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## Objective

To enhance the appearance, environmental quality and amenity of urban areas in the Mid-Western Regional Council Area.

## Policy

### Scope of Policy

This policy relates to the planning and planting of trees by Council within nature-strip reserves and along urban roadsides. It does not relate to roadside tree plantings in rural areas.

### Planting Requests

1. Residents are to request a street tree to be planted on the nature-strip directly outside their property by contacting Council and submitting a works request.
2. Council will determine if the site is suitable and where appropriate approve the request.
3. When submitting a tree request residents are agreeing to water and care for the new tree for a minimum establishment period of 6 months.
4. Residents are not permitted to undertake tree planting or any type of modification on the nature-strip without written Council permission.
5. Any unauthorised changes may result in a request to remove the tree and reinstate the nature strip to its original condition at the residents cost.

### Planting Programs

1. As a guide, Council aims to provide a minimum of two street trees for a standard frontage block size. Additional trees may be considered by Council depending on the location, mature tree size and available budget.
2. Approved street trees requests will be placed on a tree planting schedule. Scheduling will be dependent on suitable planting conditions and resource availability including delivery of selected trees/s.
3. Council may consult with the community when streetscapes that are in decline require planting of multiple trees to create a uniform avenues of trees.

## Planting Species Selection

1. Planting location and species will be determined by Council and subject to the following:
  - existing streetscape theme
  - suitability of trees species to environment conditions
  - impact on utilities, both existing and proposed future provisions pedestrian,
  - cycle and vehicular traffic needs property access and visibility line of sight
2. Plantings in heritage areas will require that new and replacement trees complement existing avenues whilst minimizing some of the recognized issues presented by the current tree species.

## Tree Planting and Establishment

1. Council will make the final determination on location and species in conjunction with this policy.
2. Council will supply and plant tree/s and all associated materials subject to funding and staff availability.
3. Pot sizes will be subject to availability, location and budget.
4. Watering of the planted trees is the resident's responsibility.
5. Pruning shall be done in compliance with the Tree Pruning and Removal – Public Places Policy.
6. Council does not undertake roadside tree planting in rural areas.