

Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

2 November 2022

Minutes

To: Environment Advisory Committee Meeting Members and Councillors.

Here within are the Meeting Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting, held on the above-mentioned date in the Shire of Toodyay Council Chambers, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay WA 6566.

Suzie Haslehurst

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Preface

When the Chief Executive Officer approves these Minutes for distribution they are in essence "Unconfirmed" until the next Committee Meeting, where the Minutes will be confirmed subject to any amendments made by the Committee.

The "Confirmed" Minutes are then signed off by the Presiding Person.

Attachments that formed part of the Agenda, in addition to those tabled at the Meeting are incorporated into separate attachments to these Minutes.

Unconfirmed Minutes

These minutes were approved for distribution on 11 November 2022.

Suzie Haslehurst

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Confirmed Minutes

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on 1 February 2023.

Signed: Phicy D. Hart

Note: The Presiding Member at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed is the person who signs above.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

Cr P Hart, Chairperson, declared the meeting open at 4.07pm.

1.1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Nil.

1.2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Members

Cr P Hart Councillor (Chair)
Cr R Madacsi Shire President

Cr S McCormick Councillor
Cr D Wrench Councillor

Mrs J Hart Community Member
Mrs E Hall Community Member
Mr J Von Perger Community Member

Mr B Foley Community Member

Staff

Mr H de Vos Manager Development and Regulation

Mrs M Rebane Executive Assistant

Visitors

Nil

Apologies

Cr D Wrench Councillor

1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Chairperson advised that no disclosures of interest in the form of a written notice had been received prior to the commencement of the meeting.

2 MINUTES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 3 August 2022

Cr Hart moved the Officer's Recommendation with amendments as follows:

- The attendance record should show Cr Hart as attending (via zoom); and
- On page 8 the name E Hart should read E Hall and the words "E Hall" be included prior to the words "been approached" in the second column to make it clear as to whom was approached.
- The wording "prepare for likelihood of chemical spills" is dealt with by LEMC and not EAC. The words "a request be made to the LEMC to follow up" be inserted in that column, following the words chemical spills.

Cr Madacsi sought clarification in regard to adding in an amendment for the Significant Trees Register on the Status Report in the meeting commentary for the meeting held on 6 December 2021.

Cr Madacsi seconded the motion.

The motion was put.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/EAC RESOLUTION NO. EAC014/11/22

MOVED Cr P Hart

SECONDED Cr R Madacsi

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2022 be confirmed subject to the following amendments:

- The attendance record should show Cr Hart as attending (via zoom); and
- On page 8 the name E Hart should read E Hall and the words "E Hall" be included prior to the words "been approached" in the second column to make it clear as to whom was approached.
- The wording "prepare for likelihood of chemical spills" is dealt with by LEMC and not EAC. The words "a request be made to the LEMC to follow up" be inserted in that column, following the words chemical spills.
- Include the words "to be considered" preceding the words "Significant Trees Register"

MOTION CARRIED 7/0

2.2 REVIEW OF STATUS REPORT

2.2.1 Review of Status Report

Attachments: 1. Updated Status Report.

The Status Report was reviewed and updated.

2.3 INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

3 BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (IF ADJOURNED)

Nil.

4 OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

4.1. UPDATE ON FLORA VERGE SURVEY

Manager Development and Regulation reported that due to a lack of resourcing there have been delays.

Does the Flora Verge Project have a project brief?

Cr Madacsi reported the following:

- the brief did exist and a broad overview of binary selection would have been done in regard to native vegetation to be finished before July and nothing more has occurred;
- information was supposed to be forwarded to Cr Hart and J Von Perger to figure out the system of how to record that information.
- The Nunile area has not been done yet.
- Another meeting is needed to find out what has been done.
- The group is to be fairly autonomous under the EAC.
- The onus is on members to ensure that the Manager Development and Regulation is kept up to date.
- The community bit has not occurred because people at the meeting did not follow through. It was supposed to be community led.
- Morangup is done.
- There was communication with various people who did not provide information.

Manager Development and Regulation proposed that the Shire's Community Development Officer be tasked with promotion of the survey.

E Hall advised that the data she was responsible for has been provided however the data is in hardcopy format. *Cr Hart and J Von Perger have agreed to undertake the data entry.*

G Warburton entered Council Chambers at 4.36pm

4.2 FERAL PIG UPDATE – 18 OCTOBER 2022

Cr Madacsi tabled information about trapping that was received from the rangers at 4.37pm.

Attachments

1 Tabled document - Feral Pig Update

4.3 ROADS THE SHIRE AND / OR MAIN ROADS DOES ROADWORKS ON

Question raised as to whether notification of future roadworks being done by Main Roads and/or the Shire can be promoted so that interested people in the community such as the Toodyay Friends of the River and other clubs may have the opportunity to check for nesting hollows and prevent trees from being cut down.

Clarification was sought. Discussion ensued regarding impact to the environment.

G Warburton provided an overview of the maintenance activities of road verges, impacting on roadside vegetation.

4.4 SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

The Shire of Toodyay's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) had been approached by Dr Andrew St. John on behalf of the Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads Inc. to propose that the Shire considers the implementation of a Significant Tree Register. The initial contact was made in December 2021 and to date there has not been any research done into this due to limited resources being focussed on other priority projects.

The initial approach to the Shire came on the back of an unsuccessful application to the National Trust (WA) to nominate a Powderbark (Eucalyptus accedens) at 15 Salt Valley Road, Toodyay located within the Shire of Toodyay for inclusion on the National Trust of Western Australia's Significant Tree Register.

Information was tabled via email and noted at 5.13pm by the Manager Development and Regulation who provided an overview.

Clarification was sought.

Attachments

- 1 Tabled Information Significant Trees;
- 2 Tabled document LPP 2.23 City of Fremantle Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas Oct 2020.pdf;
- 3 Tabled document City of Bayswater OCM_Minutes_03092019.pdf;
- 4 Tabled document City of Bayswater OCM 20 Sept 2022.pdf; and
- 5 Tabled document City of Fremantle Nominations for register of significant trees.

4.5 BROCHURE FOR INFORMATION

E Hall provided a brochure that another Shire has produced related to walking trails.

Attachments

1 Tabled document - copy of brochure.

5 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on 1 February 2023 commencing at 4.00pm.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.23pm.



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From: Rangers

Sent: Tuesday, 18 October 2022 2:39 PM **To:** Manager Development and Regulation

Subject: Pig Trapping

The Rangers currently work with residents in the Shire who are more frequently seeing feral pigs as an issue.

Our observations regarding areas in the Shire where there is prolific feral pig activity are as follows:

- Bindoon Dewars Pool Rd.
- Black Wattle Rd
- Cobbler Pool Rd.
- · Picnic Hill Rd.
- Deepdale Farm.
- Rugged Hills.
- · Coondle West area.

We have trapped in all of the above locations and successful in all.

Trap numbers range from 10 pigs, but also numbers as high as 40 at a time.

Once trapped pigs are humanly euthanised the following day. Best practice is to bury on site, if this is not viable then they are transported to the Toodyay Waste Facility and buried.

Late Spring to the end of Summer when food and water are scarce we have found is the most effective.

The two traps the Shire have were designed and engineered by the Rangers. The traps are remotely viewed, and operated; the door can be set by a simple text message to the trap door.

We are currently in discussion with the Department of Health and our Environmental Health Officer regarding our next catch. We will take <u>blood</u> samples and <u>remove tonsils</u> for testing. If FMD entered Australia, Feral pigs will be the biggest and fastest carriers.

On our next catch we will also be placing tracking collars with the assistance of DIPID. (very interested in what were and when).

The only thing that effects our trapping program we have found are Hunters coming to the area to specifically chase pigs and Residents taking pot shots to scare them from their property which in turn ruins our traps.

Kind regards,

Ranger / Fire Control Officer / General Inspector Shire of Toodyay

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Significant Tree Register Guidelines



Introduction

The City of Bayswater has made a commitment to preserving and expanding upon its tree canopy coverage across the City. There are approximately 24,000 trees within Road Reserves and 9,000 within developed areas of Public Open Space (POS). Many of these will have values that are worthy of inclusion into the Significant Tree Register (STR). Whether a tree is naturally occurring, or was planted by the early founders of Bayswater, the STR will look to celebrate these trees and will play an integral role in assisting the City to maintain its tree canopy coverage through heightened awareness of the importance of trees within the urban environment. The STR will be a part of the public education program presented to the Community that discusses the benefits trees provide to the community and environment and will also serve as a reminder of Historical elements around our natural features.

Purpose of the Significant Tree Register

The Significant Tree Register is part of a series of documents that the City of Bayswater uses to guide the management of its Tree assets. The ultimate purpose of the STR is to assist the City to identify and recognise the importance of significant trees within the urban area to enable an increased level of protection and care for such specimens. The first stage of the STR will focus on trees on land under the control of the City.

Management of Significant Trees

Where a registered significant tree is located on land under the control of the City, it will be inspected by the City's Consulting Arborist on an Annual basis, and where specific target pruning or other remedial maintenance is required, this will be performed under the supervision of the Consulting Arborist.

Assessment of Significant Trees

In order to ensure that there is value to the Significant Tree Register, it is intended that any trees listed on this register should be considered an "outstanding specimen" that is worthy of the resources the City is willing to invest in order to maintain the benefits it provides.

This is not to say that trees excluded from this register are not of high value, but they may not quite fulfil the criteria aimed at maintaining the integrity of the Significant Tree Register.

A significant tree is one that has a strong connection to the place in which it or they dwell; it is a product of the natural environment and the cultural impact of urbanisation in the landscape. A tree does not necessarily have to be large to be classed as significant. A small tree may carry with it many stories, or some unique attributes that no other tree of that species may possess.

To achieve inclusion onto the STR trees are to be assessed against 4 categories and must meet one of the criteria from two different categories (Significant Tree criteria below). For instance a tree may be 100 years or older (1E) and was planted by one of the early settlers of Bayswater (4C) such as the Oak trees around Tranby House.

The following criteria can be applied to individual trees or groups of trees, and does not attempt to quantify a tree on a point's basis, but rather in a qualitative approach through the demonstration of a basis for inclusion, such as providing legitimate historical records, newspaper articles or scientific information backing a claim. The following information is based on criteria set by the National Trust of Australia.

Significant Tree Criteria

Outstanding Visual/Aesthetic Significance

- Tree/s that is (are) outstanding for its/their height, trunk circumference or canopy spread;
 500mm DBH or over 10m in height;
- b) Tree/s that occur in a prominent location or context;
- Tree/s that contribute significantly to the landscape in which it/they grow In comparison to other trees within a 100m radius (including streetscapes, parks, gardens or natural landscapes);
- d) Tree/s that exhibit an unusual growth form or physical feature; or
- e) Tree/s that are of a significant age (100 years +).

2. Botanic/Scientific Significance

- a) Tree/s that are of an important genetic value that could provide important and valuable propagating stock. This could include specimens that are particularly resistant to disease or climatic extremes or have a particular growth form; or
- b) Tree/s that demonstrate a likelihood of producing information that will help the wider understanding of natural or cultural history by virtue of its use as a research site, teaching site, type locality or benchmark site.

3. Significant Ecological Value

- a) Priority, rare, threatened or locally uncommon species or ecological community;
- b) Indigenous remnant tree/s that predate the urban development in its immediate proximity;
- Tree/s that make a significant contribution to the integrity of an ecological community, including its role as a seed source or specialised habitat;
- A remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits; or
- Tree/s which a part of a significant habitat element for rare, threatened, priority or locally uncommon or common native species.

4. Historical, Commemorative, Cultural or Social Significance

- a) Tree/s that are associated with public significance or important historical event for the City;
- Tree/s highly valued by the community or cultural groups for reasons of strong religious, spiritual, cultural or other social associations, including trees associated with Aboriginal heritage and culture;

Once an application has been made, the nominated tree will be assessed by a panel inclusive of the City's Consulting Arborist, Manager Parks and Gardens and Manager Sustainability and Environment. This panel will make a determination on a tree's worthiness for inclusion onto the Significant Tree Register. The assessing Officers may draw upon further advice from internal or external personnel as the need arises to ensure a thorough assessment is undertaken.

Once a determination is made the applicant will be informed in writing of the decision. Trees accepted onto the register will be listed with a registration form, which includes details about the tree, a photograph and a statement detailing the significance of the specimen. This register will be available for public viewing on the City's web page.

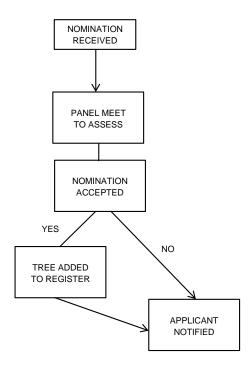
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Nomination Process

To nominate a tree for the Significant Tree Register, you will need to complete the nomination form with the following information

- Location (street address or Park Name and description of the location on the property);
- Common name (if known);
- A photo of the tree (if possible); and
- Any supporting information you have (Such as Historical records, newspaper articles, or scientific information).

Process for Assessing a Significant Tree Nomination





CITY OF FREMANTLE

LOCAL PLANNING POLICY 2.23

REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TREES AND VEGETATION AREAS

ADOPTION DATE: 27 February 2019 (Council adoption)

AUTHORITY: LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.4 and PLANNING AND

DEVELOPMENT (LOCAL PLANNING SCHEMES)

REGULATIONS 2015

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Schedule 2 Deemed Provisions of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 are to be read as though part of City's Local Planning Scheme (LPS4).

Clause 67 of the Deemed Provisions defines matters to be considered by local government in determining a development application and includes, amongst other things:

- whether any trees or vegetation should be preserved; and
- any local planning policy for the Scheme area.

Clause 3 of the Deemed Provisions allows local government to prepare a local planning policy in respect of any matter relating to the planning and development of the Scheme area.

Schedule A of LPS4 makes provision for Council to create and maintain a register:

Clause 13A Conservation of Significant Trees or Vegetation Areas

- (1) The Council may establish and maintain a register of significant trees to identify those trees or vegetation areas within the Scheme area considered worthy of conservation under the provisions of the Scheme, together with a description of each tree or vegetation area and the reasons for its entry.
- (2) In considering a proposal to include a place on the register of significant trees, the Council shall
 - (a) notify in writing the owner and occupier of the place where the tree is located and provide them with a copy of the description referred to in clause 4.1 and the reasons for the proposed entry,
 - (b) invite submissions on the proposal from the owner and occupier of the place within 21 days of the date specified in the notice,
 - (c) carry out such other consultations as it thinks fit, and

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(d) consider any submissions made and resolve to enter the place on the register of significant trees with or without modification or reject the proposal after consideration of the submissions.

Local Planning Policy 1.4 Development exempt from approval under Local Planning Scheme No. 4 permits tree and vegetation removal on private land without approval unless the tree or vegetation is identified on a significant tree or vegetation register:

POLICY

The following uses and development are exempt from the requirement to obtain development approval under Local Planning Scheme No. 4:

Demolition and Removal

30. Removal of trees or vegetation areas except where those which are identified on the Register of Significant Trees or Vegetation Areas, or where required to be retained on a site through a condition of development approval.

This policy applies as a Local Planning Policy prepared under Clause 3 of the Deemed Provisions.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Define criteria for the inclusion or removal of trees and vegetation areas on the Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas Register ('the Register').
- Provide guidance for the assessment of development applications for sites including trees and vegetation areas listed on the Register.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to land subject to the provisions of LPS4. Land and development outside the control of LPS4 (including works on reserved land by a public authority) are not bound by the provisions of LPS4 or this policy and so there is a presumption against inclusion of trees and vegetation areas on the Register which are not on zoned land.

POLICY

1. Criteria for Inclusion on Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas Register

- 1.1 Nominations for trees or vegetation areas must be authorised by the owner(s) of the land on which the tree is located at the time of nomination.
- 1.2 Nominations will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - a) Healthy specimen with ongoing viability.
 - b) Species not a weed of national interest.
 - c) Particular significance based on at least one of the following:

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i. Botanic/Horticultural value

Tree(s) or vegetation may:

- be a rare or endangered species;
- be of a significant size or specimen for its species; or
- have special scientific value.

ii. Visual/Aesthetic/Landmark value

Tree(s) or vegetation may:

- have significant visual and aesthetic qualities e.g. size/form/shape/ colour/texture; or
- · create a significant landmark.

iii. Heritage value

Tree(s) or vegetation may:

• be of high cultural heritage significance defined against historic, social, spiritual, rarity and representativeness values.

iv Ecological value not otherwise protected through environmental legislation

Tree(s) or vegetation may:

- provide significant habitat and/or seed source;
- represent remnant pre-European tree or vegetation;
- have special ecological significance; or
- provide substantial canopy cover.

v. The potential of a juvenile tree to become significant by virtue of height at maturity, native food source and rarity.

Species will only to be considered if endemic to the area, listed in the Urban Forest Plan and a minimum of 6m of height.

- 1.3 In assessing the ongoing viability of the nominated tree / vegetation, consideration may be given to the following:
 - The development potential of the site and prospects for retaining the tree or vegetation in future development.
 - Proximity to and impact on buildings and / or infrastructure.
 - Proximity to boundary and impact on neighbouring property.
 - The root structure and attributes of the plant and its propensity to be affected by changes to the environment outside the lot boundaries (e.g. development on neighbouring land).

Trees with a limited prospect of long term retention or lifespan will not be included.

- 1.4 In assessing the ecological value of trees and vegetation areas, consideration will be given to proximity to recognised ecological linkages or biodiversity corridors.
- 1.5 Nominations for inclusion, and requests for removal of trees and vegetation areas from the Register made independent of a development application will be assessed annually, in accordance with any applicable procedure.

2. <u>Development Application for Sites including a Tree / Vegetation Area on the Register</u>

- 2.1 Development shall avoid detrimental impact on the registered tree / vegetation where feasible.
- 2.2 Applications to remove a tree or vegetation area on the Register not associated with other development will be assessed against the criteria and considerations listed in 1 above. Withdrawal of the support of the owner of the land (or subsequent owner of the land) will not be considered sufficient reason for removal.
- 2.3 Applications for other forms of development involving or likely to result in removal of a tree or vegetation areas on the Register will be considered under the following circumstances:
 - (i) Where retention is likely to cause damage or injury to infrastructure, services, buildings or health and safety

Tree/vegetation removal is permissible where it has been clearly demonstrated that the tree/vegetation roots and/or branches are likely to cause damage or injury to –

- a. water, stormwater, power, gas, telecommunications or sewer lines or
- b. the structural integrity of a building or structure of value, or
- c. the safe and efficient operation of an existing public road, private road, right-of-way, or formed accessway, or the integrity of a base course of an existing public road, private road, right-of-way, or formed vehicle accessway; or
- d. health and safety of a person/s; and
- e. all other reasonable remedial treatments have been determined to be ineffective.
- (ii) Where the tree or vegetation is structurally unsound or in poor health Tree/vegetation removal is permissible where it has been clearly demonstrated that the tree / vegetation is:
 - a. imminently dangerous (refer Exempted Development below); or

- b. in poor health with a low chance of survival; and
- all other reasonable remedial treatments have been determined to be ineffective.
- (iii) Where the retention of tree/vegetation on a development site would preclude permissible development
 - Tree/vegetation removal is permissible where it has been clearly demonstrated that the location of the tree / vegetation:
 - a. renders development of the site in accordance with its zoned purpose unfeasible.
- 2.4 In assessing proposals, applicants may be requested to provide professional evidence such as an aboricultural report or a structural engineers report demonstrating compliance with the above criteria.
- 2.5 Where removal is supported, replacement of the tree or vegetation in a suitable location may be sought as a condition of approval.
- 2.6 Development on lots containing registered tree or vegetation shall comply with AS 4970 2009 Protection of trees on development sites.

ADVISORY NOTES:

Exempt Development: Works urgently necessary for public safety, safety or sectary of plant or equipment, maintenance of essential services, or protection of the environment is exempt from the requirement to obtain development approval under LPS4. Demonstration of compliance with this definition may be sought where works are undertaken without approval.

Pruning: Pruning of a tree or vegetation on the Register is permitted where it does not constitute removal. Pruning is encouraged to comply with Australian Standards (AS 4373- 2007 Pruning of amenity trees) and may:

- (i) Involve removal of dead wood, treatment of disease, or is in the general interests of the health of the tree; or
- (ii) Address risk to public or private safety where other alternatives are not viable: or
- (iii) Address damage to buildings or structures of value where other alternatives are not viable; or
- (iv) Maintain the aesthetic appearance and structural integrity of the tree or vegetation.

Review information and related documentation

Reviewing officer: Manager Strategic Planning

Policy adopted: 27 February 2019 (Council adoption)
Policy amended: 22 May 2019 Item Ref SPT1905-3

Legislation: Planning & Development (Local Planning Schemes)

Regulations 2015

Delegations: NA Related documents: NA

Next review date: 5 yrs from adoption



Procedure for Administering the Register of Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas

Part 1 - Nomination and Inclusion of Trees or Vegetation Areas on the Register

The process for nomination and inclusion of a significant tree or vegetation area on the Register is set out in 6.12 Schedule A – Supplementary provisions to the deemed provisions, Clause 13A Conservation of Significant Trees or Vegetation Areas of Local Planning Scheme No.4 (LPS4). The procedure for including a tree or vegetation area on the Register is as follows:

- (i) Applicant is to complete the Register of significant trees or vegetation areas on private land nomination form, as provided in Appendix A, to apply for a significant tree or vegetation to be included on the Register. The application should address the criteria for inclusion listed in the policy.
 - Note: The City will not accept an application for a significant tree or vegetation area to be included on the Register without the landowner's consent.
- (ii) Applicant to lodge the application with the City of Fremantle's strategic planning team by:

Email (preferred method): planning@fremantle.wa.gov.au

Post: Planning Services, City of Fremantle, PO Box 807, FREMANTLE WA 6959

Hand Deliver: City of Fremantle Administration Building

- (iii) The City will undertake an assessment of nominated trees and vegetation areas in accordance with part one of the policy. This assessment will involve internal referrals to relevant departments (e.g. Parks, Heritage) and may include the commission of an independent arboricultural report. Assessments may be deferred to align with annual reporting [see (v) below].
- (iv) The City will provide the assessment to the landowner and occupier of the place (if applicable) and invite comment from them and immediately adjoining neighbours for a period of 21 days.
- (v) A report on the nominated trees and vegetation areas and public submissions received will be submitted to Council annually (generally between February and April) for a decision on their inclusion on the Register [contained in Appendix B].
- (vi) The landowner, occupier and any person who made a submission on the nomination will be notified of Council's decision, and the City's records (including GIS mapping) will be updated accordingly.

Part 2 - Removal of trees or vegetation areas from the Register:

A. Where removal does not form part of a development application

- (i) Requests for removal of trees or vegetation from the Register which do not form part of a Development Application should be submitted in writing to the City and be accompanied by justification addressing the criteria listed in part one of the policy including, where appropriate, supporting technical documents such as an arboricultural report or structural engineering report demonstrating relevant criteria are met.
- (ii) The City will undertake an assessment of trees and vegetation areas in accordance with part one of this policy. This assessment may include the commission of an independent arboricultural report. Assessments may be deferred to align with annual reporting (see v above).
- (iii) Where the City's assessment does not support the request for removal, the City will provide the assessment to the landowner and occupier of the place (if applicable) and invite comment from them for a period of 21 days. The City may, at its discretion, also invite comment from adjacent neighbours.
- (iv) A report on trees and vegetation areas requested for removal, along with any public submissions received will be submitted to Council annually (generally between February and April) for a decision on their removal from the Register [contained in Appendix B].
- (v) The landowner, occupier and any person who made a submission on the nomination will be notified of Council's decision, and the City's records (including GIS mapping) will be updated accordingly.

B. Where removal forms part of a development application

- (i) The City will undertake an assessment of trees and vegetation areas in accordance with part one of the policy as part of the statutory planning assessment of the development application. This assessment will involve internal referrals to relevant departments (eg Parks, Heritage) and may include the commission of an independent arboricultural report and / or consultation with adjacent landowners.
- (ii) All trees or vegetation granted development approval for removal will be automatically removed from the Register without further consultation with the landowner or other parties, and the City's records (including GIS mapping) updated accordingly.

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Appendix A - Nomination Form

INFORMATION ON TREE/VEGETATION FOR NOMINATION

Please tick appropriate:					
Single Tree/Plant					
Group of Trees/Plant. Number of trees	s / plants in group				
Location of tree/vegetation Street number Lot number Street name Suburb Location on the site	Tree/vegetation details Common name Latin/Botanical name Height (approximate) (m) Girth 1.4m above ground (m) Age (approximate)				
Why do you think the tree/vegetation is	important (please tick applicable):				
Botanical/Horticultural value (rare/endangered	species or genetic type)				
☐ Visual/Aesthetic/Landmark value (size/form/co	olour/texture/landmark)				
Heritage value (social/spiritual/rarity/represent	Heritage value (social/spiritual/rarity/representative)				
Ecological value (provides significant habitat/s	eed source/remnant of pre European vegetation)				
NOMINATED BY Name Address Telephone Date					
OWNER'S CONSENT Consent from the owner(s) of the land upon which when nominating trees/vegetation. The City of Free owner's consent.					
Name Signatur	e				
(please include additional names and signatures separately wh	ere multiple owners exist)				
	Cont. overleaf				

Appendix A - Nomination Form (cont.)

To as	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION To assist the nomination process please provide the following additional information as an attachment to this form:					
	Any additional information to support your nomination (e.g. cover letter, media articles, historical information, arboriculturalist report etc.) Photo(s) of the tree(s)/vegetation					
	Site Plan indicating location of the tree(s)/vegetation within the site including distance to boundaries, buildings and structures					



Appendix B – Register of Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas

Tree ID	Common and Botanical name	Address (& GPS coordinates)	Brief description of tree(s) or vegetation	Statement of significance (reason for entry)
19- 01	Norfolk Island Pine (<i>araucaria</i> <i>heterophylla</i>)	11 Harvest Road North Fremantle LONG 115.755134 LAT -32.034814	Tree on private property	Heritage Significance - Originally on MHI & Heritage List Contributes to the streetscape and has landmark qualities.
19- 02	Norfolk Island Pine (araucaria heterophylla) and Canary Island palm (phoenix canariensis)	15 Harvest Road North Fremantle LONG 115.755661 LAT -32.034396	Tree on private property	Heritage Significance - Originally on MHI & Heritage List These trees were probably planted in the Inter-War period.
19- 03	Black Paperbark (melaleuca lanceolata) and Tuart (eucalyptus gomphocephala)	21 Harvest Road North Fremantle LONG 115.755806 LAT -32.033955	Trees on private property	Heritage Significance - Originally on MHI & Heritage List These trees were probably planted after the Second World War.
19- 04	Moreton Bay Fig Tree (ficus macrophylla)	195 High Street Fremantle LONG 115.750800 LAT -32.053268	Tree on private property	Heritage Significance - Originally on MHI & Heritage List It is claimed by some that the Moreton Bay Fig tree is the progenitor of many of the Moreton Bay

				Fig trees in Fremantle, including the Proclamation Tree (which was planted in 1890). Webster is also credited with planting the Moreton Bay Fig trees around Kings Square and St John's Church grounds.
19- 05	Trees, Henderson Street	45 Henderson Street Fremantle LONG 115.750100 LAT -32.054580	Trees on private property	Heritage Significance - Originally on MHI & Heritage List This place includes: police station, lock- up, lock-up keepers cottage, constable houses, immigration depot, drill hall, court house, police station, and trees.
19- 06	Rose Gum (<i>Eucalyptus</i> <i>grandis</i>)	7/18 John Street, North Fremantle LONG 115.758 LAT -32.033	Tree on private property	Visual/aesthetic value, habitat provided for local fauna.
19- 07	River Red Gum (<i>Eucalyptus</i> <i>camaldulensis</i>)	7/18 John Street, North Fremantle LONG 115.758 LAT -32.033	Tree on private property	Visual/aesthetic value, habitat provided for local fauna.

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(As per Committee decision 21 October 2020 - SPT 2010-02)

NOTE: Also refer to the State Register of Heritage Places, City of Fremantle Heritage List, and federal and state environmental legislation for other listings

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10.4.7 Proposed Amendment to Town Planning Scheme No. 24 - Significant Tree Register

Owner:	City of Bayswater			
Responsible Branch:	Strategic Planning and Place			
Responsible Directorate:	Community and Developmen	t		
Authority/Discretion:	☐ Advocacy	☐ Review		
	☐ Executive/Strategic	☐ Quasi-Judicial		
	□ Legislative	☐ Information Purposes		
Voting Requirement:	Simple Majority Required			
Attachments:	Significant Tree Register Guidelines			
Refer:	Item 11.2: OCM 30.04.2019			
	Item 9.5: PDSC 12.06.2018			
	Item 9.1.7: PDSC 23.01.2018	3		
	Item 9.1.16: PDSC 15.08.2017			
	Item 9.2.5: CTFCSC 19.07.2017			
	Item 9.2.3: CTFCSC 19.07.20	017		
	Item 9.1.7: PDSC 18.07.2017			
	Item 12.2.10: OCM 23.02.20	16		
	Item 12.1.1: OCM 23.02.2016	6		

SUMMARY

Council consideration is sought in relation to the initiation of a proposed amendment to Town Planning Scheme No. 24 (TPS 24) that will require development approval to be obtained for any works affecting trees included on the City's heritage list or significant tree register (STR).

The proposed amendment would require a person to obtain development approval from the City to remove, or undertake work that has the potential to harm a tree that is included on the City's heritage list or STR, including those on private land.

It is intended that the City's Significant Tree Register Guidelines will be reviewed in parallel with the proposed amendment, addressing the detail of how significant trees will be nominated, recorded and managed.

The proposed amendment will increase the level of protection afforded to significant trees on the STR.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION)

That:

 Council, pursuant to section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, resolves to initiate Amendment No. 86 to the City of Bayswater Town Planning Scheme No. 24 by:

Inserting the following new clause 8.3.9.5:

- "8.3.9.5 Development approval is required prior to the removal, destruction and/or interference with any tree included on the City of Bayswater heritage list or significant tree register."
- 2. The Amendment is standard under the provisions of the *Planning and Development* (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 for the following reasons:
 - (a) The amendment does not result in any significant environmental, social, economic or governance impacts on land in the scheme area; and

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- (b) The amendment is not a complex or basic amendment.
- 3. Upon finalisation of the scheme amendment documentation, the documentation is forwarded to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for assessment, and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage Heritage Directorate for referral.
- Upon the Notice of Assessment from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation being received (and issues raised being complied with), the proposed scheme amendment be advertised for public comment.
- The proposed amendment is referred to Council for further consideration following public advertising.

CR CHRIS CORNISH, DEPUTY MAYOR MOVED, CR SALLY PALMER SECONDED CARRIED: 8/2

For: Cr Dan Bull, Mayor, Cr Chris Cornish, Deputy Mayor, Cr Sally Palmer,

Cr Stephanie Gray, Cr Lorna Clarke, Cr Catherine Ehrhardt,

Cr Giorgia Johnson, and Cr Elli Petersen-Pik.

Against: Cr Michelle Sutherland, and Cr Filomena Piffaretti.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 23 September 2014, Council set the overall direction in developing and enhancing the City's urban tree canopy when it passed the following resolution:

"That in order to mitigate the Urban Heat Island effect and to provide considerable environmental benefits, City Officers investigate options to increase the City's tree canopy coverage from the 13.2% to 20% by 2025."

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 February 2016, Council considered a notice of motion to develop an Urban Forest Strategy (UFS), and resolved as follows:

"That Council:

- Implements the following program to increase the number of trees planted in 2016 (Action 1) and develops an Urban Tree Canopy/Forestry Strategy in partnership with the community using participatory engagement processes (Action 2).
- Approves the \$200,000 cost of the increased tree planting program to be sourced from the sale of Lot 17, 89 Robinson Road, Morley."

At the same meeting, Council also considered motions passed at the Annual General Meeting of Electors, held on 17 December 2015, and resolved in part as follows:

"That Council:

. . .

- 3. Considers an allocation of \$75,000 for the preparation and implementation of a Significant Tree Register and \$40,000 for planning, compliance, administration and arborists' services, as part of the 2016-17 budget process.
- 4. Considers amending the town planning scheme(s), to require planning approval to be obtained from the City prior to any pruning or removal of a tree on the register in conjunction with:
 - (a) Consideration of establishing a Significant Tree Register.
 - (b) The formulation of an overarching tree management strategy."

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At the Planning and Development Services Committee (PDSC) Meeting on 18 July 2017, Council considered whether to initiate a proposed amendment to TPS 24 to require development approval or written consent to remove or harm trees listed on the STR. Council resolved that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning and Development Services Committee Meeting.

Council considered the UFS and Significant Tree Register Guidelines at the Community, Technical, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Meeting on 19 July 2017, and resolved as follows:

"That Council:

- Notes the comments made during the consultation period for the Draft City of Bayswater Urban Forest Strategy.
- Adopts the Draft City of Bayswater Urban Forest Strategy subject to minor amendments."

"That Council adopts the attached Significant Tree Register Guidelines with amendments to ensure that the Guidelines will only apply to trees on public land."

Consequently, at the PDSC Meeting on 15 August 2017, Council considered whether to proceed with a proposed amendment to TPS 24 to require development approval or written consent to remove or harm trees listed on the STR, and resolved as follows:

"That Council does not initiate a proposed scheme amendment to Town Planning Scheme No. 24 to require development approval or written consent to remove or harm trees listed on a City of Bayswater Significant Tree Register at this time, for the following reasons:

- Council resolved in the Community, Technical, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Meeting held on 19 July 2017 that the Significant Tree Register Guidelines will only apply to trees on public land.
- It is considered that trees registered on the Significant Tree Register on public land will have adequate protection from removal or harm from public works or other works as they will be given even greater protection under the Significant Tree Register Guidelines adopted at the Community, Technical, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Meeting held on 19 July 2017."

At the PDSC Meeting on 23 January 2018, Council considered a draft Trees on Private Land and Street Verges Policy and associated proposed amendment to TPS 24. The policy and scheme amendment were intended to require the planting of trees on private land and street verges as part of any new development and to incentivise the retention of mature trees where possible. Council resolved in part as follows:

"That:

- 1. Council adopts for advertising the draft Local Planning Policy 'Trees on Private Land and Street Verges' as included in Attachment 1 to this report.
- Council initiates Amendment No. 78 to the City of Bayswater Town Planning Scheme No. 24 to:
 - (a) Include the following new Clause 8.3.9:
 - "8.3.9 Trees on Private Land and Street Verges
 - 8.3.9.1 Scope
 - (a) The provisions in Clauses 8.3.9.2, 8.3.9.3 and 8.3.9.4 apply to all developments and subdivisions in accordance with City of Bayswater Policy.
 - 8.3.9.2 Trees on Private Property

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- (a) A minimum of one 'standard tree' is to be provided on private property for every 350m² of site area (rounded to the nearest whole number). At least one 'standard tree' is to be provided on each site.
- (b) The total number of trees required in (a) maybe reduced by one, for each 'tree worthy of retention' that is retained or relocated elsewhere on the site or 'large tree' that is provided. Where a 'tree worthy of retention' is retained or relocated elsewhere on the site and it is a 'large tree', the total number of trees required in (a) maybe reduced by two.
- (c) In relation to open air car parking areas in non-residential developments, 'standard trees' that provide shade cover are to be provided at a minimum rate of 1 tree per 4 bays. The number of trees required in (a) can be used to provide the shade trees.

8.3.9.3 Trees on Street Verges

If no street trees exist, at least one new 'standard tree' is to be provided on the verge adjacent to the site, by the land owner or developer, where space is available, to the satisfaction of the City of Bayswater.

8.3.9.4 Alternative Design Solution

An alternative design solution that varies any of the requirements contained in Clauses 8.3.9.2 and 8.3.9.3 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and where the alternative is consistent with the objectives of City of Bayswater policy and is justified in a report prepared by a landscape architect, arborist or equivalent, to the satisfaction of the City of Bayswater."

(b) Insert the following new definitions in Appendix 1- interpretations:

"Standard Tree - A species of tree that has the potential to grow to at least 4m in height and has a minimum size of at least 35 litres when planted.

<u>Large Tree</u> - A species of tree that has the potential to grow to at least 12m in height and has a minimum size of at least 35 litres when planted.

Tree Worthy of Retention - Existing trees on private property that:

- (a) Are considered by the City of Bayswater to be healthy specimens with ongoing viability; and
- (b) Are considered by the City of Bayswater to be species that are not included on an applicable weed register or are an unsuitable tree species; and
- (c) Are at least 3 metres in height; and/or
- (d) Have a trunk with a diameter of at least 100 millimetres at 1 metre from the ground; and/or
- (e) Have two or more trunks and the aggregate of their individual diameter at 1 metre above ground is at least 200 millimetres; and/or
- (f) Have a canopy with a diameter of at least 3 metres.

..,

At the PDSC Meeting on 12 June 2018, Council considered whether to finally adopt the Trees on Private Land and Street Verges Policy and Amendment No. 78, and resolved as follows:

"That Council:

1. Recommends approval of Amendment No. 78 to the City of Bayswater Town Planning Scheme No. 24 in relation to trees on private land and street verges, authorises the affixing of the Common Seal to the scheme amendment document, and forwards the documentation to the Western Australian Planning Commission for final approval, subject to including the following new clause:

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"8.3.9.5 Where the removal of a tree on the street verge is warranted and has been approved by the City of Bayswater, the land owner or developer may be responsible for the payment of a fee for the loss of amenity value of the tree, to the satisfaction of the City of Bayswater."

- Adopts the modified version of Local Planning Policy 'Trees on Private Land and Street Verges' as contained in Attachment 3.
- 3. Revokes the existing Landscaping Policy and Street Trees Planning Policy.
- Allows all development and subdivision applications lodged prior to 1 August 2018 to be excluded from having to comply with Local Planning Policy - 'Trees on Private Land and Street Verges'.
- 5. When it is physically possible and unless Council approves otherwise, any Development Approval granted by the City, except for change of use applications, on lots along Guildford Road shall include a planning condition that requires tree(s) to be planted on the Guildford Road widening area verge."

The WAPC requested that the City's recommended modification to include an additional clause 8.3.9.5, requiring payment of a fee to compensate for the removal of a street tree, was replaced by a requirement to replace the tree in an appropriate location. The amendment was then adopted with this modification.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 30 April 2019 Council considered a notice of motion on significant trees on private land and resolved as follows:

"That Council:

- Allow residents to voluntarily nominate tree/s, on their own private land, to be included in the Significant Tree Register; and
- That the Town Planning Scheme be amended to reference the City's Significant Tree Register (STR) in order to require development approval, or written consent, to remove or harm trees listed on a City's STR."

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

No consultation has yet occurred with the public or other agencies on this matter. In the event that Council initiates the proposed amendment, the amendment will be advertised in accordance with the requirements of Part 5 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* for 42 days by way of:

- <u>Notification</u> being published in the local newspaper(s);
- The relevant public authorities being notified in writing of the amendment details;
- Information being placed on the City's engagement website; and
- Hard copies of the scheme amendment documentation being made available for inspection at the City's Civic Centre and the City's libraries.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

There are currently two trees included on the City's heritage list with the intent that they be protected. However, under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* statutory protection is only offered to a single house or other structure on a place included on a heritage list prepared in accordance with the Scheme and is not considered to extend to the protection of trees. It is considered that there are no other provisions in the Scheme that protect significant trees from removal, destruction or harm. It is considered that the proposed amendment would provide statutory protection to trees which are considered to be of heritage significance.

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Benefits of Tree Retention

It is considered that the proposed amendment will assist the City in meeting its aspirational target of 20% urban forest canopy coverage by 2025 by providing planning control for trees on the STR. Enhancement of the urban forest canopy will help to bring about a number of environmental and community benefits:

- Conservation of biodiversity, as trees provide habitats and food sources for a variety of animals, birds and insects;
- Reduction of the urban heat island effect, which is the results from vegetation being replaced by asphalt and concrete surfaces that absorb - rather than reflect - the sun's heat;
- Increased natural cooling effects from shading and evaporation of water from soil and leaves (evapotranspiration);
- Improved air quality from the absorption and sequestration of carbon dioxide; and
- Improved amenity.

Management of Significant Trees on Private Land

It is intended that the City's STR Guidelines will be reviewed in parallel with the proposed amendment, addressing the detail of how trees on the STR will be nominated, recorded and managed.

The guidelines should outline the process for nominating a tree on private land for inclusion on the STR, and detail the requirement for any nomination to have the agreement of, and carry the signature of the owner of the land on which the tree stands.

The guidelines should also include the criteria for registering a tree as significant and it is expected that once a tree is added to the STR, the City will record those details in its GIS database. It is considered that this is the most suitable way of tracking the location and details of significant trees without burdening landowners by placing notifications on their titles under section 70A of the *Transfer of Land Act 1893*.

The guidelines should also include a procedure for resolving the encroachment of roots or branches from a tree on the STR onto an adjoining property.

It is also likely that the amended guidelines will provide the ability to remove any tree from the register in the event that the property on which it is located transfers into new ownership.

Given the time taken to progress a scheme amendment, it is considered appropriate to commence the scheme amendment process prior to updating the guidelines.

Proposed Scheme Amendment

It is recommended to include a new clause into TPS 24 as follows:

"8.3.9.5 Development approval is required prior to the removal, destruction and/or interference with any tree included on the City of Bayswater heritage list or significant tree register."

The proposed scheme amendment would require that any person seeking to undertake works affecting trees that are included on the heritage list or STR must first obtain development approval by the City.

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LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* permits a local government to amend its local planning scheme. Part 5 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* sets out the procedure for amending a local planning scheme.

OPTIONS

In accordance with the City's Risk Management Framework, the following options have been assessed against the City's adopted risk tolerance. Comments are provided against each of the risk categories.

Option 1

 That Council pursuant to section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005, resolves to initiate Amendment No. 86 to the City of Bayswater Town Planning Scheme No. 24 by:

Inserting the following new clause 8.3.9.5:

- "8.3.9.5Development approval is required prior to the removal, destruction and/or interference with any tree included on the City of Bayswater heritage list or significant tree register."
- 2. The Amendment is standard under the provisions of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* for the following reasons:
 - (a) The amendment does not result in any significant environmental, social, economic or governance impacts on land in the scheme area; and
 - (b) The amendment is not a complex or basic amendment.
- 3. Upon finalisation of the scheme amendment documentation, the documentation is forwarded to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for assessment, and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage Heritage Directorate for referral.
- Upon the Notice of Assessment from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation being received (and issues raised being complied with), the proposed scheme amendment be advertised for public comment.
- The proposed amendment is referred to Council for further consideration following public advertising.

Risk Category	Adopted Risk Appetite	Risk Assessment Outcome	
Strategic Direction	Moderate	Low	
Reputation	Low	Low	
Governance	Low	Low	
Community and Stakeholder	Moderate	Moderate	
Financial Management	Low	Low	
Environmental Responsibility	Low	Low	
Service Delivery	Low	Low	
Organisational Health and Safety	Low	Low	

Conclusion

It is considered that there is a moderate community and stakeholder risk in the event that Council initiates the proposed scheme amendment, as the requirement to obtain development approval for work to trees on the STR may discourage some landowners from voluntarily nominating their trees for inclusion on the STR. There may also be objection from adjoining landowners, as the requirement to obtain development approval would restrict their ability to prune any encroaching roots or branches from a tree on the STR.

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Option 2	Council does not initiate Amendment No. 86 to the City of Bayswater's Town Planning Scheme No. 24.					
Risk Catego	ry	Adopted Risk Appetite	Risk Assessment Outcome			
Strategic Dire	ection	Moderate	Low			
Reputation		Low	Moderate			
Governance		Low	Low			
Community a	nd Stakeholder	Moderate	Moderate			
Financial Mar	nagement	Low	Low			
Environmental Responsibility		Low	Moderate			
Service Deliv	ery	Low	Low			
Organisationa	al Health and Safety	Low	Low			
Conclusion It is considered that there are a moderate reputational and community and stakeholder risks in the event that Council does not initiate the proposed scheme amendment, as there could be objection to Council choosing not to extend further protection to significant trees, particularly those on private land. There is also an environmental responsibility risk, as not requiring development approval to be obtained for works to significant trees could lead to their removal or destruction, which has negative environmental impacts and harms the amenity of the surrounding locality.						

Option 3	Council resolves to initiate Amendment No. 86 to the City of Bayswater's Town Planning Scheme No. 24, subject to modification(s).					
Risk Catego	ry	Adopted Risk Appetite	Risk Assessment Outcome			
Strategic Direction		Moderate	Dependant on the			
Reputation		Low	modification(s) proposed by			
Governance		Low	Council.			
Community and Stakeholder		Moderate				
Financial Management		Low				
Environmental Responsibility		Low				
Service Delivery		Low				
Organisationa	al Health and Safety	Low				
Conclusion	The risks are depen-	dent on the modification(s) propos	ed by Council.			

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The following financial implications are applicable:

Item 1: Advertise the scheme amendment

Asset Category: N/A Source of Funds: Municipal

LTFP Impacts: Not itemised in the LTFP

Notes: N/A

ITEM	CAPITAL / UPFRONT	ONGOING O	(1)	INCOME	ASSET LIFE	WHOLE OF LIFE COSTS	CURRENT
NO.	COSTS (\$)	MATERIALS & CONTRACT	STAFFING	(\$)	(YEARS)	(\$)	BUDGET (\$)
1	\$400	-	-	-	-	-	\$14,000

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the City of Bayswater Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027, the following applies:

Theme: Our built environment

Aspiration: A quality and connected built environment.

Outcome B1: Appealing streetscapes
Outcome B3: Quality built environment

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The requirement for development approval to be obtained for any works affecting trees included on the City's heritage list or STR will increase the level of protection afforded to such trees. This is considered of benefit to the built environment, as significant trees make a substantial contribution to local amenity and aesthetics.

CONCLUSION

The proposed amendment will require development approval to be obtained for any works affecting trees included on the City's Scheme Heritage List or STR, including those located on private land. This will increase the level of protection afforded to such trees, promoting their retention and ongoing responsible management.

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Attachment 1



Significant Tree Register Guidelines



Introduction

The City of Bayswater has made a commitment to preserving and expanding upon its tree canopy coverage across the City. There are approximately 24,000 trees within Road Reserves and 9,000 within developed areas of Public Open Space (POS). Many of these will have values that are worthy of inclusion into the Significant Tree Register (STR). Whether a tree is naturally occurring, or was planted by the early founders of Bayswater, the STR will look to celebrate these trees and will play an integral role in assisting the City to maintain its tree canopy coverage through heightened awareness of the importance of trees within the urban environment. The STR will be a part of the public education program presented to the Community that discusses the benefits trees provide to the community and environment and will also serve as a reminder of Historical elements around our natural features.

Purpose of the Significant Tree Register

The Significant Tree Register is part of a series of documents that the City of Bayswater uses to guide the management of its Tree assets. The ultimate purpose of the STR is to assist the City to identify and recognise the importance of significant trees within the urban area to enable an increased level of protection and care for such specimens. The first stage of the STR will focus on trees on land under the control of the City.

Management of Significant Trees

Where a registered significant tree is located on land under the control of the City, it will be inspected by the City's Consulting Arborist on an Annual basis, and where specific target pruning or other remedial maintenance is required, this will be performed under the supervision of the Consulting Arborist.

Assessment of Significant Trees

In order to ensure that there is value to the Significant Tree Register, it is intended that any trees listed on this register should be considered an "outstanding specimen" that is worthy of the resources the City is willing to invest in order to maintain the benefits it provides.

This is not to say that trees excluded from this register are not of high value, but they may not quite fulfil the criteria aimed at maintaining the integrity of the Significant Tree Register.

A significant tree is one that has a strong connection to the place in which it or they dwell; it is a product of the natural environment and the cultural impact of urbanisation in the landscape. A tree does not necessarily have to be large to be classed as significant. A small tree may carry with it many stories, or some unique attributes that no other tree of that species may possess.

To achieve inclusion onto the STR trees are to be assessed against 4 categories and must meet one of the criteria from two different categories (Significant Tree criteria below). For instance a tree may be 100 years or older (1E) and was planted by one of the early settlers of Bayswater (4C) such as the Oak trees around Tranby House.

The following criteria can be applied to individual trees or groups of trees, and does not attempt to quantify a tree on a point's basis, but rather in a qualitative approach through the demonstration of a basis for inclusion, such as providing legitimate historical records, newspaper articles or scientific information backing a claim. The following information is based on criteria set by the National Trust of Australia.

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Significant Tree Criteria

1. Outstanding Visual/Aesthetic Significance

- Tree/s that is (are) outstanding for its/their height, trunk circumference or canopy spread;
 500mm DBH or over 10m in height;
- b) Tree/s that occur in a prominent location or context
- Tree/s that contribute significantly to the landscape in which it/they grow In comparison to other trees within a 100m radius (including streetscapes, parks, gardens or natural landscapes);
- d) Tree/s that exhibit an unusual growth form or physical feature; or
- e) Tree/s that are of a significant age (100 years +).

2. Botanic/Scientific Significance

- Tree/s that are of an important genetic value that could provide important and valuable propagating stock. This could include specimens that are particularly resistant to disease or climatic extremes or have a particular growth form; or
- b) Tree/s that demonstrate a likelihood of producing information that will help the wider understanding of natural or cultural history by virtue of its use as a research site, teaching site, type locality or benchmark site.

3. Significant Ecological Value

- a) Priority, rare, threatened or locally uncommon species or ecological community;
- b) Indigenous remnant tree/s that predate the urban development in its immediate proximity;
- Tree/s that make a significant contribution to the integrity of an ecological community, including its role as a seed source or specialised habitat;
- A remnant specimen now reduced in range or abundance, which indicates the former extent of the species, particularly range limits; or
- Tree/s which a part of a significant habitat element for rare, threatened, priority or locally uncommon or common native species.

4. Historical, Commemorative, Cultural or Social Significance

- a) Tree/s that are associated with public significance or important historical event for the City;
- b) Tree/s highly valued by the community or cultural groups for reasons of strong religious, spiritual, cultural or other social associations, including trees associated with Aboriginal heritage and culture:

Once an application has been made, the nominated tree will be assessed by a panel inclusive of the City's Consulting Arborist, Manager Parks and Gardens and Manager Sustainability and Environment. This panel will make a determination on a tree's worthiness for inclusion onto the Significant Tree Register. The assessing Officers may draw upon further advice from internal or external personnel as the need arises to ensure a thorough assessment is undertaken.

Once a determination is made the applicant will be informed in writing of the decision. Trees accepted onto the register will be listed with a registration form, which includes details about the tree, a photograph and a statement detailing the significance of the specimen. This register will be available for public viewing on the City's web page.

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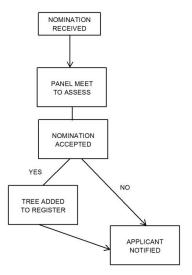
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Nomination Process

To nominate a tree for the Significant Tree Register, you will need to complete the nomination form with the following information

- Location (street address or Park Name and description of the location on the property);
- Common name (if known);
- A photo of the tree (if possible); and
- Any supporting information you have (Such as Historical records, newspaper articles, or scientific information).

Process for Assessing a Significant Tree Nomination



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10.4.6 Proposed Amendment No. 86 to Town Planning Scheme No. 24 - Significant Tree Register

Applicant/Proponent:	City of Bayswater		
Owner:	Various		
Responsible Branch:	Development and Place		
Responsible Directorate:	Community and Development		
Authority/Discretion:	Legislative		
Voting Requirement:	Simple Majority Required		
Attachments:	1. Summary of Submissions [10.4.6.1 - 9 pages]		
Refer:	Item 10.6.2.4: OCM 23.08.2022		
	Item 10.4.7: OCM 03.09.2019		

SUMMARY

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 3 September 2019 considered Amendment No. 86 to Town Planning Scheme No. 24 to require development approval to be obtained for any works affecting trees included on the City's heritage list or significant tree register. The City's Significant Tree Register and associated Guidelines have been reviewed in parallel with the proposed amendment, which outlines the detail of how significant trees will be nominated, recorded and managed.

The proposed scheme amendment was advertised for public comment from 26 March to 25 May 2020, during which time 28 submissions were received. It is recommended that the amendment be approved without modification.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION)

That Council recommends that the Western Australian Planning Commission and Minister for Planning approve Amendment No. 86 to the City of Bayswater Town Planning Scheme No. 24. without modification.

Cr Elli Petersen-Pik Moved, Cr Josh Eveson Seconded

CARRIED: 8/1

For:

Cr Filomena Piffaretti, Mayor, Cr Assunta Meleca, Cr Steven Ostaszewskyj, Cr Sally Palmer, Cr Josh Eveson, Cr Elli Petersen-Pik, Cr Dan Bull and Cr Giorgia Johnson.

Against: Cr Michelle Sutherland.

BACKGROUND

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 3 September 2019 resolved to initiate Amendment No. 86 to Town Planning Scheme No. 24 (TPS 24), to require development approval for works affecting a significant tree. Council resolved as follows:

"That:

- Council, pursuant to section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005, resolves to initiate Amendment No. 86 to the City of Bayswater Town Planning Scheme No. 24 by:
 - Inserting the following new clause 8.3.9.5:
 - "8.3.9.5 Development approval is required prior to the removal, destruction and/or interference with any tree included on the City of Bayswater heritage list or significant tree register."
- The Amendment is standard under the provisions of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 for the following reasons:

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- (a) The amendment does not result in any significant environmental, social, economic or governance impacts on land in the scheme area; and
- (b) The amendment is not a complex or basic amendment.
- 3. Upon finalisation of the scheme amendment documentation, the documentation is forwarded to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for assessment, and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage Heritage Directorate for referral.
- Upon the Notice of Assessment from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation being received (and issues raised being complied with), the proposed scheme amendment be advertised for public comment.
- The proposed amendment is referred to Council for further consideration following public advertising."

The scheme amendment was subsequently advertised for public comment, and the submissions primarily related to the need for guidelines to provide further information on the implementation of the scheme amendment. In light of this, the amendment was deferred awaiting the outcome of the Significant Tree Register Policy and associated Guidelines.

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 25 May 2021 considered adopting for public advertising the draft Significant Tree Register Policy and associated Guidelines. The Council; resolution required the policy and guidelines to be modified to provide incentives for registering significant trees on private land.

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 23 November 2021 considered adopting for public advertising the draft Significant Tree Register Policy and associated Guidelines. The policy and guidelines were updated to incorporate a range of incentives and other changes in accordance with the May 2021 resolution. Council deferred the policy and guidelines to the first meeting of the Planning and Heritage Policy Review and Development Committee in 2022.

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 22 February 2022 adopted for public advertising the proposed Significant Tree Register and associated Guidelines, with modifications. The City received 24 detailed submissions during the consultation period. Of these, 13 supported the policy and guidelines, six did not support or object as they provided general comments, and five objected to the policy and guidelines.

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 23 August 2022 considered the adoption of the Significant Tree Register for Private Land Policy and associated Guidelines, and resolved as follows:

"That Council adopts the proposed Significant Tree Register for Private Land Policy and associated Guidelines as contained in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 to this report, subject to:

- 1. The Significant Tree Register for Private Land Policy being modified as follows:
 - (a) The following new point 3 be added to 'Objectives': "To assist with meeting the City's tree canopy target."
 - (b) A new section "Related Documents" be added with "Urban Forest Strategy" be included as a related document.
- The Significant Tree Register for Private Land Associated Guidelines being modified as follows:
 - (a) The first paragraph under 'Introduction' be amended to state:

"These guidelines provide guidance for people wanting to include or remove a tree from the City of Bayswater Significant Tree Register on private land in accordance with the Significant Trees Register for Private Land Policy."

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- (b) The first sentence in Point 3 under 'Applicants' be amended by replacing "public land" with "private land".
- (c) Point 1 under 'Optional Category 1 Growth/Size Significance' be amended to state:
 - "1. A tree(s) that is outstanding for its height or trunk circumference 500mm diameter at breast height and/or over 7m high."
- (d) Point 1 in Stage 2 under 'Tree Nomination Assessment and Decision Making Process' be amended by removing "provided by the nominee.
- (e) Point 2 under 'Incentives' be amended to state:
 - Landowner(s) will be able to obtain a waiver of development application fees for development on the property."
- (f) Point 3 under 'Implications and Responsibilities for Landowners' be amended to state:
 - 3. Landowners who have significant trees on their property are required to arrange for a qualified arborist to inspect the tree once every 2 years, or as required in accordance with an arborist's report. Landowners are required to pay for any remedial maintenance as advised by the arborist."
- 3. Council requests for the Chief Executive Officer to undertake an assessment of the effectiveness of the policy in 24 months' time in relation to the policy's intent."

This scheme amendment will provide the statutory power required for the adopted Significant Tree Register for Private Land Policy and associated Guidelines to be implemented.

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Environmental Assessment and Heritage Referral

The scheme amendment documentation was referred to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and Heritage Directorate of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) for assessment.

In correspondence dated 16 January 2020 the DWER advised the City that the proposed scheme amendment would not require an environmental assessment.

The City did not receive any comments from the Heritage Directorate of the DPLH which the City considers as a "no objection" to the proposed amendment.

Public Advertising

Following notification from the DWER the City advertised the proposed amendment in accordance with Council's 3 September 2019 resolution for a period of 61 days from 26 March 2020 to 25 May 2020, by way of:

- Notification in the Eastern Reporter newspaper on 26 March 2020;
- Information placed on the City's engagement website, Engage Bayswater; and
- Hard copies of the amendment documentation made available for inspection at the City's Civic Centre and libraries.

The City received 28 detailed submissions during the consultation period. One did not support or object as they provided general comments, and 27 objected to the proposed scheme amendment in its current form. Refer to **Attachment 1** for the summary of submissions.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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Submissions Objecting

The key comments outlined within the objections related to the City needing to prepare guidelines to accompany the amendment to address:

- Who can nominate a significant tree;
- Impacts on surrounding landowners;
- · Impacts on future landowners;
- Ability to remove / prune significant trees;
- Impacts on development approvals; and
- Incentives for significant tree retention.

The City's Significant Tree Register Policy and associated Guidelines have been developed to support the proposed scheme amendment, by outlining the detail of how significant trees will be nominated, recorded and managed. The policy and guidelines address all of the above matters.

There were also concerns raised in relation to the implications that this would have on insurance for properties, and that there would be the ability for anyone to nominate a tree. Insurance matters on private property are not considered to be City-related matters. It is the responsibility of landowners to consider any potential insurance matters before deciding to nominate a tree for inclusion on the City's significant tree register. The guidelines outline the potential impacts that landowner should consider prior to nominating a significant tree including insurance issues.

General Comments

Concerns were raised in the submissions which did not directly support or object to the policy and guidelines. The concerns predominately related to it not being appropriate for the City to restrict what can occur on a property, especially if it relates to trees.

The City has prepared a policy and guidelines to align with the proposed scheme amendment. The purpose of the policy and guidelines is to reduce the number of significant trees being removed and to protect trees on properties if the landowner and affected neighbours agree to them being nominated as trees of significance.

Officer Conclusion

The proposed scheme amendment is necessary to give an appropriate statutory head of power to the Significant Tree Register Policy and associated Guidelines to process and assess applications for significant trees. It is considered that the proposed amendment would provide statutory protection to trees which are considered to be of heritage significance. The proposed policy subsequently provides strategic direction, with procedural guidance and more detailed level of information included in the guidelines.

The proposed scheme amendment would require that any person seeking to undertake works affecting trees that are included on the heritage list or significant tree register to first obtain a development approval from the City.

It is not considered that the proposed amendment will open the City to claims for compensation due to loss of development potential. Advice previously received by the City suggests that it is unlikely that the City will be liable for loss of development potential as inclusion of a tree on the Register will not prohibit development of a property. It will create another requirement which is to be met in order for development to occur in much the same way that height limitations, for example, are to be complied with in order for development to occur.

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Additionally, the Western Australian Planning Commission has considered other similar scheme amendments to town planning schemes to protect trees on private land. This includes the Cities of Fremantle, Cockburn, and Stirling.

Having regard to the above, the submissions received during the community consultation process, and the proposed Significant Tree Register Policy and associated Guidelines, no modifications are proposed to the advertised scheme amendment. In light of this, the amendment as initiated by Council is recommended for approval.

LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* permits a local government to amend its local planning scheme. Part 5 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes)* Regulations 2015 prescribes the process for the preparation of scheme amendments.

Once the scheme amendment is initiated, the Minister for Planning is the final decision maker on all scheme amendments. The City can provide a recommendation to the Minister to:

- Support the amendment without modification;
- Support the amendment with proposed modifications to address issues raised in the submissions; or
- Not support the amendment.

RISK ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the City's Risk Management Framework, the officer's recommendation has been assessed against the City's adopted risk tolerance. Comments are provided against each of the risk categories.

Risk Category	Adopted Risk Appetite	Risk Assessment Outcome	
Strategic Direction	Moderate	Low	
Reputation	Low	Low	
Governance	Low	Low	
Community and Stakeholder	Moderate	Moderate	
Financial Management	Low	Low	
Environmental Responsibility	Low	Low	
Service Delivery	Low	Low	
Organisational Health and Safety	Low	Low	
Conclusion It is considered that this option has a low risk to the City as it is consistent with			

Conclusion

Council's previous decision, and matters raised in the submissions have been addressed in the proposed Significant Tree Register Policy and associated Guidelines. It is considered that this option has moderate community and stakeholder risks, given the need for a development application to be submitted for works which affect a tree registered on the City's significant tree register and that it may affect future development potential.

In the event Council adopts an alternative motion, there is a moderate risk to the City as applicants and community members generally expect the City to provide appropriate guidance for the fair, consistent and accountable processing and assessing of significant trees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The following financial implications are applicable:

Item 1: Scheme amendment gazettal and public notice

Asset Category: N/A Source of Funds: Municipal

LTFP Impacts: Not itemised in the LTFP

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Notes: Nil

ITEM NO.	CAPITAL / UPFRONT	ONGOING (()	INCOME (\$)	ASSET LIFE	WHOLE OF LIFE COSTS	CURRENT BUDGET (\$)
	COSTS (\$)	MATERIALS & CONTRACT	STAFFING		(YEARS)	(\$)	
1	\$800	-	-	-	-	-	\$14,800

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the City of Bayswater Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031, the following applies:

Theme: Environment and Liveability

Goal E5: Protect and enhance the City's natural environment and biodiversity, and

encourage the community to participate in its protection.

It is considered that the proposed scheme amendment will assist to protect and conserve significant trees within the City of Bayswater and encourage the community to participate in the process.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council supports Amendment No. 86 to the City of Bayswater TPS 24, with no modifications, and that the amendment documentation is to be forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission and Minister for Planning for final approval.

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Summary of Submissions

No.	Support / Object / Comment	Interest in the Proposal	Summary of Submission	City of Bayswater Comments
1.	Object	Owns a property in the area.	Landowners should have right to develop without trying to build around trees. Trees on a register will stop some development due to the trees location and therefore devalue properties. Maintaining larger trees at the expense of ratepayers' property is unacceptable.	 The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines specify that only landowners are able to nominate trees on their land. Therefore it will be at the discretion of landowners if they want impose restrictions on their land, which may impact their development potential.
			Requirements for a percentage of landscaping or trees as part of development is acceptable.	The City currently has requirements for trees to be provided as part of new development and landscaping requirements. However, only certain types of development are required to provide a percentage of landscaping as part of new development.
2.	Object	Owns a property in the area.	The Significant Tree Register is a disincentive to investment and should be removed.	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines specify that only landowners are able to nominate trees on their land. Therefore it will be at the discretion of individual landowners if they want impose restrictions on their land, which may impact their development potential.
			Incentivising developers to retain and plant new trees is more appropriate.	The City currently has a policy that incentivises the retention of trees as part of new development and requires new trees to be provided where no trees are retained. Additionally, the Significant Tree Register Guidelines outline incentives for landowners which relate to a reduction in fees for development applications and variations to the development provisions relating to open space, plot ratio and building height.
3.	Object	Owns a property in the area.	Object to anyone being able to nominate a tree on someone else's property, which could impact property value.	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines specify that only landowners are able to nominate trees on their land.
4.	Object	Owns a property in the area.	The policy will encourage the removal of trees in the short term and frustrate development, which should not happen in this economy.	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines specify that only landowners are able to nominate trees on their land. This will ensure landowners are not motivated to remove trees from their property, for concern of their trees being nominated for

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No.	Support / Object /	Interest in the Proposal	Summary of Submission	City of Bayswater Comments						
	Comment			inclusion by someone else, which may restrict their development potential.						
			Retention of trees should be incentivised, rather than mandated.	The City currently has a policy that incentivises the retention of trees as part of new development. Additionally, the Significant Tree Register Guidelines outline incentives for landowners which relate to a reduction in fees for development applications and variations to the development provisions relating to open space, plot ratio and building height. The City does not have any policy or other requirements that mandates the retention of trees.						
5. – 28*	23 x Object 1 x Other	21 x Owns a property in the area. 1 x Occupies a property in the area. 1 x Private citizen	Encourage people to remove trees Concerned that this could be counterproductive, as people may remove trees after being advised that their tree may be listed on the tree register.	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines specify that only landowners are able to nominate trees on their land. This will ensure landowners are not motivated to remove trees from their property, for fear of their trees being nominated by a third party, which may restrict their development potential.						
		who has an	Incentivising tree retention							
		interest in the area. 1 x Other	area.	area.	area.	area.	area.	area.	Incentivising the retention and planting of trees would be a more effective approach.	The City currently has a policy that incentivises the retention of trees as part of new development and requires new trees to be provided where no trees are retained.
			A registered tree benefits the whole community, yet can be a burden to landowners, due to maintenance, cleaning fallen branches and leaves, trimming roots, etc.	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines specify that it will be at the discretion of individual landowners if they want to nominate their trees for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register.						
			Heritage listed properties have access to grants, development concessions, reduction in development application fees, access to expert advice, and other benefits to compensate them for maintaining heritage for the benefit of the community. No such benefits exist for trees.	The Significant Tree Register Guidelines outline the grants available and the incentives for landowners which relate to a reduction in fees for development applications and variations to the development provisions relating to open space, plot ratio and building height.						

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No.	Support / Object /	Interest in the Proposal	Summary of Submission	City of Bayswater Comments
	Comment	гюроза	Landowners have not been informed of the proposed Scheme Amendment, which affects the majority of landowners and ratepayers. Advertising on Engage Bayswater alone is insufficient as most people do not go to the site, unless they are directed by correspondence.	It is considered that the scheme amendment was adequately advertised to the public for a period of 61 days from 26 March 2020 to 25 May 2020. The advertising occurred in accordance with the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, by way of: Notification being published in the Easter Reporter newspaper on 26 March 2020; and Information being placed on the City's
				engagement website. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions at the time, the City was unable to provide hard copies of the scheme amendment documentation for inspection at the City's libraries and the Civic Centre, which were closed to the public from 24 March 2020 and 27 March 2020 respectively and were not open again until after the advertising period had concluded. Further, the proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines specify that only landowners are able to nominate trees on their land. This will ensure landowners are not impacted without being properly informed about the implications.
			Guidelines have not been updated The updated Significant Tree Register Guidelines were supposed to be advertised with the scheme amendment, however this did not happen. This means Councillors and landowners do not have enough information to make an informed decision or an informed comment.	Although updated Significant Tree Register Guidelines were not advertised with the scheme amendment, it is considered that the proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines adequately address the concerns raised by the community during the advertising period, enabling Council to make an informed decision.
			Relevant criteria missing No consideration has been given to the potential for a tree to:	

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No.	Support / Object / Comment	Interest in the Proposal	Su	mmary of Submission		City of Bayswater Comments
			Damage	buildings and property.	•	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines specify that a qualified arborist assessment is to be provided with a nomination, which is to consider the potential for the tree to damage buildings and property.
			Impact n litter, etc.	eighbouring properties (shade, tree).	•	Shade and tree litter are not considered reasonable reasons to reject a nomination for a significant tree.
			landowne potential	ne financial and physical ability of the er to maintain the tree and the impact to property price and nent potential.	•	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines outline the implications. It is then the responsibility of landowners to consider the implications before deciding to nominate a tree for inclusion on the register.
			Survive b	ased on its longevity.	•	If well maintained or rejuvenated, trees can live and provide amenity for a long time through various stages of maturity. It is therefore not considered appropriate to assess the suitability of a tree for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register based on its age or apparent condition.
			Species :	suitability.	•	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines require trees to be of an appropriate species, as determined by a qualified arborist.
			Excessive finance	cial penalties		
				e financial penalties to landowners 00,000) for interfering with a tree.	•	The \$200,000 penalty referenced relates to offences committed under the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> . The penalty is not assigned by the City and it does not relate specifically to interfering with a significant tree.
			Insurance matte	<u>rs</u>		
			a claim is that is w landowne accident	me insurance policy excesses exist if a made for damage from a fallen tree ithin 10 metres of the building. If a er is unable to tend to a tree and an happens in a storm, where doers and Council stand?	•	Insurance matters on private property are not considered City-related matters. It is the responsibility of landowners to consider any potential insurance matters before deciding to nominate a tree for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register.

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No.	Support / Object /	Interest in the Proposal	Summary of Submission	City of Bayswater Comments
	Comment			
			Lack of community desire to register trees	
			In April 2019 Council resolved to allow landowners to nominate their trees for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register. Have there been any trees added to the register by a landowner or Councillor since? Why provide statutory control for a register when there is little or no demand?	2019, however the scheme amendment needs to be gazetted to allow for significant trees to be nominated. The scheme amendment is required to
			Abuse of non-statutory register	
			"Adoption of Amendment 86 would leave it open to misuse, vexatious abuse, misapplication, misinterpretation, and inconsistent application. This is entirely inconsistent with orderly and proper planning."	outline specific requirements and information to ensure that the scheme amendment operates in a
			Defining 'interference'	
			The term 'interference' in the scheme amendment is not defined.	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines outline what the term 'interference' includes.
			Unpopular with the Community	
			At the last two Annual General Meetings, a motion for a compulsory significant tree register was not supported.	Noted.
			A motion focussing on incentives was supported to protect trees, it included rates differentials, additional building height to retain trees, support for tree maintenance; and reduction in Development Application fees where trees are retained.	The Significant Tree Register Guidelines outline the grants available and the incentives for landowners which relate to a reduction in fees for development applications and variations to the development provisions relating to open space, plot ratio and building height.

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No.	Support / Object /	Interest in the Proposal	Summary of Submission	City of Bayswater Comments
	Comment			
			Anyone can nominate a tree	
			The current Significant Tree Guidelines allow anyone to nominate a tree. A person nominating a tree does not have to share their	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines specify that: Only landowners are able to nominate a tree
			motivation. It is likely that a person objecting to a proposed development may use the	on their land.
			nomination process as a way of impeding the development process. It is unfair for a person	 All landowners are required to consent to the nomination.
			to be able to nominate a tree on someone else's land. With this in mind:	 Any applicable strata body or similar is required to consent to the nomination.
			 Will the landowner be notified if a tree is listed on the register if they are not the nominee? 	 Any person can nominate a tree in the public domain.
			 Will the consent of all landowners of a strata property be required? 	
			 Can a tenant nominate a tree and would the landowner be notified? 	
			<u>Utility providers</u>	
			Is development approval required to prune trees to maintain safe clearance to Western Power powerlines? If pruning is not approved, what is the potential fine?	Works urgently necessary for public safety, safety or sectary of plant or equipment, maintenance of essential services, or protection of the environment is exempt from the requirement to obtain written approval. These works must be undertaken by a qualified arborist to the satisfaction of the City. The landowner is required to notify the City in writing within five working days following the emergency work having been undertaken. Notification must include a report by the qualified arborist who carried out the work.

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No.	Support / Object / Comment	Interest in the Proposal	Summary of Submission	City of Bayswater Comments
			Landowner implications	
			Landowners are not aware of the implications of having a tree added to the register, including:	outline relevant implications for landowners considering nominating trees for inclusion on the
			 The need for development approval. 	Significant Tree Register.
			 The cost for making applications and hiring arborists. 	
			 Three month timeframe for development approval to prune tree. 	
			 Information required to be submitted with a development application. 	
			 The need for an arborist assessment. 	
			 The potential penalties for not getting approval before undertaking works to a tree. 	
			Removing trees from the register	
			"How does a landowner remove a tree from the register? For example if their circumstances change and they need to build a granny flat for a relative, or if they want to sell their property unencumbered?"	Subject to obtaining written approval, a tree may be removed from the Significant Tree Register if the tree had died, the tree is diseased, there are safety issues, or the tree is causing damage to infrastructure or property. The following reasons will not be considered sufficient for removal:
				 Withdrawal of the support from the landowner (or new landowner).
				 To facilitate the placement of a permanent vehicle access crossing; unless it is to facilitate the placement of a permanent vehicle access crossing as a last resort, where there is no other viable option.
				It is therefore the responsibility of the landowner to carefully consider nominating a tree for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register.

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No.	Support / Object / Comment	Interest in the Proposal	Summary of Submission	City of Bayswater Comments
			Decision making process	
			The current guidelines say that nominated trees will be assessed based on their aesthetic, botanical, ecological, historical, social, cultural and commemorative significance for inclusion on the register by a panel that includes the City's Consulting Arborist, Manager Parks and Gardens and Manager Sustainability and Environment.	outlines a fair and transparent process, including: Clear requirements about who can nominate a tree. Clear requirements for how and under what circumstances a tree can be removed from the register.
			"There is no oversight by Council. The owner has no right to have a say. There is no right of appeal. There is no process for removing a tree from the register. The process is not transparent, undemocratic, unjust, and does not provide due process or procedural fairness to the owners of the tree."	 A landowner's right to request their nomination be referred to Council to make a decision, when the panel decides that their nominated tree is not worthy for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register.
			Development approval implications	
			There are costs and administrative hurdles for landowners, including: A processing time of three or more months, particularly when determined at a Council meeting.	outline relevant implications for landowners considering to nominate trees for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register, including the need to obtain written approval to undertake certain works
			 Payment of development application fees. 	to a significant tree.
			 Preparation of detailed plans. 	
			 Cost of an arborist report. 	
			Rights to prune or remove trees	
			The scheme amendment does not allow for legitimate reasons to prune or remove a tree, such as:	clarify what pruning can be undertaken with and
			Blocking light into windows or solar collectors.	without the need to obtain written approval. The guidelines also require pruning of a significant tree
			Branches blocking a path.	to be undertaken by a qualified arborist.
			Western Power requiring a tree to be trimmed.	Subject to obtaining written approval, a tree may be removed from the Significant Tree Register if the tree had died, the tree is diseased, there are safety

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No.	Support /	Interest in the	Summary of Submission	City of Bayswater Comments
	Object / Comment	Proposal		
			Roots blocking drains or destroying foundations.	issues, or the tree is causing damage to infrastructure or property.
			The tree being diseased.	
			Risk of falling branches injuring people or property.	
			Tree extending into a neighbouring property being developed.	
			Neighbour issues	
			Neighbours are not advised about significant trees and may trim overhanging branches, which could result in them being fined up to \$200,000.	The proposed Significant Tree Register Guidelines outline implications for neighbouring landowners. The guidelines also outline the assessment and decision-making process, which require impacted neighbouring landowners to consent to a nomination.
			New property owners	
			Potential new property owners undertaking due diligence review statutory protections, such as the heritage list, will miss the Significant Tree Register as it is not a statutory list. This could result in a new owner removing a tree without knowing the tree is on the register	do their due diligence on property before buying. Significant trees will be recorded on the City's GIS system and divulged as part of a request to the City for information relating to land. In addition, the owner/agent is responsible for letting
			and being fined up to \$200,000.	potential new landowners know about all material facts that they know or should reasonably know about the property that may affect the value of the property. It is considered that a property containing a significant tree is something that the owner/agent should reasonably know about.

^{*} It is noted that submissions 5 – 28 all raised the same issues as a part of their submissions. Rather than repetitively respond to each submission it was considered more appropriate to collate the submissions and responses.

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SPT2010-2 NOMINATIONS FOR THE REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TREES 2020

NO. 7/18 JOHN STREET, NORTH FREMANTLE - OUTCOMES OF

CONSULTATION

Meeting date: 21 October 2020

Responsible officer: Manager Strategic Planning

Decision making authority: Committee

Agenda attachments: 1. Schedule of Submissions

Additional information:
1. Independent arborist report for trees at 7/18 John

Street, North Fremantle

2. Local Planning Policy 2.23 – Register of Significant

Trees and Vegetation Areas

SUMMARY

On 19 August 2020, Council considered nominations received for the Register of Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas (the Register) and resolved to:

Endorse the inclusion of the two nominated trees at 7/18 John Street, North Fremantle in the Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas Register for the purposes of inviting public comment in accordance with the provisions of the local planning scheme, and in the event of no objections being received, approve ongoing inclusion of these trees in the Register.

Consultation was subsequently undertaken between 24 August and 18 September 2020 in accordance with scheme and policy provisions, at the conclusion of which 2 submissions had been received. These submissions were from adjoining property owners to the north-west of the subject site, expressing concerns in relation to the size of the Rose Gum tree ('Tree 1') and its overhanging branches, ongoing upkeep, safety concerns as well as posing queries regarding the implications of registration and potential liabilities. This report recommends that, notwithstanding the concerns raised by neighbours, Council adopt the nominated two trees on the register and advises all relevant parties in writing of this decision.

BACKGROUND

On 19 August 2020, Council considered nominations for the *Register of Significant Trees* and *Vegetation Areas* (the Register) received during the call for nominations advertised between 26 February and 1 May 2020 and resolved to:

- 1. Note the nominations received as detailed in the Officer's report and Attachment 1.
- 2. Endorse the inclusion of the two nominated trees at 7/18 John Street, North Fremantle in the Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas Register for the purposes of inviting public comment in accordance with the provisions of the local planning scheme, and in the event of no objections being received, approve ongoing inclusion of these trees in the Register. (2008-1)

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Previous sporadic limb failure evident.

The two trees referenced in recommendation 2 were nominated by the owner of the subject property. The recommendation reflects the conclusions of an independent arborist assessment of the trees (refer Additional Information attachment 1), the findings of which of which are summarised below:

Tree 1 Eucalyptus grandis (Rose Tree 2 Eucalyptus camaldulensis (River Red Gum) Gum) · Mature healthy specimen of the · Mature healthy specimen of the species. species. • Clinometer height reading 26.3m, • Clinometer height reading of 27.6m, canopy spread approximately 20.0m canopy spread of approximately and trunk diameter 118cm measured 24.0m and trunk diameter of 114cm at a height of 1.4m above ground measured at a height of 1.4m above level. ground level. • The trunk of the tree extends to • Tree located beside residence and approximately 3.5m where abutting the undercover carport. The codominant stems develop to support base of the tree is surrounded by the canopy. · Canopy displays previous pruning • The trunk of the tree extends to over the adjacent property to facilitate approximately 3.5m where property boundary clearance. codominant stems develop to support Sections of minor deadwood held the canopy. throughout canopy. Size or weight not Codominant union appears sound. considered to represent a hazard at Some gaps within the western facing this time. side of canopy as a result of suppression due to a previous mature • Dynamic cable bracing visible to small Ficus species in this location which diameter limbs held adjacent to the neighbouring property in an attempt to has since been removed. mitigate risk. • Local bird life seen visiting the tree. • No evidence of cavity formation or Some evidence of bird browsing activity within major branch forks and hollow branch ends observed. decaying branch ends were visible Canopy displays pruning over the from ground level. adjacent property to reduce number of limbs held over adjacent property which has encouraged epicormic growth development.

Listing of both trees was recommended in the arborist's report based on the criteria stipulated in *Local Planning Policy 2.23* (refer Additional Information attachment 2) and the assessed Visual/Aesthetic value and size of the trees, as well as the Habitat provided for local fauna.

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Figure – Aerial view of the subject trees (Source - Nearmap).

CONSULTATION

Consultation on the nomination was undertaken between 24 August and 18 September 2020 in accordance with scheme and policy (LPP 2.23) provisions. This consultation involved letters being sent to surrounding property owners advising of Council's decision to seek public comment on the proposed registration of the subject trees and included a copy of the arborist's report on the trees.

At the conclusion of the consultation period, two submissions had been received from adjoining owners to the north-west of the subject site (refer Attachment 1). These submissions relate to the Rose Gum tree which is located adjacent to the rear/north-western boundary of the site. This tree is referred to as 'Tree 1' in the arborist's report. Details of the submissions are outlined in the attached schedule however a summary of the key points made is as follows:

- The Rose Gum tree sheds a large amount of debris and frequently drops branches of significant size, and as such poses a safety threat for adjoining properties;
- The tree has significantly grown in recent years and now mostly overhangs the townhouses on the property to the north-west, which makes it difficult to maintain:
- The tree is not suitable for a medium density area which is seeing development
 of the property immediately to the north-east of the subject site;
- Concerns about how upkeep of the tree(s) is enforced should it be included on the Register, and who takes responsibility should there be safety concerns (i.e. City or private landowner);
- There should be a maintenance plan in place to ensure that the Rose Gum is maintained to an agreed standard into the future, prior to the tree being included on the Register;
- There have been communication issues between parties in the past, in respect
 to the upkeep of the tree and providing access to land for pruning purposes;

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 General support expressed for the intent of the significant tree register more broadly.

It is noted that no submissions were received in relation to the listing of the River Red Gum tree (Tree 2).

OFFICER COMMENT

Neighbour submissions raised several concerns in respect to the ongoing safety and upkeep of the Rose Gum tree, particularly given its location, size and history of dropping large branches/limbs onto neighbouring properties.

It is noted that the framework for the Significant Trees Register, particularly *Local Planning Policy 2.23*, seeks to strike a balance between recognising trees/vegetation worthy of protection and allowing for specimens to be maintained without requiring further Council approval. This is not only to ensure the ongoing health and longevity of registered trees, but also to enable their safe and responsible management by the property owner/s, with the policy allowing for pruning and maintenance, and even removal in the event of a significant hazard being posed (refer Additional Information attachment 2 – LPP 2.23). It should also be noted that the City has powers under the *Local Government Act* to issue a formal direction/notice to property owners where a tree on private land is posing a significant safety threat to property and/or life.

In assessing the suitability of nominated trees for inclusion on the Register, Clause 1.3 of *Local Planning Policy 2.23* states the following relevant points:

In assessing the ongoing viability of the nominated tree / vegetation, consideration may be given to the following:

- The development potential of the site and prospects for retaining the tree or vegetation in future development.
- Proximity to and impact on buildings and / or infrastructure.
- Proximity to boundary and impact on neighbouring property.
- The root structure and attributes of the plant and its propensity to be affected by changes to the environment outside the lot boundaries (e.g. development on neighbouring land).

The proximity of the Rose Gum tree to the rear/northern boundary of the site and residential dwellings on the adjoining site is acknowledged in the arborist's report on the tree. The report notes evidence of previous pruning works on the tree and recognises that further pruning/maintenance will be required on an ongoing basis given its maturity and propensity to drop limbs (as has been documented in the neighbour submissions).

It is noted in the report that the tree is otherwise in good health and is structurally sound, indicating it has a strong prospect of longevity into the future with an estimated remaining 40 - 100 years of life for both trees.

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The location of Tree 1, being at the rear of the site, is challenging from a maintenance and neighbour perspective but in a development context, provides the best prospects for retention, being located away from the primary building envelopes.

Whilst potential impact on surrounding properties is a consideration in assessing nominations for the Register, the requirement for ongoing maintenance to maintain the integrity and safety of the Rose Gum tree does not disqualify its eligibility. This is partly because the inclusion of a tree on the Register does not remove existing legal property rights available to owners in respect to pruning and general upkeep, which apply regardless of whether the tree is formally registered or not.

The planning scheme prevents physical removal of trees on the Register without approval (except in an emergency) but does not prevent their pruning, provided it does not constitute removal. This means if the two trees are included on the Register and neighbours subsequently wish to prune overhanging branches, they may legally do so provided that the pruning stops at the cadastral boundary line. The City would encourage neighbours discuss this with the tree owner first, and to undertake any pruning in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard. Indeed, given the apparent history of conflict over maintenance of the tree, the City would encourage discussion on an appropriate management regime between all parties.

Considering the criteria of the local planning policy, and reiterating the conclusions of the arborist's report, the Rose Gum Tree (Tree 1) is recommended for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register for reasons of aesthetic and ecological value.

Given that no concern has been raised during consultation in relation to the River Red Gum (Tree 2), its inclusion on the Register is automatically granted in accordance with the previous Council resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Planning Scheme No. 4 makes provision for the establishment of a register of significant trees and vegetation areas. *Local Planning Policy 1.7* (effectively) requires approval for removal of registered trees. Criteria for assessing nominations and removal of trees from the Register are addressed in *Local Planning Policy 2.23*.

Dividing fences and private property rights between neighbours apply independently of the scheme and policy provisions. Registration of a tree does not remove either the rights or obligations of neighbours, nor does it alter maintenance or responsible management responsibilities for it.

Under the *Local Government Act 1995*, Schedule 3.1, the City has the ability to respond to safety concerns over trees on private property through the issuing of a notice to the relevant property owner(s).

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CONSULTATION

Consultation on the nominated trees endorsed by Council was undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the planning scheme and Local Planning Policy 2.23, as outlined earlier in this report.

VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required.

COMMITTEE DECISION ITEM SPT2010-2

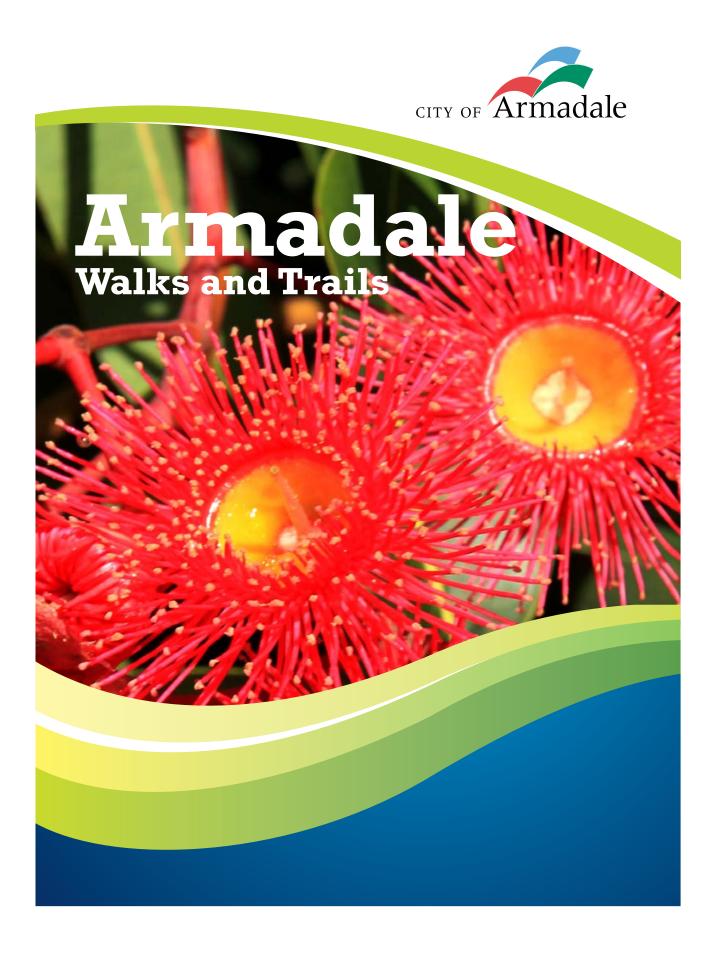
(Officer's recommendation)

Moved: Cr Sam Wainwright Seconded: Cr Adin Lang

Council

- 1. Note submissions received in relation to the proposed inclusion of trees at No. 7/18 John Street, North Fremantle on the Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas Register, as outlined in the Schedule of Submissions provided in Attachment 1.
- 2. Include the following trees located at No. 7/18 John Street, North Fremantle in the Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas Register and update the City's mapping accordingly:
 - Tree 1 Eucalyptus grandis (Rose Gum)
 - Tree 2 Eucalyptus camaldulensis (River Red Gum)
- 3. Advise submitting neighbours of the inclusion of the two nominated trees on the Significant Trees and Vegetation Areas Register.
- 4. Advise the applicant/property owner that the City encourages them to prepare a tree maintenance plan for the Rose Gum tree in conjunction with the adjoining property owners to the north-west to set out. The plan shall set out future maintenance requirements for the tree including pruning, obstacle clearance and dead wood removal, noting the availability of example templates.

Carried: 6/0
Cr Sam Wainwright, Cr Geoff Graham,
Cr Bryn Jones, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Marija Vujcic, Cr Su Groome



WHEN BUSHWALKING

Personal safety when bushwalking is a matter of consideration and common sense.

DO

- Wear suitable shoes and clothing.
- Take a hat and sun protection.
- Take plenty of water with you.
- Tell someone where you are going, and when you will return.
- Take all of your rubbish away with you.
- Remove valuables from sight and lock-up when you leave your car.
- Enjoy your walk.

DON'T

- Wander away from the designated trail.
- Pick wildflowers or native flora it is an offence.
- Light fires, unless in an area designated for the purpose.
- Always be aware of the fire warning forecasts.
- Take pets with you unless you have checked that they are permitted in the area. Pets are NOT allowed in national parks, in water catchment areas or in nature reserves.
- Disturb native fauna, logs or rocks. that may provide habitat for fauna.

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NOTE: Maps are not to scale.

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Walk Information

5.5 km Le

Length of walk



One way walk - does not return to starting point



Circular walk - returns to starting point



Directional markers



Wheelchair / pram access



Cyclepath



Dogs allowed - must be on leash



Animals prohibited



Horses allowed

Facilities



Parking



Toilet facilities



Drinking water available



Picnic facilities

Track Details

Walk Difficulty



Easy - easy terrain with little difficulty



Moderate - some difficulty inclines, uneven or soft surface



Challenging - steep inclines rough track, obstacles Walkers must be fit

Track Surface



Paved surface



Well defined track, even surface



Narrow track, uneven surface



Barbecue facilities



Playground



No onsite toilet facilities



No drinking water available **Take water with you**

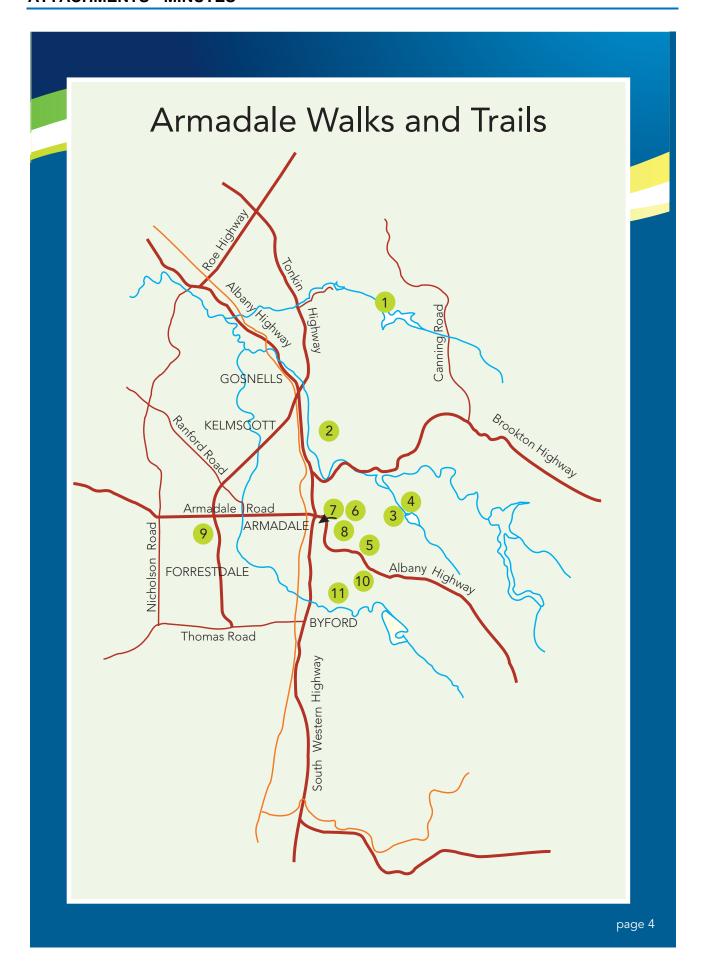
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60 FOOT FALLS TRAILS

The Ellis Brook Valley walks are located in neighbouring City of Gosnells. Due to its close proximity and popularity, the 60 Foot Falls walk has been included in this booklet. Contact the City of Gosnells for additional maps of this area.

The valley is open to the public 8am to 5pm every day, but will be closed on days of very high or extreme fire danger.

Points of Interest

- 1 The challenging 60 Foot Falls Trail leaves the carpark at the end of Rushton Road and heads along a boardwalk towards granite outcrops on the right and, further along, small cascades in the brook to the left.
- 2 Here, walkers can make a short detour off the trail in order to catch an excellent view of the Falls.
- 3 A lookout near to the top of the Falls affords spectacular views to the City and to the coast.
- 4 The trail crosses the brook over a granite outcrop. This is a good place to picnic before continuing the walk back to the start. A stand of rare White Salmon Gums can be seen a short distance above the Falls.
- 5 Barrington Quarry was once worked to provide blue metal for roads.
 Today it is now a popular spot for rock climbing and abseiling.

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60 Ft Falls Trail





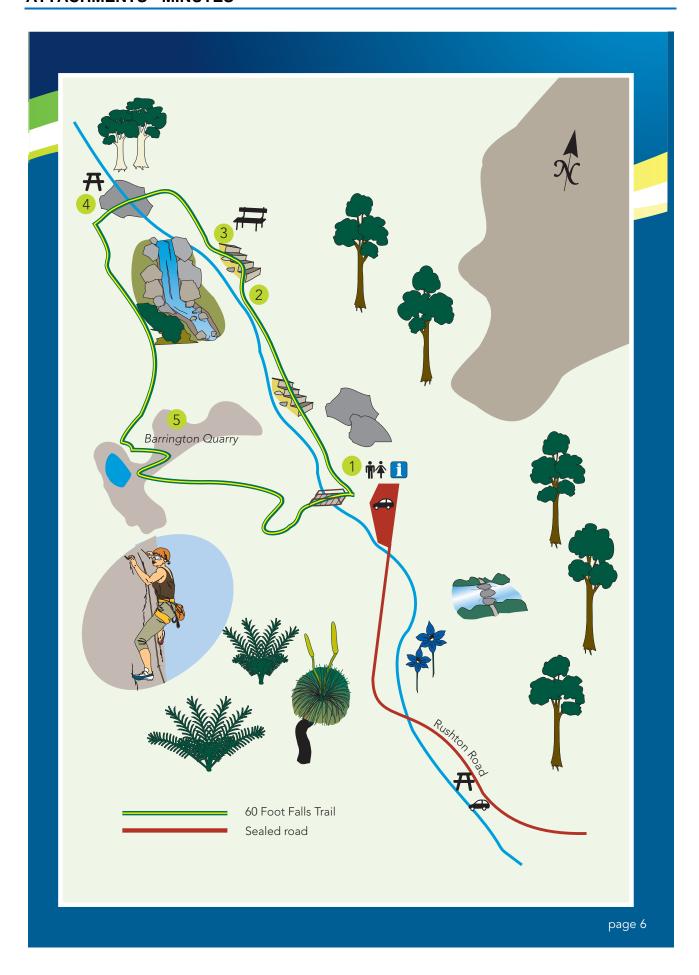


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CONTOUR CHANNEL WALK

Points of Interest

- 1 The Contour Channel was built in the 1930s to carry water from the Canning Dam to the metro area and was considered a great engineering feat for its day. It is arguably one of district's most significant historic structures and it remains as a monument to the great labouring effort expended by the men who built it and then later maintained it
- 2 This concrete water tank formerly supplied Clifton Hills with water pumped from mains running through Kelmscott.
- 3 One of several concrete retaining walls along the Channel that directed storm water through a pipe under the Channel.
- 4 The Channel feeds into a 42 inch pipe to carry water across the valley of Wright Brook. Note the slots of the screen housing. Detour left and follow the rough track down the slope.

- 5 This pipe runs under Turner Road and crosses the paper bark lined course of Wright Brook (winter flowing only). The trail becomes steep and rocky as it ascends the north side of the valley.
- 6 Pipe outlet H57 the 23rd head outlet found along the length of the Contour Channel.
- 7 Twin Gully. Channel water was directed into two 30 inch pipes (now removed) to take the water across a small gully. Note the remains of a small brick building (right) where water chlorinating apparatus was housed.
- 8 End of the Contour Channel, with remains of settling tanks and foundations of buildings well defined. The settling ponds housed screens to catch any debris that may have fallen in the Channel. When the Channel water was in danger of overflowing an alarm would sound. A ranger was on 24 hour duty to clear the debris.

(Kim Fletcher)

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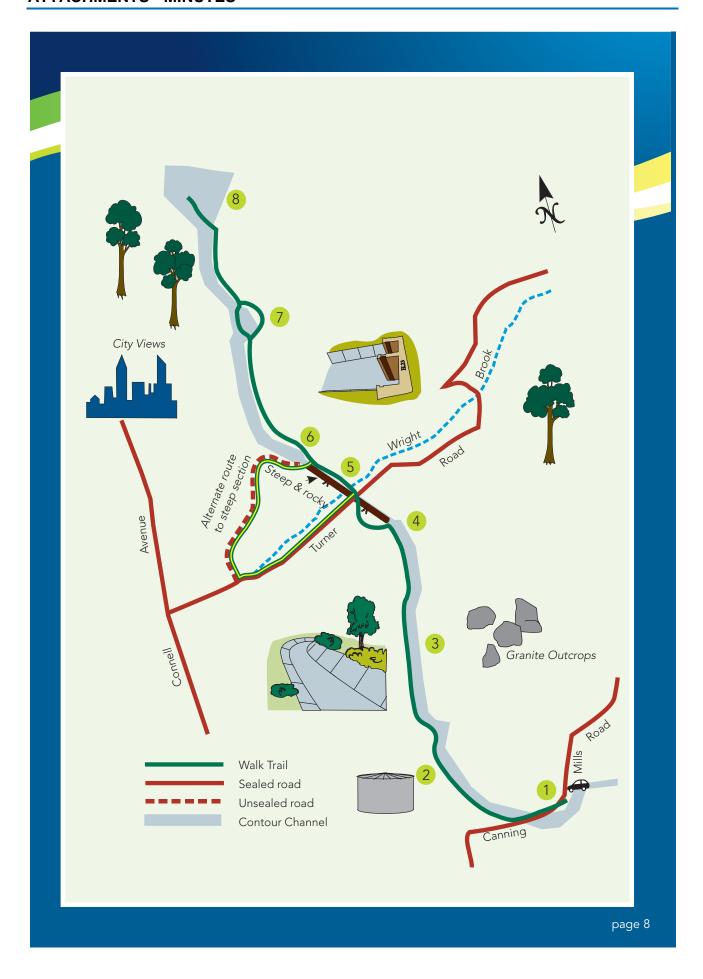




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MAP 3

CHURCHMAN BUSHLAND TRAILS

Points of Interest

- 1 Churchman Bushland is named after Captain Churchman who was granted a land parcel in 1831, part of which is the current Park.
- 2 Remains of an old disused airstrip. It was built in the early 1960s and used for aerial top dressing and seeding of the surrounding hill slopes. A number of zamia have established here.
- 3 This area is situated along the Kangaroo and Emu trails and is covered in a profusion of Kennedia and other wildflowers in the spring.
- 4 Breathtaking views of the City. Look down the slope to see an excellent example of self regenerating bush.
- 5 Many who have climbed this very steep 400 metres section know it as "Heartbreak Hill". An alternative, easier to ascend route was created in 1998.

- 6 This area was once owned by Thomas Buckingham who farmed the area and erected a sawmill at Sparrows Race (near the present Stocker Road) to mill timber cut from nearby.
- Entry to Echidna walk gateway between house and shed at the end of Stocker Road.
- 8 Stunning and spectacular valley
- The rock wall is a popular climbing site. From here looking across the Churchman's Brook Valley you can see Wall Rock the place of Moondyne Joe's Cave. Folklore has it that the district's famous bush ranger camped here.

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Emu Trail









Kangaroo Trail Echidna Trail





















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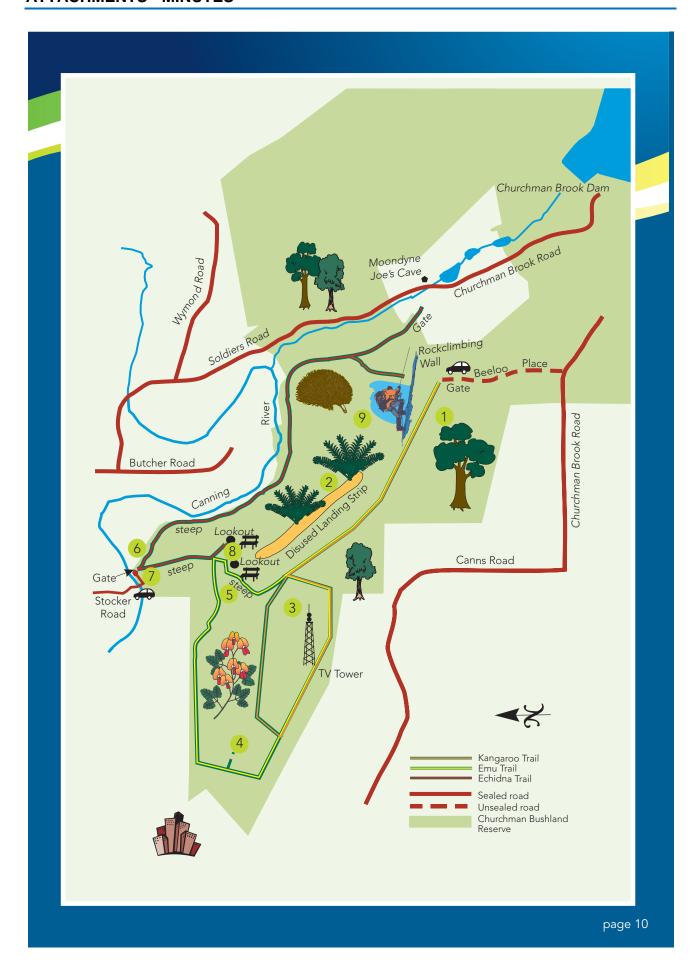


Seats at lookout



Barbecues, toilets & water are available at nearby Churchman Brook (See Map 4)

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CHURCHMAN DAM WALKS

Points of Interest

- 1 The Churchman Dam public recreation area comprises of four separate barbecue / picnic areas in the midst of landscaped and natural areas.

 There are a number of walk routes throughout the area for the public to choose from.
- 2 Churchman Brook was named after local pioneer, Captain Charles Blisset Churchman who was granted 5559 acres in the upper Canning area in 1830.
- 3 Churchman Brook Dam was completed in 1928, and for many years provided the rapidly growing City with much needed water supplies.
- 4 Construction of the Dam was a great engineering feat for its time. At its widest, the base of the dam wall is 140 metres in length and rises 26 metres above its foundation.

- 5 Spillway.
- 6 An attractive feature of the park is the weir at the bottom of the spillway.

 Native ducks often take a dip in the pool behind the weir.
- 7 A small man-made waterfall adds to the charm of the area.
- 8 Chlorination Plant.
- 9 A number of former walk trails in the bushland around the Dam have been closed to the public in order to prevent contamination of the ground water. Visitors are asked not to enter the closed off walk trails.

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Water catchment







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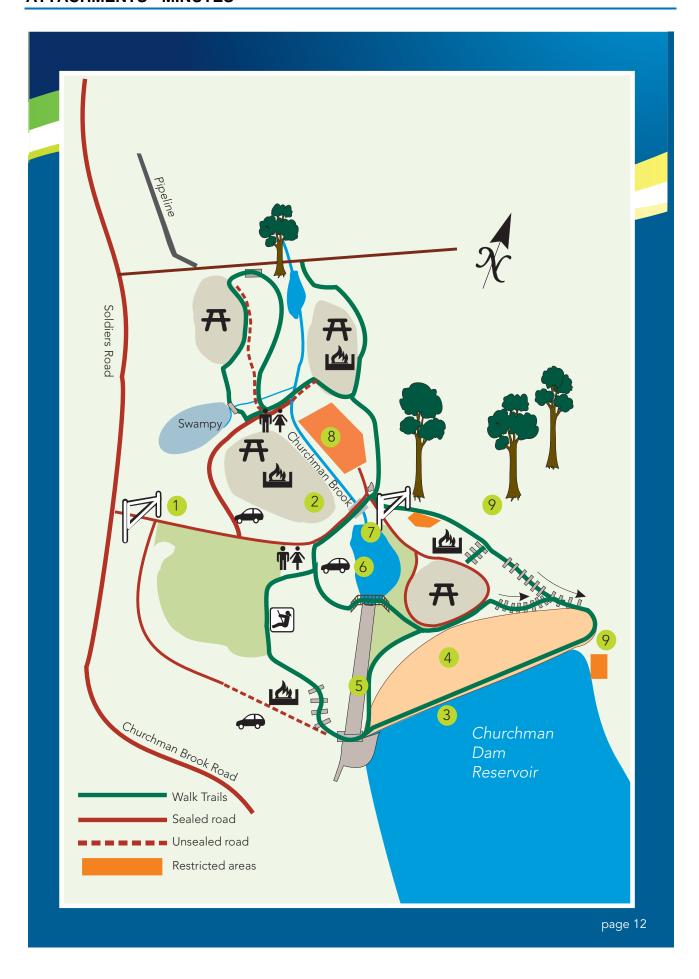


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SETTLERS COMMON WALK TRAILS

Points of Interest

- 1 Armadale Settlers Common was gazetted by the Colony of WA in 1897 as commonage and timber source for the local settlers. The Common has been managed by a group of dedicated volunteers since 1988.
- 2 The Field Study Centre is the focus point of a number of environmental education activities and is home to several conservation organisations.
- 3 One of a number of points around the Common where walkers can take advantage of breathtaking views.
- 4 Lightning Tree. In 1991, this grand old tree was struck by lightning and split in two. A testament to the survival mechanisms of our native bush, the two tree halves are now thriving on their sides.
- 5 Cap Rock Country. Along this stretch of Settlers Road the vegetation is less than 50 centimeters tall and differs

- from other areas in the Common. This area has few trees, not because it has been cleared, but because the soil is so shallow. Look out for the many sundews and other small flowers growing here.
- 6 Yonga View. Expansive views to the north along the edge of the scarp and west over the coastal plain including the city.
- 7 The Great Amphitheatre. At the start of the winter creek, this natural amphitheatre is a mass of constantly changing colour over spring. This area contains a great number of wildflowers and is a sight not to be missed.
- 8 Armadale Settlers Common logo features a western spinebill (City of Armadale's fauna emblem) and grevillea wilsonii both of which are found in the Common.

(Brett Tizard)

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Paint marks on rocks along rout

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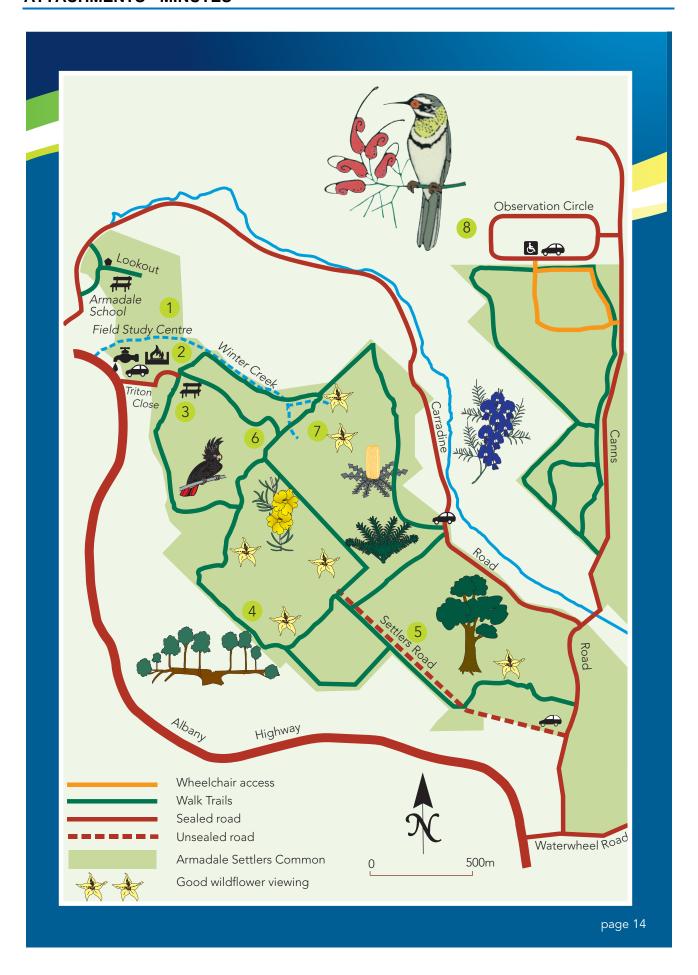






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HERITAGE TREE TRAIL

Points of Interest

- 1 Sugar Gum. Australian native. Planted c. 1910.
- 2 Flooded Gum. Found throughout the foothills.
- 3 Moreton Bay Fig. Subtropical species. Planted in 1890s. Heritage listed
- 4 Oak. International species. Planted in 1890s. Classified by the National Trust.
- 5 Carob Tree. It is the last remaining tree on the site of an original citrus orchard. c 1900
- 6 Queensland Box. Eastcoast native. The grove was planted in 1921 in remembrance of Armadale WWI servicemen killed in action.
- Fan Palm. International species. Planted 1920s

- 8 Port Jackson Fig. Australian native. Part of original gardens of Martin Jull residence c 1895-1910.
- 9 Sugar Gum. Australian native. Planted by Martin Jull 1895-1910.
- 10 Canary Island Palm. Transplanted in 1987. Originally planted at residence on South Western Highway 1952.
- 11 Poplar. International species. These are part of remaining trees from a nursery. Planted 1960s.
- 12 Wandoo/White Gum. This species is located throughout the Darling Scarp and to the east of Armadale. One of the original species felled for timber in the area.
- 13 Jarrah. This heritage listed tree is believed to be over 500 years old. It grows on the site of the original Armadale Primary School.

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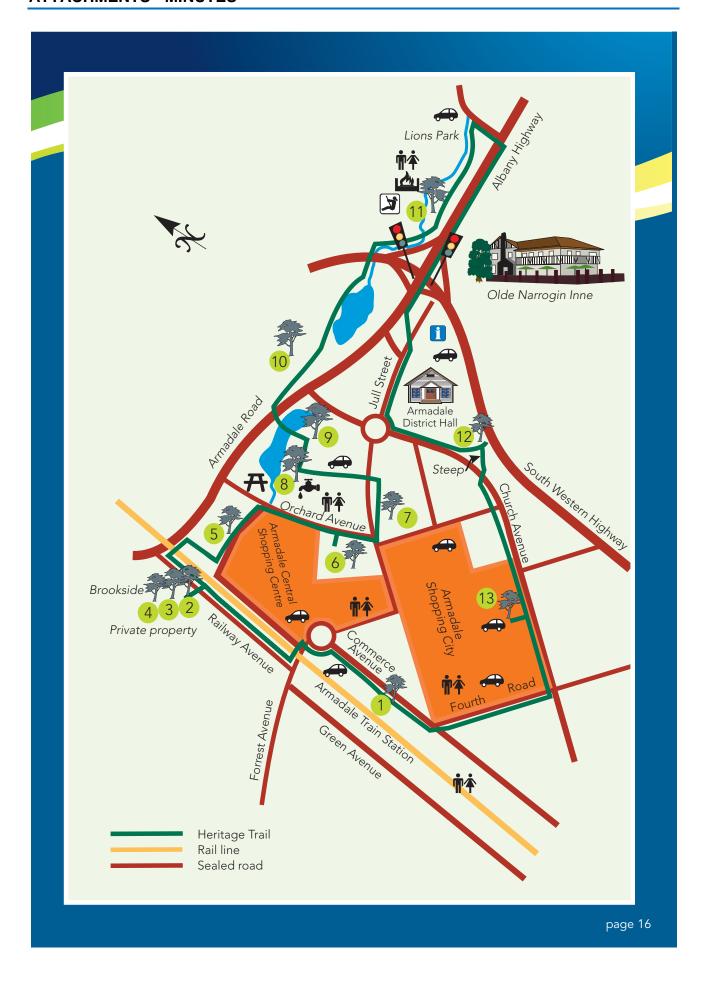


Minnawarra Park



Lions Park, Memorial Park

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ARMADALE TOURIST WALK

Points of Interest

- 1 Memorial Park. The War Memorial was erected in 1916 as an honour roll to the local men who had left the district to serve in the Great War. Reportedly the oldest WWI memorial in Australia.
- Minnawarra Park, Armadale's premier recreational park and cultural events venue.
- Minnawarra Historic Precinct incorporates the Historic School and Church buildings, relocated in 1987 when Armadale Shopping City was extended. Minnawarra Church is a popular wedding venue.
- 4 Italian Memorial was unveiled on 9 December 2001 by the Italian Ambassador. Commemorates the input the Italian community has made to the development to the City both socially and economically.
- 5 Albany Highway Underpass.
- 6 Wirra Willa Garden. Beautiful historic garden. Privately owned.

- 7 Lions Park. Attractive picnic spot with barbecues, picnic tables, toilets and playground equipment, situated beside Neerigen Brook.
- Olde Narrogin Inne. Once a popular watering spot for coach travellers in the 1800s. Holds the oldest Liquor Licence in WA. The present building was erected in 1937.
- Armadale Primary School. Built in 1987 to replace the old school that was demolished to make way for Armadale Shopping City.
- 10 Lookout. A very steep climb will take you up to see spectacular views of the city skyline and the coast.
- 11) Peaceful Pond. A good spot to break your walk for a quiet rest.
- 12 Elizabethan Village. Replica Shakespearean buildings built according to traditional building methods. Includes a restaurant, guesthouse and boutique brewery.

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Minnawarra Park



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Minnawarra Park / Lions Park



Minnawarra Park / Lions Park



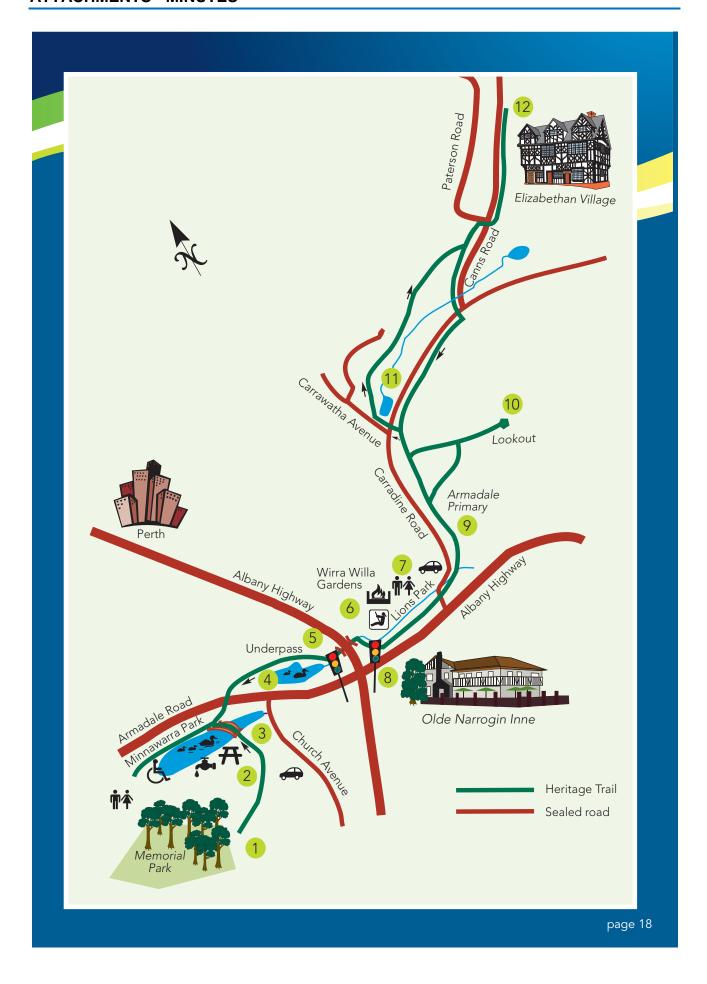
Lions Park - wood



Minnawarra Park



Lions Park



HISTORIC QUARRY TRAIL

Points of Interest

- 1 St John Ambulance Hall. This site once provided sand for the kiln at the old Armadale Brickworks (est 1902). Coombe Avenue is named after the original owner of the Brickworks.
- 2 Former site of the winding gear tower and ramp which was used to transport shale from the quarry. Nearby is a windlass, part of the winding gear that kept the cable moving. This relic was originally mounted on the tower which is believed to have been the biggest wooden framework of its kind in WA.
- Thie cottage, (#32) was built c. 1904 and is believed to be the oldest house in Armadale to be built with bricks from the Coombe Brickworks.

- 4 Here, the tramway between the quarry and the brickworks had to pass under the roadways. Part of the underpass is now a drain that can be seen on the eastern side of the highway.
- 5 The block of units on the right is the site of a clay pit that once supplied the Old Brickworks. Extracted clay was loaded onto skips prior to passing under the road and down to the brickworks.
- 6 Old Armadale Shale Quarry.
- Masonic Hall made of Armadale Bricks. Build in 1926 as a Church of Christ.

(Kim Fletcher)

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Part of walk west of SW Highway

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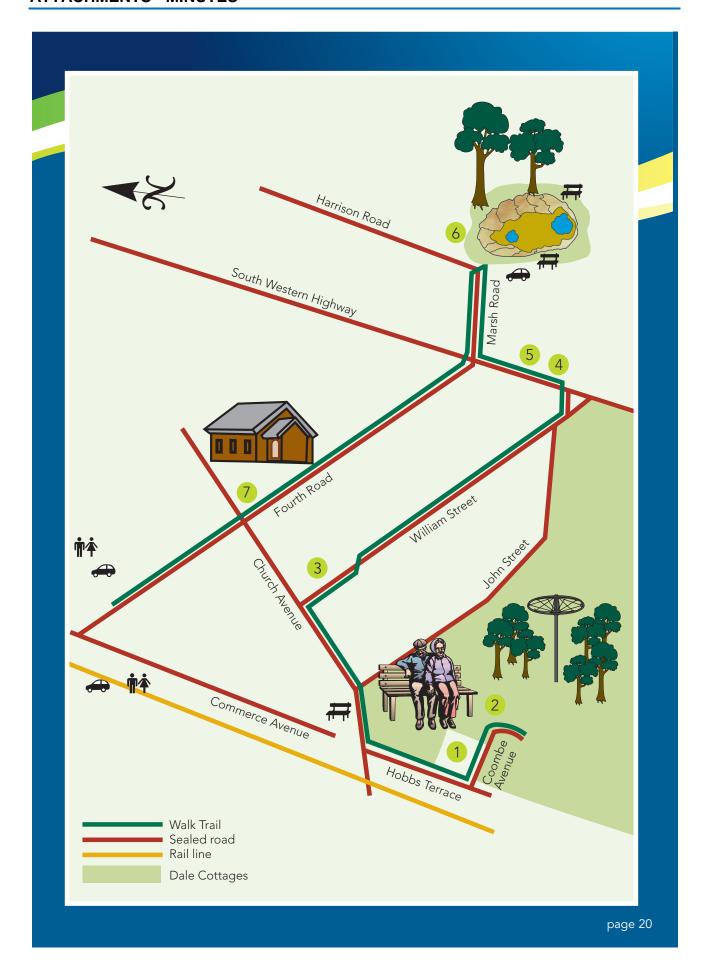




Train station **Shopping Centre**



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FORRESTDALE TRAIL

Points of Interest

- 1 The area was previously known as East Jandakot but was renamed Forrestdale in April 1915. The lake retained the name Jandakot until March 1974 when it was also renamed Forrestdale Lake listed under the Ramsar Convention as a Wetland of International Importance for migratory water birds.
- The original boardwalk was constructed in 1994 but was destroyed by fire. The new structure was completed in 2011.
- Alfred and William Skeet Park was named after the pioneers to take up Forrestdale land in 1885.
- Water reeds and nesting birds attract Tiger Snakes. Be careful, especially if you leave the Trail.
- 5 This plaque commemorates *The* Forrestdale Trail, Stage 1 was officially opened on 15 March 1998. Stage 2 (along the eastern side of the lake) was constructed in 2000.

- 6 High point with excellent views of the Lake.
- 7 This drain was excavated by the PWD in approximately 1910, and was originally lined with railway sleepers. It only drains the Lake when the water level exceeds two metres - The last time the lake was drained was in the 1960's.
- 8 During WWII fuel was moved from Fremantle and stored in drums, well camouflaged in the banksia woodland area in case the enemy bombed the Port City.
- Armadale Public Golf Course, nine holes. Opened in 1977.
- 10 This section of cycle pathway follows the same route as the former Armadale to Fremantle rail line (1907 - 1963).

Track Details

Stirling Road

















5 Forrest Road to Swamp Road



Sealed Forrest Rd to Swamp Rd remainder - limestone track





Bridle path only

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Weld Street



Skeet Oval

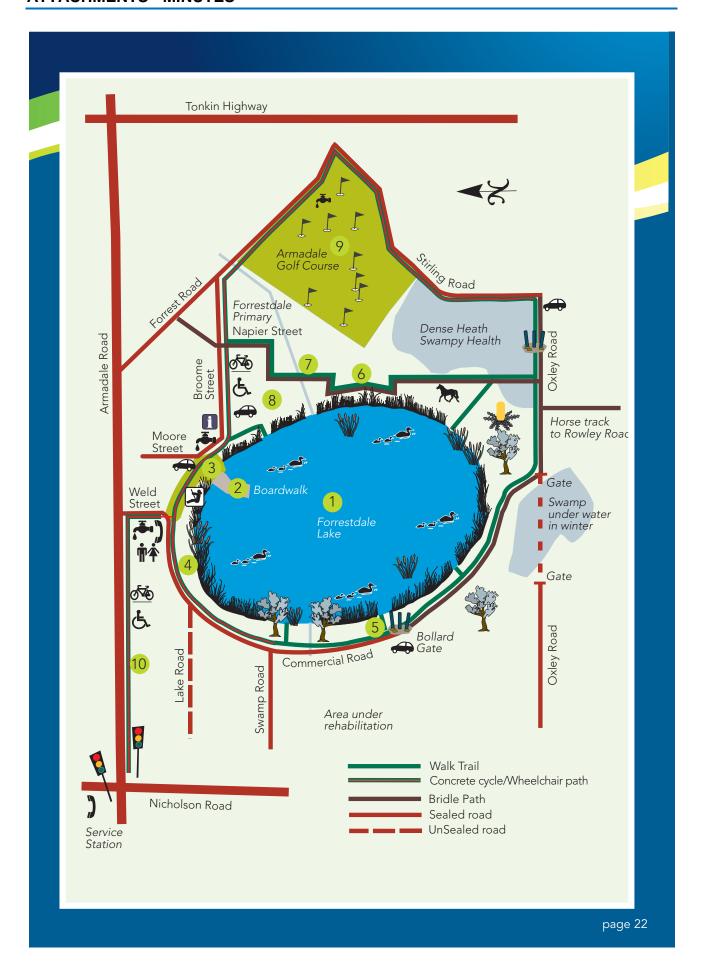


Weld Street, William Skeet Oval, Golf Course



William Skeet Oval

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BUNGENDORE PARK TRAILS

Points of Interest

- 1 Bungendore Park was declared in 1897 and originally gazetted for timber. The park is an A Class Reserve, managed as a conservation reserve with low impact usage. In June 1981 a committee of community volunteers was established to manage and protect the Park.
- 2 Walkers can often see groups of grey kangaroos grazing on the school oval.
- 3 A popular nesting and congregation area of the Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.
- 4 In spring, a range of orchids grow in this area. Keep an eye out for the family of black-gloved wallabies that reside around here.

- 5 Gravel extraction and tracks through the Park left several areas denuded. The Management Committee has been involved in revegetation since 1982, resulting in many areas being replanted with vegetation native to the area.
- 6 Look for Western Spinebills and New Holland Honeyeaters searching for nectar in Parrot Bush and Grevillea Bush.
- Panoramic views to the coast and City.
- Low lying land in heavy shade promotes the prolific growth of bracken fern.

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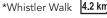
9 The Bungendore Park logo features the blossom and seed capsule (honky nuts) of the Marri tree.

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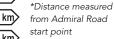




*Robin Ramble 3.2 km



*Spinebill Stroll 2.5 km *Honeyeater





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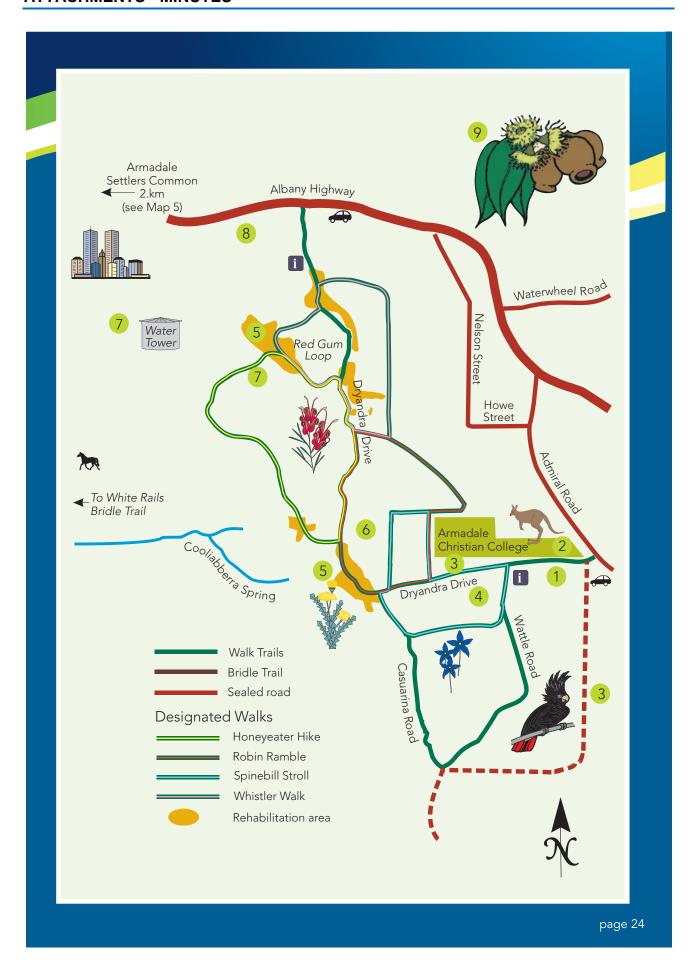


Coloured markers attached to trees



Designated bridle trails only (7km)

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WUNGONG GORGE TRAIL

Points of Interest

- 1 Wungong Recreation Lake. Popular picnic and recreation spot.
- 2 Below the track is the pipe which empties water into the tunnel entrance to travel more than three kilometres under the hills to exit above the South Western Highway.
- 3 Follow the side track down the hill to the site of the homestead built by the pioneering Butcher family in the 1860s. Only the foundations remain today.
- 4 In the valley below remnants of an early orchard can be viewed. Note the tree fern lined stream descending into the valley on the other side.
- 5 Scree slope. A massive jumble of loose rocks which have slid down the valley side from the rocky outcrops above. Keep an eye out for the rare Red-eared Firetail Finch.
- 6 A significant stand of Yarri trees below the track and down to the river is located here. Partly destroyed by the devastating fire of 1994.
- 7 The track moves in a wide curve around a high spur, opening up to an impressive view of the Gorge.

- The sheer granite rock faces high above to the north are regularly scaled by avid rock climbers.
- A track leading sharply to the right takes you to a "V notch" gauging weir, with an automatic stream flow recording instrument.
- Large broken boulders on the right mark the edge of an old granite quarry site. Operated during the 60s, rock mined was used to build the Garden Island causeway.
- 11) A short walk along the track which bears sharply off to the right, leads to the quarry area. Look for the rusting remains of the old screening and loading ramp.
- Note a long section of the old water pipeline going up the slope on the right.
- Site of an old shale quarry, probably mined in the 1960s. This rock occurs in a narrow band along the edge of the Darling Scarp between Keysbrook and Martin.

Track Details





Animals are

NOT allowed in the vicinity of the dams











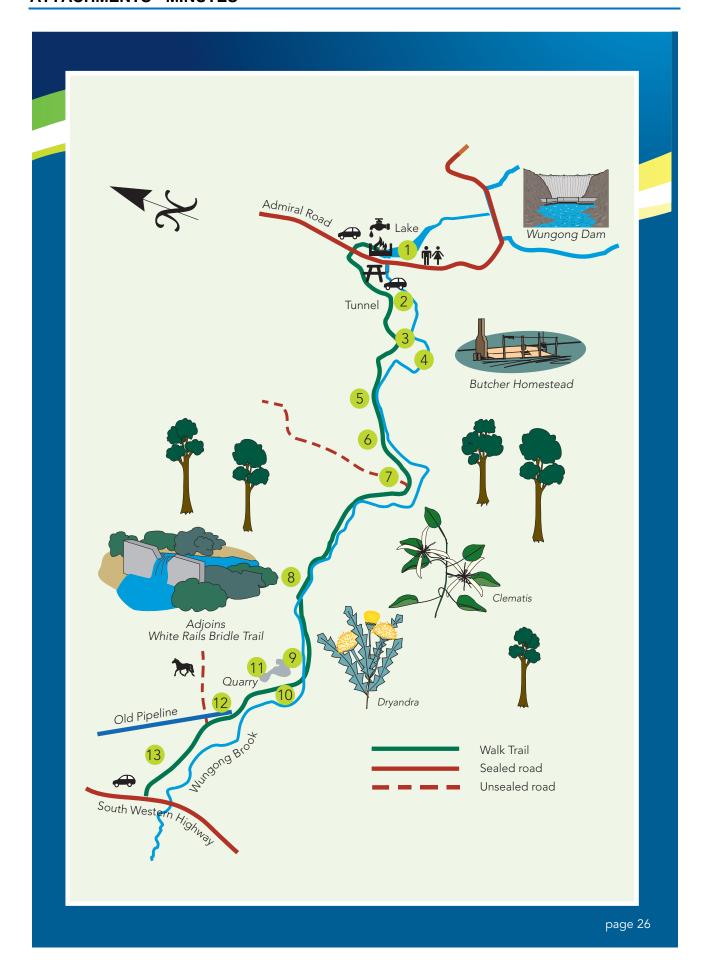


Facilities



Lower dam wood and gas

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Supporting Officer Manager Development & Regulation



Meeting Date	Purpose	Resolution / Other Comment	Target date for completion	Actioned by	Completion Date	Meeting Commentary and record of Council Meeting Resolution No.
6/12/2021	Status Report	Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services to liaise with Consultants engaged with respect to the Biodiversity Strategy.	By next meeting	AMDR	T.B.A.	Update given with consideration of item
6/12/2021	Lot 3 (No. 34) Stirling Terrace, Toodyay – Proposed removal of mature trees.	That Council: 1. Approves the application for the removal of the Mugga ironbark (Tree 4) as indicated in the attached plans. 2. Does not approve the removal of the Lemon-Scented Gums (Tree 1 & 2) nor the removal of the River Red Gum (Tree 3). 3. Supports the remedial measures such as branch removal for Trees 1, 2 & 3 as indicated in the report from the arborist attached to this report. 4. Advises the Applicant consider replacement of Tree 4 with native hedging or another native species indigenous to the area.	ASAP	AMDR	This went through Council.	Update 4 May 22 Meeting: Applicant lodged an application. Advice sought from Heritage Council. That will be brought to Council this month. Heritage Council have no issues with removal of the tree. Significant tree register intended to be developed for future applications and assessment.

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Supporting Officers MDR/RMO



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6/12/2021	Update on Community Verge Flora Survey	That the EAC uses this hiatus in the Verge Flora project to do further preparation and refinement of the project and plan in order to resume the survey in Autumn 2022.	ASAP	AMDR	Updated	Facebook group started. Require more people joining it. Jo Hart to send the link so members can view it.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

Cr P Hart, Chairperson, declared the meeting open at 4.01pm.

1.1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Nil.

1.2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Members

Cr P Hart Councillor (Chair)

Cr D Wrench Councillor

Mrs J Hart Community Member (via zoom)
Mrs E Hall Community Member (via zoom)
Mr J Von Perger Community Member (via zoom)

Staff

Mr H de Vos Manager Development and Regulation

Mrs M Rebane Executive Assistant

<u>Visitors</u> Nil

Apologies

Nil

1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Chairperson advised that no disclosures of interest in the form of a written notice had been received prior to the commencement of the meeting.

2 MINUTES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1.1. Minutes of Meeting held on 4 May 2022

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/EAC RESOLUTION NO. EAC012/08/22

MOVED Mrs J Hart

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 May 2022 be confirmed subject to the record of attendance being amended to reflect J Hart's attendance and Mr G Warburton is to be removed to the Staff area.

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

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2.2 REVIEW OF STATUS REPORT

2.2.1 Review of Status Report

Attachments:	1.	Updated Status Report.
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The Status Report was reviewed and updated.

2.3 INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

H de Vos – landowners in the Shire question how stringent our control of cats is in relation to the Dog Act. Keen to see whether the Shire can do more in that space. A report will be presented at a future EAC Meeting to discuss the framework currently existing and differences between the Cat Act and Dog Act controls. We may be able to do something from an educational point of view. We advised the landowners to approach their local member in regard to expedition of the process.

3 BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (IF ADJOURNED)

Nil.

4 OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 Update on Local Biodiversity Strategy

Date of Report:	25 July 2022		
File Reference:	COC14		
Author:	H de Vos – Manager Development and Regulation		
Responsible Officer:	H de Vos – Manager Development and Regulation		
Attachments:	Nil		

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy.

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Toodyay continues to work with the Environment Advisory Committee to prepare a Local Biodiversity Strategy.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

The collaborative approach through MS Teams allowed all committee members an opportunity to continue to work on the document in the background – without waiting for a specific workshop or committee meeting every three months.

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Timeframes

Shire Officers have had to divert attention and time resources away from the strategy development in recent months. This is due to matters such as compliance and policy review taking priority.

The progress of the draft strategy has been protracted. The previous update to the EAC had indicated that the draft strategy would have been ready in May for adoption for advertising. This was extended to allow JBS&G Strategen further time to review and modify the document to incorporate the changes made by the EAC in its workshopping of the document.

The draft strategy is tabled for the committee's consideration and it is recommended that the document is now put out to the community for further consultation to allow the project to progress.

CONSULTATION

There is no statutory basis outlining a set consultation manner and duration and therefore guidance has been taken from the Shire of Toodyay's M.2 Public Consultation – Formal Matters policy which states that a Level F – District approach should be applied.

It is recommended that the following methods are utilised:

- Newspaper advertising
- Signage and displays in relevant locations
- Media releases press, radio.
- Notice to be displayed on Shire's website and on Facebook.

The Shire of Toodyay may consider other methods as required.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION 1

That the Environment Advisory Committee notes the following:

- The Environmental Advisory Committee tables the final draft Shire of Toodyay Local Biodiversity Strategy; and
- The final draft strategy will be provided to Council to adopt for advertising at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 August 2022.

H de Vos provided an overview of the report received by members via email (tabled). Clarification was sought.

Cr Hart foreshadowed an amendment motion as follows:

That the Environment Advisory Committee notes the following:

- The current draft of the Shire of Toodyay Local Biodiversity Strategy needs further work; and
- 2. The final draft strategy will be provided to Council to adopt for advertising at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 September 2022.

Further clarification was sought.

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Cr Hart moved a Procedural Motion as follows:

That the meeting proceed to the next item of business (Other Business / New Business of an urgent nature) at 4.40pm in accordance with Standing Order 10.1(a).

The motion was put.

PROCEDURAL MOTION/EAC RESOLUTION NO. EAC013/08/22

MOVED Cr P Hart

That the meeting proceed to the next item of business (Other Business / New Business of an urgent nature) at 4.40pm in accordance with Standing Order 10.1(a).

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

The Presiding Member confirmed that the motion had been carried at 4.40pm.

The Presiding Member, in accordance with Standing Order 10.5, advised as follows:

- (a) the debate on the substantive motion or amendment ceases immediately;
- (b) no decision is made on the substantive motion; and
- (c) the Committee moves to the next item of business; and although
- (d) there is no requirement for the matter to be raised again for consideration, the draft strategy will be presented to the EAC at their Special Meeting to be held on 11 August 2022 at 1.00pm.

Attachments

1 DRAFT Local Biodiversity Strategy

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5 OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Member	Question	Discussion Points		
E Hart		Been approached regarding the roadworks on Chitty Road. Query: Maps shown on DWER website indicate 21 trees but the permit only allows 18 so they are asking what trees are the DWER disallowed?		
	CPS 9813/1 – for Chitty Road	They requested the Shire Engineer mark the trees disallowed by DWER and the trees to be removed marked with tape to mark which ones removed.		
		Driven to the area and it is 2.4km of gravel road needing roadwork and sealing. Bitumen at either end. Wide road. Vision clear.		
		Two old trees have nesting hollows – are these the ones that the DWER have said not to remove.		
		Public will be aware if trees are taped well.		
		Action: This be referred to the Manager IAS to advise what trees are to be removed. The appeals date is the middle of August and unless a response provided they will appeal.		
	Would a Biosecurity Reserve in the forthcoming Budget be of interest to the Committee, and if so, how does \$1,000 sound?	Came up in Budget discussion this afternoon. Prepare for likelihood of chemical spills.		
		What will allocation of funds be allocated to?		
		What is the purpose? What contingencies will there be? Given lack of clarity about the purpose of the reserve we need project brief before it becomes a budgetary item.		
Online		If other local governments have done something similar we can look for what kind of projects we could do.		
Cr Hart		We may look at grant funding that might become available to local governments in terms of any biosecurity matters being managed by local government.		
		Under the BAM Act, local government is required to control declared pests on land for which it is responsible. Local government is not obliged to play a role in biosecurity groups, however it is encouraged to take an active interest in their local pest management issues.		

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Member	Question	Discussion Points		
		Biosecurity groups: information for local governments Agriculture and Food		
Cr Hart	The likelihood and management of chemical spills.	EHO and Rangers may be able to provide reports about this matter.		
Cr Hart	An assessment on the risks and management of foot and mouth disease within the Shire.	EHO and Rangers may be able to provide reports about this matter. There is a Protect our Livestock from FMD Public Facebook Group (7.3K members).		
Cr Hart	The current options on the management of feral pigs.	Note: there is already a working group with respect to feral pig management that Cr Madacsi is responsible for engagement. EHO and Rangers may be able to provide reports about this matter.		
Cr Hart	The risks and possible management of varroa within the Shire.	EHO and Rangers may be able to provide reports about this matter.		
		Seems very traditional 20 year ago mindset of conservation. In last five years increasing recognition of regenerative agriculture as a mode of restoring biodiversity and soil carbon projects triggering that biodiversity. NRM busy in this space.		
J Von Perger	Concern on biosecurity strategy	An opportunity to include biosecurity measures within the strategy.		
		Our responsibility that the strategy be contemporary.		
		Further ideas can be incorporated into the strategy, particularly when it has gone out to the community for advertising. The period of consultation is 28 days.		

6 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

A Special Meeting of the EAC will be held on 11 August 2022 at 1.00pm.

The next meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on 2 November 2022 commencing at 4.00pm.

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.06pm.

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