



10. WORKS POLICIES
10.2 PARKS AND GARDENS
10.2.3 Street Tree Planting and Replacement

Background & Issues

Planting of street trees throughout the Shire of Manjimup has benefits to the environment and the community in all towns. Environmental benefits include provision of shade allowing for cooler streetscapes, reducing storm water flows and nutrient loads, reducing air pollution, greenhouse gases and airborne particulates and providing habitats that enhance our biodiversity. Community benefits include the creation of a local identity, improving the social cohesion of a town and encouraging mental wellbeing.

In order for street tree planting to be effective, it needs to be planned in order to introduce themes that create streetscape identity, while the selected species of trees is appropriate for the location (such as suitability to be planted under powerlines). It is also critical that the community not only accepts new street trees but values and adopts a sense of ownership for its street tree population.

Objectives

To allow the progressive planting or replanting of themed street trees in identified streets within the town sites of the Shire of Manjimup while allowing the removal of inappropriate trees. The street tree planting program vision is to create a resilient, healthy and diverse street tree population that is an asset for our future and that can maintain a maximum level of net environmental, ecological, social and economic benefits over time. This vision requires review and input into the annual tree planting program by each of the Shire's Town Centre Revitalisation Committees.

Area of Application

Funded park's infrastructure within the whole of the Shire.

Policy Measures

Street trees will be planted and maintained on an annual basis in all towns throughout the Shire of Manjimup.

Other

Street trees will generally be removed and replaced with the selected street tree theme unless it is considered the removal of a particular tree will incur an unreasonably high cost, will have significant resistance from the community, has significant heritage value or is a significant tree specimen that adds to the streetscape.

Administration

Administration of this policy will be by the Manager of Park and Gardens.

Adoption and Date due for Revision

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The Administration of this Policy is by Works and Services.