



Council Policy Manual

WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

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STREET TREE POLICY	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Policy No:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adopted by Council:</td> <td>19 Dec 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Next review date:</td> <td>June 2022</td> </tr> </table>	Policy No:		Adopted by Council:	19 Dec 2018	Next review date:	June 2022
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Senior Manager:	Director Infrastructure Development & Works						
Responsible Officer:	Contracts Manager						
Functional Area:	Parks and Gardens						
Introduction & Background	<p>The Shire has a number of townships each with their own unique street tree plantings, which form a significant contribution to the attractiveness, amenity and liveability of the townships in the West Wimmera Shire.</p> <p>Tree lined and leafy streetscapes provide attractiveness all year round and valuable shade during the summer months.</p>						
Purpose & Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide guidelines for the selection, location, retention, maintenance and amenity of street trees for the enhancement of residential and community amenity. 2. To recognise the Street Tree Management Plan for procedures and guidelines for determination of applications for the lopping, removal or destruction of street trees. 3. To acknowledge and ensure compliance with the requirements relating to native vegetation and significant trees under the Planning & Environment Act 1989. 4. To adhere to risk management principles including meeting insurance requirements and the <i>Electrical Safety Act 1998</i>. 5. Linkage with other documents such as the <i>WWSC Street Tree Management Plan</i> and the <i>Township Tree Management Plan</i> with Powercor (or its nominated contractors). 						
Policy Details							
1.	<p>Scope & Effect of this policy</p> <hr/> <p>Area of Effect</p> <p>This policy applies to all street tree planting/s and removal along road reserves in each of the township zones**, within the West Wimmera Shire, including around the outside perimeter of roads which form the boundary of the township zones.</p> <p>**for the purpose of this Policy, Township Zone (TZ) is taken to be those areas zoned Township Zone, in accordance with the Planning Maps under the West Wimmera</p>						



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	<p>Planning Scheme.</p> <p>Definitions</p> <p>For the Purposes of this Policy, the following definitions and meanings apply:</p> <p>A Street Tree – means any vegetation growing on or within the boundaries of any Council controlled/managed, road reserve, including any nature strip or traffic island within any road reserve/s, in the Township Zone.</p> <p>Street trees on any of the above listed areas of land, becomes the property or responsibility of Council, and therefore the rights and duties, with respect to the care and maintenance for that vegetation, also rests with Council.</p>
2.	<p>Insurance and statutory requirements</p> <p>Street Trees are understood to be physical assets of Council, and it is consequently required by its insurers to develop and adopt a Tree Management Policy for township street trees to ensure public safety, and mitigate public liability risk.</p> <p>The Electrical Safety Act 1998 and associated regulations impose requirements on Council operations for street trees under power lines.</p> <p>The Planning & Environment Act 1987 and associated regulations, including the <i>West Wimmera Planning Scheme</i>, with respect to the management of native vegetation (CI 52.17) and other significant vegetation (ie CI 43.01).</p>
3.	<p>Street Tree Management Plan</p> <p>Council will develop, maintain and implement a Street Tree Management Plan incorporating criteria, guidelines and procedures for the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of street trees for planting • Determination of location • Applications for planting, lopping, removal or destruction. • Risk assessments and maintenance • Amenity of street trees. <p>This plan will be reviewed every 4 years or as required.</p>

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