAL AREA STREETSAPES, OPEN SPACE AND BUSHLAND

- 2.1 Require new trees to be planted as part of developments and subdivisions to be funded by the developer as and where appropriate.
- 2.2 Require new trees to be planted as part of reconstruction or upgrade works where appropriate.
- 2.3 Progress tree plantings in nature strips in identified streets.
- 2.4 Utilise the Tree Species Register for guidance when selecting new plantings to ensure the correct species are selected.
- 2.5 Provide protection to new trees to suit the environment they are planted in.
- 2.6 Provide procedures and budget resources for planting replacement trees and or removal of trees where determined appropriate.
- 2.7 Assess locations for trees considering the impact and risks to the users, the environment and the surrounding infrastructure both short and long term.
- 2.8 Ensure trees are protected during works.
- 2.9 Maintain existing trees and wildlife corridors between bushland areas for biodiversity and habitat.
- 2.10 Observe the Significant Trees Register to eliminate destruction of significant trees.
- 2.11 Physically maintain existing trees including tree planting, pruning, ongoing maintenance is to be carried out in accordance with:
 - a) Australian Standard AS4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees;
 - b) Council's Tree Maintenance Manual; and
 - c) Hazardous Tree Assessment Form.

REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed no more than 5 years after the date of approval, or more frequently if required and with Council's approval.