

8. Community consultation and involvement

The community is passionate about trees and takes a strong interest in the management of trees. Issues can arise that cause considerable community debate and passion. The community will be notified and given the opportunity to comment prior to any works that impact on trees.

	Policy Statement	Action	Time frame
Community notification			
8.1	The community will be informed and consulted about relevant tree management activities.	Implement the communication /engagement protocols for tree management activities as stated in the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	ONG
Resident requests			
8.2	All resident requests will be responded to in a timely manner.	Resident requests will be responded to in a timely manner, as defined in the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	ONG
Community education/information			
8.3	Council will provide up to date and relevant information on council tree management programs and process.	Develop community information material such as:	YR 1
		Fact sheets	
		How to guides	
		Frequently asked questions	
		Explanations of rain gardens and other water sensitive urban design options	
	Roof gardens, balcony gardens and vertical wall information		
	Information on alternative greening projects		
	Develop a new Parks and Open spaces web page on the Port Phillip web site to provide current and relevant information.	YR 1	
	Document the tree management practices on the City of Port Phillip web site.	ONG	
	Continue to use existing media including Divercity to provide tree information to the community.	ONG	
Adopt a tree			
8.4	The City of Port Phillip will continue to promote the 'Adopt a Tree' program across the municipality.	Encourage and support residents to 'adopt a tree' to assist with the maintenance of trees.	ONG
Community planting days			
8.5	Council will support the community to actively participate in tree planting and management.	Develop and promote a calendar for community planting days.	YR 1
		Support community groups to promote their activities and recruit members through the development and distribution of a newsletter.	ONG



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