



The District Council of Elliston

Policy Document

STREET TREE PLANTING POLICY

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Street Tree Planting Policy

Introduction

The District Council of Elliston recognises the significant contribution that street trees make in providing practical & aesthetic benefits to communities.

Under the Local Government Act 1999, Council has an obligation to ensure the correct management of street trees. The following policy is a set of guidelines to be adhered to when residents make request for removal, planting or pruning of street trees and when assessments are made by Council Officers. Trees can add to the beauty of our towns, but trees that are planted too near powerlines, footpaths or underground services can create a wide range of hazards.

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Occupational Health Safety & Welfare

Council has a commitment to ensure that Council Staff are appropriately equipped and trained. It is also necessary to ensure that any contractors employed by Council to assist in Street-street Free-tree planting, maintenance and/or removal are suitably equipped and adheres to all of Council's Occupational Health, Safety & Welfare Policies.

Definitions

"Council"	is the District Council of Elliston
"Tree"	is defined as any shrub or tree
"Street"	mean any highway, street, road, grove, place, avenue, drive, terrace, parade, crescent, court, lane or walkway

Street Tree Planting

- No street tree shall be planted by persons other than Council Employees unless prior written permission has been obtained in order to prevent problems with overhead wires and damage to footpaths or underground services from unsuitable trees, residents wishing to plant street trees are required to obtain permission from Council. Such permission shall set out the conditions of permission and shall state, inter alia:
 - That the street tree shall become the property of Council
 - That the resident shall care for the tree
 - Any damage to public utilities resulting from the activities of any applicant shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
- All street tree planting shall comply with:
 - Street tree planting regulations under the Sewerage and ETSA Acts as amended from time to time;
 - Street tree planting policy of the District Council of Elliston
- Any trees or shrubs that are not planted in accordance with these rules and declared unsuitable or a potential hazard shall on written notice to that effect be removed at the occupier's expense within thirty days from the date of the notice. Failing that, Council employees may remove the said trees or shrubs without further notification. Council reserves the right to recover all costs involved in such a removal.
- Where a street tree has been planted pre adoption of this policy (November 2004), the tree will remain

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if it is acceptable under the street tree policy. If the location or species is unsuitable, or is not appropriate under the Sewerage & ETSA Acts, the tree will be removed after explaining the reason in writing for the removal to the resident of the adjacent property, and offering to replace it with a suitable species, provided the location is suitable.

5. Native species known to be successful in the Elliston district shall be utilised where possible; however, where trees and shrubs are not natives, they must be drought tolerant and have non invasive root structures.
6. It is a policy of Council that street planting be aimed at beautifying the street as a whole rather than individual properties.
7. Tree planting shall be carried out by, or under the direction of qualified Council staff.
8. Council advise it is illegal to use tyres as tree guards.
9. On main roads and highways it may be necessary to obtain approval from Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.
10. No shrubs and trees of any type shall be planted that exceeds 3m in height where overhead powerlines or structures exist that could affected by tree growth.-

11. When larger trees are contemplated, the potential negative impact of large root structures on roadways and water tables must be given due consideration and the final responsibility is left with Council's Work Co-ordinator / Manager.

Consideration should be given to any underground or overhead infrastructure when marking places where trees or shrubs are to be planted.

- ~~13-12.~~ _____ Planting of shrubs or trees should not impede motorist's vision at any time.

- ~~14-13.~~ _____ The care and maintenance of street trees shall be carried out by Council staff except as outlined in 1(b) above.

Existing Tree Removal

1. Street tree removal is under the care and control of Council and will be removed only by Council Employees or suitably qualified and equipped contractors in accordance with Occupational Health, Safety & Welfare Policies.
2. Trees shall only be removed when they are posing a danger to people, property or infrastructure or they are in poor health, dead or severely storm damaged and poses a high risk to public safety.
3. Where, at the written request of a resident, the ~~Deputy CEO and~~ Works Coordinator / Works Manager authorise the removal of a tree and form the opinion that the removal is for the sole benefit of the resident, the removal will be at the resident's expense and payment must be received before work

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commences. If deemed necessary, the request may be put to Council for a decision.

4. Council will give consideration to requests for removal of trees that obstruct view.
5. When a tree is removed, replanting would be subject to the Council policy and conform to the relevant regulations under the Sewerage & ETSA Acts

Suitable Trees Guide The following trees are not more the 3m tall and are approved by ETSA. SA Water have stipulated that they cannot be planted closer than 2m to any sewer main or connection.

Botanical Name	Common name
<u>Actinostrobus pyramidalis</u>	Swan River Cypress
<u>Calothamnus aspera</u>	Rough-leaved Net Bush
<u>Cotoneaster Frigida</u>	Himalayan Cotoneaster
<u>Eucalyptus preissiana</u>	Bell-fruited Mallee
<u>Hakea sulcata</u>	Furrowed Hakea
<u>Hakea undulata</u>	Wavy-leaved Hakea
<u>Hibiscus species</u>	Hibiscus
<u>Malus species</u>	Flowering Crabs and Apples
<u>Melaleuca elliptica</u>	Granite Honey Myrtle
<u>Melaleuca Fulgens</u>	Scarlet Honey Myrtle
<u>Melaleuca hypericifolia</u>	Hillock Bush
<u>Melaleuca incana</u>	Yellow-Flowered Grey Honey Myrtle
<u>Melaleuca lateritia</u>	Robin Redbreast Bush
<u>Prunus species</u>	Flowering Almonds, Plums, Apricots, Cherries, Peaches
<u>Pyracantha coccinea 'lalandei' Lalande</u>	Firethorn
<u>Pyracantha crenulata</u>	Nepal Firethorn
<u>Pyracantha rogersiana</u>	Yellow-Berry Firethorn
<u>Viburnum tinus</u>	Laurustinus

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Shrubs	Trees
Shrubs not more than 5m tall, posing no threat or danger to public safety, ie: Shall contain no thorns or sharp objects and shall not be offensive.	Trees suitable for street planting, with minimal root disturbance to footpaths and services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Magnifolia (2) Carpintina (3) Eucalyptus (4) Diversafoia <p><u>Exceptions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Trees that are susceptible to disease, have a limited lifespan etc 	

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Suitable Tree Guide 3-10m – The trees below are not ETSA & SA Water approved but are native to the area and cannot be planted where powerlines and structures exist. Furthermore, the potential negative impact of large root structures on roadways and water tables must be given due consideration also.

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Botanical	Common name
<u><i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i></u>	<u>Drooping Sheoak</u>
<u><i>Eucalyptus diversifolia</i></u>	<u>Coastal White Mallee</u>
<u><i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i></u>	<u>Dryland Tea Tree</u>
<u><i>Hakea francisiana</i></u>	<u>Bottlebrush Hakea</u>

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Suitable Shrub Guide 0-3m – The following trees are ETSA approved, however written permission from SA Water is required

Botanical	Common name
<u><i>Templetonia retusa</i></u>	<u>Cockies Tongue</u>
<u><i>Thryptomene micrantha</i></u>	<u>Ribbed Thryptomene</u>
<u><i>Dodonaea sp (Except D. viscosa)</i></u>	<u>Hopbush</u>
<u><i>Eremophila sp</i></u>	<u>Emu Bush</u>
<u><i>Prostanthera sp</i></u>	<u>Mint Bush</u>
<u><i>Senna sp (except S. brewsteri)</i></u>	<u>Cassia</u>

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Suitable Ground Cover Guide 0-1m – The following ground covers are not ETSA or SA Water approved so the potential negative impact of large root structures on roadways and water tables must be given due consideration.

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Botanical	Common name
<u><i>Halgania cyanea</i></u>	<u>Rough Halgania</u>
<u><i>Kunnedia prostrata</i></u>	<u>Running Postman</u>
<u><i>Dianella sp.</i></u>	

<u><i>Myoporum parvifolium</i></u>	<u>Creeping Boobialla</u>
<u><i>Isolepis nodosa</i></u>	<u>Knobby Club Rush</u>

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