

Name of Policy: Tree Planting in Streets

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Responsible Division: Engineering Services

Responsible Section: Parks & Recreation

Related Council Documents: Council's Tree Planting Program

Relevant Legislation :

Objective:

1. To enhance the environment by actively promoting the planting of suitable trees and shrubs on footpaths.
2. To reduce future maintenance costs resulting from the planting of unsuitable trees.

Requirements:

1. A maximum of two (2) trees or shrubs may be provided by Council for residential properties including rural residential properties, or a maximum of four (4) trees or shrubs for corner allotments.
2. The trees will be supplied in accordance with Council's tree planting program for individual areas, which has regard to the following:
 - natural species of the area;
 - ultimate height;
 - root growth
 - hardiness; and
 - funding.
3. Wherever possible, Council will arrange for the planting of the trees, however if this is not possible, the residents may arrange for the planting.
4. Residents may assist in the maintenance and watering of the trees, provided that any pruning is completed by either Council or its contractors.
5. Where planting of trees is not possible on the footpath, trees may be supplied for planting within the front boundary of the private properties.
6. Trees or shrubs shall not be planted on nature strips that have a width of less than one (1) metre. Where there is no kerb and guttering, the future kerb line is to be obtained from Council's Engineering Division.
7. Trees shall be planted at intervals of not less than six (6) metres.
8. Where there is kerb and guttering and no concrete path paving, a pedestrian way of two (2) metres shall be preserved. This is to be measured from the property alignment. Trees are to be located so that the grown tree will not encroach on this area.
9. Trees are to be located away from the kerb so that the grown tree does not obstruct vehicles parked next to the kerb.

10. Trees shall not be planted within 1.8 metres of the edge of any constructed or non-constructed footpath crossing.
11. Trees shall not be planted within 1.8 metres of any pole on the nature strip.
12. Trees shall not be planted at a distance less than eight (8) metres from the side boundary of any corner block.
13. Trees in this program are not to be supplied for planting along boundaries of reserves or public places for the primary purpose of providing a buffer or screening for residential properties.
14. Where a Progress Association is active in a particular area, preference will be given to the supply of trees and shrubs directly to the association, rather than to individual property owners, to enable a coordinated and continuing tree planting program to take place.
15. Residents may themselves supply street trees or for planting in reserves and public places subject to prior consultation with Council and approval of the proposed locations and species.
16. Council may remove trees that pose significant problems to services, pavements or road safety. Generally Council will endeavour to replace any removed trees with a more suitable species or at a more suitable location.