

JUNEE SHIRE COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER

SUBJECT: TREE MANAGEMENT

POLICY TITLE: TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT:

Council is committed to the maintenance and improvement of its “urban forest” environment including the proper management of trees and other vegetation growing on the lands over which it has control.

This policy provides for the planting, maintenance and, where necessary the removal, of trees and shrubs on Council controlled property and is consistent with the objective in its charter “*to properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development*”.

Council also recognises that there may be a need to exercise some management control over trees that are under the control of private persons on private land.

The provisions of the Trees (Disputes Between Neighbours) Act 2006 No 126 may also require council action from time to time.

SCOPE:

This policy shall apply to all trees and shrubs that are growing on any property under Council’s control including operational land, community land, nature strips, road corridors, public reserves etc.

The health, safety and welfare of Council staff and the community, and the protection of public and private property is paramount, and these considerations shall take precedence in any determination regarding existing plantings, preferred or prohibited species selection or any individual tree.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS:

Budget allocations in support of this Tree Management Policy shall be made on the basis that maintenance of existing trees or plantings of new or replacement trees, is costed and funded in accordance with recognised risk management principles to ensure tree asset protection, community safety, risk and resource priorities and best value.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

This Tree Management Policy is supported by an Urban Tree Management Plan and associated Inspection Checklists and Risk Assessments. All these supporting documents form part of the formal records of Junee Shire Council.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

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