


COUNCIL POLICY

Street Tree Planting	Adopted By Council:	25/10/2018	
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CONTEXT

One of the key characteristics of the Borough of Queenscliffe is the abundance of vegetation both in the foreshore areas and the urban landscape. The residential areas are set among significant stands of vegetation. This important characteristic is confirmed in a number of provisions within the Queenscliffe Planning Scheme and related documents and is highly valued by the community. Council undertakes an annual street tree planting program across the municipality and this policy is designed to ensure a consistent approach is adopted with due regard to local conditions.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish Council's approach to its annual street tree planting program on all Council controlled road reserves.

POLICY

It is Council Policy to undertake an annual street planting program with due regard to budget provisions and local conditions. The policy requirements are:

- identify streets that will enhance the Borough's landscape characteristics through street tree planting;
- where possible create a consistent theme of planting in each street;
- ensure the community's needs for access, amenity and safety are met;
- ensure proposed vegetation in road reserves is compatible with existing and proposed infrastructure particularly overhead powerlines;
- protect the ecological, landscape and cultural heritage significance of the existing vegetation;
- improve long term management of trees and vegetation on road reserves under Council control;
- enhance local landscape characteristics of Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale;
- undertake consultation with affected property owners before annual street tree programs are implemented;
- ensure all statutory requirements are met; and
- provide an annual report to an Ordinary Meeting of Council identifying proposed street tree programs for the year ahead.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

This policy will be reviewed as a minimum every three years from the date of adoption, and as required.

OTHER REFERENCES

Queenscliffe Planning Scheme
Road Management Act

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