



## DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

### Tree Management Policy

<b>Policy Identification:</b>	
Policy type:	Administrative
Summary:	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.
Record number:	14.63.1
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Last review date:	30 April 2018
Next review date:	October 2019 every 2 years
Authorised by:	Senior Management Team
Responsible department:	Infrastructure Department
Responsible officer (s):	Director Infrastructure Services, Infrastructure Officer
Review officer:	Governance Officer
Consultation required:	All team co-ordinators
Relevant references:	
Delegations:	
Legislation:	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
Related policies:	Tree Management Guidelines (LGA)
Related procedures:	Tree Management Procedure

#### 1. Introduction

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
- Other related Plans
- Tree Management Procedure

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.

## 2. Strategic Reference

*Effective delivery of relevant services through responsive corporate management: strategy 6.4.4; adopt prudent risk management strategies to protect community assets.*

## 3. 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

## 4. Scope

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

## 5. Definitions

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

### **Regulated tree:**

- (a) a tree, or a tree within a class of trees, declared to be regulated by the regulations (whether or not the tree also constitutes a significant tree under the regulations); or
- (b) a tree declared to be a significant tree, or a tree within a stand of trees declared to be significant trees, by a development plan (whether or not the tree is also declared to be a regulated tree, or also falls within a class of trees declared to be regulated trees, by the regulations);

**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).

## 6. Key principles

The key principles of the policy are:

- 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 programmes for planting and preservation of trees;
- To coordinate and ensure that resources are allocated so that council meets in 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 ETSA Utilities 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 fruit fly are not planted on council land.

## 7. Supporting documents

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

## 8. Availability of the policy

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.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au](http://www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au) or postal copies may be obtained from the Council Office free of charge.

## 9. 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		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.





To seek approval to plant, prune or remove trees on Council land please complete and submit an Undertake Work on Council Land Application Form (available via Council's website [www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au](http://www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au)) and email to [council@loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au)

### Trees approved for planting on council land

#### UNDER POWER LINES

##### Exotic Trees

Koelreuteria paniculate

Golden Rain Tree

##### Native Trees

Eucalyptus erythronema

Lindsay Gum

Callislemmon sp – viminalis

Gawler Bottlebrush

#### NO POWER LINES

##### Exotic Trees

Playatanus sp

Plane trees

Ulmus parvifolia

Chinese Elm

Frazinus "Raywoodii" (on Ornus stock)

Claret Ash

Celtics australis

Nettle tree

Jacaranda mimosifolia

Jacaranda

##### Native Trees

Eucalyptus Campaspe

Silver Toped Gimlet

Banksia integrifolia

Coast Banksia

Allocasuarina pauper

Desert Oak

Eucalyptus sideroxylon

Mugga - Ironbark

Eucalyptus stricklandii

Stricklands gum

Eucalyptus leucoxyton

SA Bluegum

Eucalyptus torquata

Coral Gum

**Trees that pose a risk for infestation by fruit fly are not considered for planting on Council land**



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