


STREET TREES EN305

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Key Focus Area: ENVIRONMENT	Responsibility: EXECUTIVE MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE Relevant Council Delegation:

Purpose

To ensure the Town of Claremont retains its prized leafy ambience through the sound management of its street tree urban forest.

Policy

Council affirms that the Town of Claremont street tree urban forest is a valuable community asset for environmental, aesthetic and social reasons including shade, heat reduction, habitat for native fauna, visual amenity and replenishment of the atmosphere.

Council has adopted a Street Tree Masterplan which nominates the species to be planted in each street. The Street Tree Masterplan will be the guiding document for decisions relating to the management of the Town's street tree asset.

Retention of existing street trees

- Developers will be encouraged to retain existing street trees wherever possible
- Developers will be required to create Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) to the Australian Standard around existing street trees
- The Town of Claremont Street Tree Masterplan 2013 will mostly be implemented by natural attrition rather than wholesale removal of existing trees. However Council may also consider requests for replacement of existing trees in a street where the majority of residents of the street support it and the new trees can be successfully interplanted into the streetscape to allow a staged removal of the existing trees.

Planting of new street trees

- Council will budget funds each year to plant sufficient new street trees to at least maintain total street tree numbers and preferably increase them
- The species planted in any street shall conform to the Town of Claremont Street Tree Masterplan 2013 except where, in the delegated officer's opinion, there are sound horticultural / arboricultural reasons not to do so
- Spacing of street trees shall be the minimum required to maintain a near continuous tree canopy in the street even if this means multiple trees per lot frontage

Maintenance of street trees

- Council will budget sufficient funds each year to properly maintain and water young street trees to ensure a good survival rate

- Council will protect its street trees from whipper snipper / mower damage by maintaining a 200mm grass-free zone around the trunks of all street trees where this is not done by the resident
- Council will budget sufficient funds each year to properly maintain the street trees on its Significant Tree Register including annual inspections by an arboricultural consultant and implementation of works arising

Pruning of street trees

- Street trees shall generally only be pruned to clear overhead powerlines, improve their form, structural integrity or health, clear infrastructure such as street lights, CCTV and street signs and to maintain pedestrian and vehicle access and/or sight lines
- Street trees under powerlines shall be pruned twice a year to ensure statutory clearances are maintained while also maintaining an aesthetically pleasing tree
- Only authorized Council contractors may prune street trees

Removal of street trees

- Street trees will generally only be removed where they are dead, diseased or dangerous
- Requests to remove street trees must be made in writing to the Town on the approved form
- Only authorized Council contractors may remove street trees

Promotion of street trees

- Council will budget sufficient funds each year to actively promote the maintenance, protection and improvement of its street tree urban forest through regular placement of educational, information and reminder articles in the local media and by other appropriate means.

Other Relevant Policies and Documents

- Street Tree Masterplan 2013
- Claremont Ahead 2023 Strategic Community Plan

Policy Adoption and Amendment History

Reviewed/Modified	Minutes Reference	Date	Meeting Type
Adopted	3/07	06/02/2007	Ordinary Council Meeting
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