

1. Tree protection

Trees on council owned and managed land shall be protected from construction works and other activities at all times with an objective to reduce the negative impacts of construction on council owned and managed trees. The conflicting requirements of trees and infrastructure maintenance or enhancements will be minimised where possible.

Policy Statement	Action	Time frame	
Protection of significant trees			
1.1	The City of Port Phillip values all trees within its boundaries and will seek to protect all trees in the public realm and significant trees in the private realm.	Review the City of Port Phillip definition of a significant tree and develop a significant tree register for the public realm.	YR 1
		Review and where appropriate update the existing local law to ensure the protection of trees in the private realm.	YR 1
		Enforce tree protection guidelines and include information on the tree protection guidelines in all planning, building and event permit applications.	ONG
Vandalised trees			
1.2	Following any vandalism to trees including illegal tree removal, wilful damage or tree poisoning the site will be assessed for a site specific response and the community notified of the illegal activity.	If a tree is vandalised the following actions will occur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication with the affected residents Report vandalism to police Erect signage subject to safety requirements Vandalised trees may be left in-situ Replacement planting will be considered on a site by site basis 	ONG
Protection of trees from development and events			
1.3	The City of Port Phillip will give existing trees priority when considering applications for new development.	Undertake tree protection activities as per the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	ONG
		Enforce tree protection guidelines for development applications as per the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	ONG
1.4	The City of Port Phillip will ensure that the location of event infrastructure and temporary structures will not damage trees.	Enforce tree protection guidelines for events and capital works projects as per the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	ONG
		Review and modify where appropriate the current process for tree protection during planning applications for development or construction to ensure that trees are protected as a priority.	ONG
Protection of trees from overhead powerlines and Utilities			
1.5	The City of Port Phillip will seek to minimise the impact of pruning to the tree canopy within the legislative clearance requirements.	Undertake annual and 2.5 year pruning programs to meet legislative clearance requirements.	ONG
		All pruning will be undertaken to the Australian Standard AS4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees.	ONG
1.6	The City of Port Phillip will work with authorities to minimise the impact of public infrastructure on tree health and amenity.	Encourage Energy Safe Victoria to provide alternatives such as aerial bundling to above ground powerlines when power line conductors are being upgraded.	ONG
		Work with the Power line Relocation Committee to identify opportunities for undergrounding or relocating powerlines to increase the opportunity for maximising tree canopy cover.	ONG