

5. Tree root management

The conflict between tree roots and infrastructure is pervasive in urban areas. The increase in urban consolidation linked to the need and desire to have trees in our landscapes will invariably lead to conflicts.

Understanding of the various causes of infrastructure damage will allow the most appropriate actions to be developed to minimise the risk of damage occurring. The conflicting requirements of trees and infrastructure will be minimised where possible.

Council will consider a range of strategies, such as species selection and site assessment, root pruning and barrier placement, to avoid or manage tree root conflicts with infrastructure.

Policy Statement	Action	Time frame
Conflict between tree roots and infrastructure		
5.1	<p>The City of Port Phillip will seek to minimise conflict between tree roots and built infrastructure, while maintaining the health and integrity of trees.</p> <p>Protection measures for infrastructure will be implemented according to the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.</p> <p>All construction works undertaken will be in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines to minimise impact on trees.</p> <p>Provide after-care maintenance to trees after root pruning in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.</p> <p>Remove and replace inappropriate trees in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.</p>	<p>ONG</p> <p>ONG</p> <p>ONG</p> <p>ONG</p>
Tree damage insurance claims		
5.2	<p>The City of Port Phillip will undertake an open and transparent investigation into insurance claims resulting from tree roots in conflict with private infrastructure.</p> <p>Insurance claims will be investigated in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.</p> <p>Claims will be investigated within 15 working days.</p>	<p>ONG</p>



The roots of the mature Banksia breaking up the curb