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WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

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TREE PLANTING ON WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL ROAD RESERVES POLICY	Policy No:
	Adopted by Council: 20 Dec 2017
	Next review date:
Senior Manager:	Director Infrastructure Development & Works
Responsible Officer:	Planning & Environmental Manager
Functional Area:	Planning & Environment
Introduction & Background	West Wimmera Shire Council is committed to the environment and to supporting initiatives for appropriate planting of trees on its road reserves.
Purpose & Objectives	<p>Responsible management of tree planting on our road reserves by using the following guidelines to advise and assess applications by individuals, community groups or other entities.</p> <p>The related Council Procedure will provide further detail on the requirements for an application, including management of disputes.</p>
Policy Details	
1.	<p>Adjoining landowners and stakeholders</p> <p>Council will consider planting applications only if adjoining landowners have been consulted. Except when landowner permission is provided in writing, trees are to be planted no closer than 2 metres from a landowner's fence, and no closer than 5 metres off gateways.</p>
2.	<p>Restrictions</p> <p>No trees are to be planted within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table drains; • 6.5 metres from the centre of the sealed road; • 5 metres from the centre of a gravel road.



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3.	<p>Fire breaks</p> <p>No planting to occur in fire breaks nominated in the Municipal Fire Management Plan.</p>
4.	<p>Adjoining landowners and stakeholders</p> <p>Council will consider planting applications only if adjoining landowners have been consulted.</p> <p>The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) are to be notified of any plantings on road reserves.</p>
5.	<p>Care and Maintenance</p> <p>Council is not responsible for the ongoing maintenance or replacement of dead trees.</p> <p>Any group responsible for planting tree Plantations on unused road reserves is responsible for the management of weeds for a period of 10 years.</p> <p>Any tree guards used for seedling trees must be monitored on a regular basis. If any tree guards are dislodged/blown away they must be removed from the road reserve.</p>
6.	<p>Plant species</p> <p>Preferred plantings are those that are suitable to the site location, native to Victoria and indigenous to the area.</p>
7.	<p>Application in writing</p> <p>Any community member or group who is desirous of planting trees on Shire road reserves must provide the Shire with a plan that identifies at a minimum, the location, the extent and estimated numbers of plants and the proposed species.</p> <p>It is recommended an establishment plan is included.</p>

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