

## 7. Trees and the urban character

Street trees make a major contribution to the urban character of the City of Port Phillip. The council will place a high priority on long-term planning to ensure that a mature, diverse tree population is maintained at all times that is in keeping with the character of each individual neighborhood

All avenues and stands of trees have a finite life span and at some point in time trees need to be removed and replaced. In order to sustain the landscape and meet public needs trees need to be planted and established, maintained and removed, based on an understanding of the dynamic nature of the resource.

	Policy Statement	Action	Time frame
<b>Streetscape renewal</b>			
7.1	The City of Port Phillip will develop and maintain streetscapes which reflect and reinforce the urban character of the Port Phillip.	<p>Develop and implement a five year street tree planting program.</p> <p>Streetscape plantings will complement planning policies and strategies including the Municipal Strategic Statement, Structure Plans and Urban Design Frameworks to reinforce or enhance the desired neighbourhood character.</p> <p>Where there is a dominant successful species or other notable trees, the same species will be planted. Alternative species will be supplied where needed to respond to special circumstances.</p>	<p>YR 1</p> <p>ONG</p> <p>ONG</p>
7.2	<p>Street trees play a crucial role in defining neighbourhood character.</p> <p>Where changes in land use and built form are concentrated the City of Port Phillip will carefully consider how the landscapes and street trees help define the urban character of the neighbourhood.</p>	<p>Streetscape plantings will complement planning policies and strategies including the Municipal Strategic Statement, Structure Plans and Urban Design Frameworks to implement or improve the desired neighbourhood character.</p> <p>Species selection and planting methods will be made to complement and respond to the changes in built form and/ or land use.</p> <p>Parks and Open Spaces will undertake an annual streetscape renewal planning process in collaboration with the City Strategy team to inform the council plan and budgeting process.</p>	<p>ONG</p> <p>ONG</p> <p>ANN</p>
7.3	In streets where it is not feasible to plant trees the City of Port Phillip will seek opportunities to green the street through other plantings.	Undertake an audit of the streets within the municipality that have been identified as not suitable for tree planting and develop an alternate planting program.	YR 1
<b>Significant boulevards and major roads</b>			
7.4	The City of Port Phillip will protect and reinforce key boulevards which are a defining element of the urban structure and character of the city.	<p>Trees on key boulevards and major roads will be prioritised for protection and enhancement, including: Brighton Road, Queens Road, St Kilda Road, Kerferd Rd, Beach Street, Beaconsfield Parade, Jacka Boulevard, The Esplanade, Marine Parade, Ormond Esplanade, Bay Street and Fitzroy Street.</p> <p>Work with neighbouring municipalities to achieve consistent maintenance and landscape treatments in bordering streets.</p> <p>Develop a planting guide for major boulevards with principles for development.</p>	<p>ONG</p> <p>ONG</p> <p>YR 1</p>