

WS023: CITY OF ALBANY POLICY – STREET TREE MANAGEMENT

Land Description : City of Albany Local Government Area
Proponent : City of Albany
Owner : Crown land managed by the City of Albany and freehold land owned by the City of Albany
Attachments : City of Albany Policy – Street Tree Management
Appendices : City of Albany Street Tree Guideline
Responsible Officer(s): : Executive Director Works & Services (M Thomson)

Responsible Officer's Signature:



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the [City of Albany Strategic Community Plan 2023](#) and [Corporate Business Plan 2013-2017](#):
 - a. **Key Theme:** 2. Clean, Green and Sustainable.
 - b. **Strategic Objective:** 2.1. To protect and enhance our natural environment.
 - c. **Strategic Initiative:** 2.2. To maintain and renew city assets in a sustainable manner

In Brief:

- The existing Street Tree Guideline 2013 is now required to become a Council policy.
- A City of Albany Policy – Street Tree Management has been prepared as a result.

RECOMMENDATION

WS023: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

THAT Council ADOPT City of Albany Policy-Street Tree Management.

WS023: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

MOVED: MAYOR WELLINGTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GREGSON

THAT Council ADOPT City of Albany Policy – Street Tree Management

CARRIED 5-0

WS023: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council ADOPT City of Albany Policy-Street Tree Management.

BACKGROUND

2. Council regularly receives requests for pruning or removal of street trees for a number of different reasons. To assist with the decision making process on how to manage these requests a guideline on Street Tree Management (provided in Appendices) was developed in October 2013.

DISCUSSION

3. Staff are having ongoing issues with street tree maintenance requests from the community and it is considered appropriate to provide some guidance and clarity to this issue.
4. The City's Corporate Business Plan identifies a focus on the need to reduce the City's carbon footprint. As a part of this objective, street trees play an integral role in the aesthetic and environmental aspects of streetscapes within the City.
5. The adoption of a Policy and the associated Guidelines enables the City to support this objective in an accountable and transparent manner.

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. Relevant Government Department websites and documents were utilised to write this Policy.
7. Internal City department consultation was undertaken as a part of this Policy development.
8. Public consultation was not undertaken as part of this Policy development and is not considered a required given the nature of the policy.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

9. This Policy and associated Guidelines aim to ensure compliance with the codes and standards listed below:
 - Code of Practice for Personnel Electrical Safety for Vegetation Control Work Near Live Power Lines, January 2013
 - Australian Standard 4373-2007 'Pruning of Amenity Trees'

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

10. This item involves the adoption of City of Albany Policy– Street Tree Management

RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION

11. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City’s [Enterprise Risk Management Framework](#).

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
<i>City of Albany Policy – Street Tree Management. Assessment not adopted. Street Trees will be maintained not in accordance to the guideline and relevant codes and standards.</i>	<i>Almost certain</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Medium.</i>	<i>Apply the guidelines consistently.</i>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. No financial implications for Council.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no legal implications relating to this matter.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. This Policy and associated procedure aim to minimise the environmental impacts that could be caused by inappropriate maintenance of street trees, and ensure good practice in line with relevant codes and standards.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

15. The Council may elect not to support the adoption of the policy and associated guideline and continue to manage street trees maintenance on an individual basis rather than following a standard approach.

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

16. This Policy and associated Guideline provide advice and guidance for the management of street trees on Council owned/managed land in accordance with current best practice standards.

Consulted References	:	Refer to Bibliography in Council Procedure – Street Tree Guideline
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	CM.STD.7 (All wards)
Previous Reference	:	None