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STREET TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

SCOPE

This policy provides a strategic direction for tree management to guide Councillors, Council employees, residents, developers, contractors, and tree workers. It applies to all trees on Council-managed road-reserves within the urban areas of Circular Head.

Trees within road reserves under the responsibility of Council that are outside of urban areas will be managed on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration impacts on road function and safety, and resource availability.

PURPOSE

To recognise and reinforce the value and importance of street trees as vital urban infrastructure and to provide guidelines for their management.

To increase the long-term viability of street trees during and after construction events by ensuring that appropriate protection standards and management practices are implemented.
To define the circumstances under which they may be removed or pruned.

To assist in developing a sustainable inventory of street trees which minimises the financial burden on Council into the future and provide a long-term positive contribution to the quality of the urban environment.

To provide a guide for developing streetscape plans and street tree strategies and provide for consistency in planting.

To provide a framework in which the public can interact with Council in matters relating to street trees.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will manage and develop street trees in accordance with the Street Tree Management Guideline, where resources permit, for the long-term benefit of the community.

Council expects developers of residential estates to incorporate street tree plantings in their development plans, to be implemented as part of the developer's construction of the street. The plantings are to align with any adjoining street tree planting of council or any adopted planting strategy of Council for that area.

Street trees play a vital role in the beautification, placemaking, and general increase in amenity of our urban areas.

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In recognition of the vital role of the street trees, plus the time and financial investment in planting or replacement, all street trees within the municipality, unless hazardous, will be:

- a) Protected from any activity, including development, that threatens their health and/or longevity.
- b) Protected from infrastructure conflict, and where possible and cost effective, priority given to the relocation of infrastructure away from trees to reduce the potential for immediate or future damage.
- c) Replaced if damaged through vandalism.

REFERENCES & RELATED DOCUMENTS

Street Tree Management Policy Guideline CG011

DEFINITIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil