



TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

<i>Responsible Officer/s</i>	Director Infrastructure Services, Co-ordinator(s) Infrastructure Services
<i>Relevant Legislation / Documents</i>	Local Government Act 1999 Development Act 1993 Development Regulations Native Vegetation Act 1991 Highways Act 1926 Road Traffic Act 1961 Heritage Places Act 1997 Electricity Act 1996
<i>Adopted</i>	18 October 2013
<i>Reviewed</i>	February 2023
<i>Next Review</i>	February 2026 (Every 3 years)

A. Purpose

The policy provides the strategy to manage, develop, protect and conserve the environment of the council area, in a manner that is reasonable, consistent, promotes the principles of sustainable development and within the resource allocation provided by council.

The policy will apply to all relevant council operations and includes commitment to the following:

- To meet council's overall obligations in relation to trees pursuant to the strategic plan;
- To ensure that trees on roads, community land and other landscapes are planted and maintained in a consistent and reasonable manner underpinned by risk management principles and resources that are made available;
- To ensure that trees on roads, community land and other landscapes are planted and maintained in an equitable manner and continue to provide amenity to the local community;
- To ensure that trees are nurtured and protected utilising risk management principles and within the legislative framework

The policy shall apply to all trees under the care, control and management of the council and within the scope of legislation.

B. Objective

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie's (council) Tree Management Policy has been developed in association with other Council strategies, and objectives including:

- Council's Strategic Plan
- Greening Loxton Strategy
- Tree Management Procedure
- Where appropriate create Avenues of similar/same tree species
- Other related Plans

The policy is intended to provide guidance in relation to general planting, maintenance and, if necessary, the removal of trees (and vegetation) on council managed land and roads and within the scope of relevant legislation. The policy should be utilised in conjunction with council's Tree Management Procedure/s.

C. Policy

Key Principals

To ensure that council effectively and reasonably manages trees on roads, community land and across the landscape;

- To provide for effective maintenance, replacement and functional programs for planting and preservation of trees;
- To coordinate and ensure that resources are allocated so that council meets in its strategic and operational obligations;
- To ensure the effective and efficient use of resources, reasonably allocated to maintain and manage trees across the council landscape;
- To manage the requirements related to the legislative framework;
- To focus on the provision of amenity, biodiversity and environmental sustainability;
- To consider the ongoing impacts of external stakeholders, including SA Power Networks and other authorities;
- To consult with the community and promote the positive influence trees will provide to the general landscape;
- To minimise and consider issues of conflict between trees and council infrastructure using the principles of risk management;
- To ensure that street trees which may host/harbors fruit fly are not planted on council land or under the care and control of Council

Definitions

Tree : A woody perennial plant, including palms, that can have one or more trunks and a distinct elevated crown or lateral branches.

Planting : The installation of a tree at an identified site.

Road : Means a public or private street, road or thoroughfare to which public access is available on a continuous or substantially continuous basis to vehicles or pedestrians or both and includes –

(a) a bridge, viaduct or subway; or

(b) an alley, laneway or walkway;

Community land : Means Local Government land classified as community land pursuant to the Local Government Act. Does not include roads or land excluded from community land classification.

Landscape : Used to describe a particular piece of geography located in the council.

Strategic plan : Identifies a Council's objectives for the area over a period of at least 4 years (the **relevant period**).

Reserve : Includes parks, gardens, reserves, playgrounds, ovals, and other areas such as water retention locations.

Risk Management : Coordinated activities to direct and control an organisation with regard to risk (AS/NZ ISO 31 000).

Supporting documentation

The Tree Management Policy is supported by a Tree Management Procedure and council risk assessments.

D. Availability

This Policy will be available for inspection at the Council Offices at Loxton or Waikerie during ordinary business hours at no charge.

Copies of this Policy will also be available from Councils website: www.lwdc.sa.gov.au

E. Document history and version control

Date	Version	Authorisation: Council/ Committee/ Senior Management Team	Amendment details
18/10/2013	1.0	Council meeting of 18 October 2013	First version
19/06/2015	1.0	Council meeting of 19 June 2015	No changes noted
23/10/2017	2.0	Senior Management Team	Noted council direction at the meeting of 18 August 2017 that trees that could host fruit fly are not planted; proposed extension of the review period to that of 3 years and the addition of document history and version control protocols. Addition of the appendix: <i>Trees approved for planting on Council land.</i>
30/04/2017	2.1	Senior Management Team	Removed four species from the <i>Trees approved for planting on Council land</i> based on advice from PIRSA as they pose a risk of infestation by fruit fly.
27/2/2023	3.0	Senior Management Team	Formatting and title amendments, addition of Chinese Pistache, Shademaster and Gimlet to the tree register. Addition of -Greening Loxton Strategy -where appropriate create Avenues of similar/same tree species - addition to Fruit fly inclusive of Council controlled land - Amendments to tree species/categories Removal of regulated tree(s)
15/03/2023	3.0	Council Meeting of 15 March 2023	Council resolution ORD2023-54

Appendix A

PARKS and GARDENS

Larger trees for premium well irrigated Public Spaces >10 meters height shade canopy

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| • Platanus orientalis | Plane tree |
| • Fraxinus raywoodii | Claret ash |
| • Fraxinus excelsor | European ash |
| • Quercus canariensis | Algerian oak |
| • Quercus cerris | Turkey oak |
| • Quercus ilex | Evergreen or holly oak |
| • Jacaranda mimosaeifolia | Jacaranda |
| • Ulmus procera | English elm |
| • Stenocarpus sinuatus | Firewheel tree |

Medium sized trees for irrigated smaller parks, walkways < 10 meters canopy

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| • Pistacia chinensis | Ornamental pistachio |
| • Ulmus parvifolia | Chinese elm |
| • Koelreutaria paniculate | Golden rain tree |
| • Capaniopsis anacaroidis | Tuckaroo tree |
| • Pyrus urruriensis | Manchurian pear |
| • Pyrus calleryana | Manchurian pear |
| • Gleditsia triacanthus | Honey locust tree |
| • Hymenosporum flavum | Native frangipani |
| • Robinia pseudoacacia | Black locust |
| • Quercus rubra | Red oak |

Smaller Feature trees suitable for intimate irrigated and lawned areas

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| • Cercus canadensis | Forrest pansy |
| • Bauhinia blakeana | Hong Kong orchid tree |
| • Triadica sebifera (prev. known as Sapium sebifera) | Chinese tallow |
| • Hakea laurina | Pin cushion hakea |
| • Brachychiton rupestris | Queensland bottle tree |
| • Lagerstroemia indica selection | Crepe myrtle |

Trees suitable for under most power lines

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| • Koelreuteria paniculata | Golden rain tree |
| • Eucalyptus forrestiana | Fuschia gum |
| • Eucalyptus erythronaema | White mallee |
| • Eucalyptus ficifolia (grafted form) | Red flowering gum |
| • Hakea laurina | Pincushion hakea |
| • Myoporum platycarpum | Sugarwood |
| • Pittosporum augustifolium | Bush apricot (prev. P. phillyraeoides) |

Note:- Tree selections known to inhabit or support fruit fly should not be planted on council property.

GREENING OF LOXTON

Trees considered suitable for planting in Loxton

Koelreutaria paniculate	Golden rain tree
Ulmus parvifolia	Chinese elm
Ulmus procera	English elm
Platanus orientalis	Plane tree
Pistacia chinensis	Ornamental Pistachio
Capaniopsis anacardioidis	Tuckeroo tree
Fraxinus raywoodii	Claret ash
Fraxinus excelsior	European ash
Hymenosporum flavum	Native frangipani
Quercus canariensis	Algerian oak
Quercus cerris	Turkey oak
Quercus ilex	Evergreen or Holly oak
Bauhinia blakeana	Hong Kong orchid tree
Hakea laurina	Pin cushion hakea
Gleditsia triacanthus	Honey locust tree...range of selections
Jacaranda mimosaefolia	Jacaranda
Pyrus ussuriensis	Manchurian pear.....range of selections
Pyrus calleryana	Manchurian pear.....range of selections
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black locust
Stenocarpus sinuatus	Firewheel tree
Quercus rubra	Red oak
Cercis canadensis	Forrest pansy
Triadica sebifera (Sapium)	Chinese tallow
Brachychiton rupestris	Queensland bottle tree
Lagerstroemia indica selections	Crepe myrtle...range of selections
Acacia Pendula	Weeping Myall

Note:- A number of these generic tree recommendations have further selections that provide distinct and discernible differences that may be very specific to various growing locations and environs.