

GREENING PORT PHILLIP | SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

9-Jan-17

	POLICY STATEMENT	ACTION	COMMENT/ ACTIONS	
1. TREE PROTECTION	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.	Significant Tree: 'a tree or palm on private land: with a trunk circumference of 150 centimetres or greater, measured 1 metre above ground level; or with multiple stems where the circumference of its exterior stems is equal to, or greater than 150 centimetres when measured 1metre above ground level.' City Permits have developed a Register of Significant Trees in the private realm; all trees in the public realm are registered and protected under Council policy. Trees listed on the National Trust and those within Heritage Gardens and significant boulevards are given extra protection.
			Review and where appropriate update the existing local law to ensure the protection of trees in the private realm.	Updated 01 September 2013 – Local Law No.1 (Community Amenity) Clause 44 (p.40) Significant Trees
			Enforce tree protection guidelines and include information on the tree protection guidelines in all planning, building and event permit applications.	Upon receipt of the application Development Permits will refer the application to Council's Arborist who completes an inspection of the tree. Local Laws officer enforce.
		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: - 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	Current actions being followed as appropriate (case by case basis). Including an investigation, communication and replacement planting with appropriate protection if suitable.
		PROTECTION OF TREES FROM DEVELOPMENT & 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.	AS4970-2009 (Protection of trees on development sites) adhered to wherever possible
		Enforce tree protection guidelines for development applications as per the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	Current actions being followed as appropriate (case by case basis). Including an investigation, communication and replacement planting with appropriate protection if suitable.	
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.	Council's Arborist will complete an inspection of the trees and provide technical support throughout each event or capital works project.	
		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.	Processes adjusted as required to improve efficiency and outcomes.	
	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.	Annual and biennial programs being undertaken to meet legislative requirements. Pruning undertaken to AS4373 - Pruning of amenity trees and Electric Line Clearance Management Plan.	
		All pruning will be undertaken to the Australian Standard AS4373- 2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees.	Audit undertaken on a monthly basis for tree maintenance contract #1589 compliance.	
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 (ESV) to provide alternatives such as aerial bundling to above ground powerlines when power line conductors are being upgraded.	Review all proposed utility upgrades and work with power companies to protect and enhance trees.	
		Work with the Power Line Relocation Committee (PLRC) to identify opportunities for undergrounding or relocating powerlines to increase the opportunity for maximising tree canopy cover.	PLRC no longer exists. We will continue to work with power companies to identify opportunities for alternate solutions to minimise heavy pruning, such as aerial bundled cabling.	
	TREE PLANTING			

2. TREE PLANTING AND SELECTION	2.1	The City of Port Phillip will seek to maximise opportunities for greening within the municipality through tree planting and alternative greening options.	Identify and plant trees at the optimum tree planting density and locations for each street and park – including using planting sites on nature strips, median strips and round-a-bouts.	Trees are planted at the optimum spacings which is species and site specific. Streets are assessed for all tree planting opportunities to get the largest tree possible into the street, which is balanced against cost, parking constraints, and service locations.
			Identify alternative greening options that could be applied within the City of Port Phillip.	De-paving (a method used to help cool down our streets). This has occurred in a number of locations throughout the municipality, including installation of nature strips with resident support, WSUD, medians and traffic treatments.
			Implement alternative greening options for the City of Port Phillip.	Assessed when inspecting streetscapes for an upgrade.
	2.2	The City of Port Phillip recognises the environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits of trees to the community and will continue to seek new opportunities for tree planting.	Develop and implement a five year streetscape planting program.	Greening Port Phillip Street tree planting guide 2010 with a next 5 year planting plan developed 'City of Port Phillip Priority Planting for an Urban Forest 2017'
			Conduct annual tree planting programs in streetscapes and parks.	Annual tree planting program being conducted
			Conduct an annual audit of the city to identify missing trees and undertake in-fill planting as required.	All missing/removed trees are earmarked for replacement in the same or similar location
			Incorporate water sensitive urban design principles in planting systems, including the use of bio retention systems, stormwater harvesting and passive irrigation systems.	Assessed when inspecting streetscapes for the opportunity to undertake tree planting road and drainage upgrades, in excess of 60 raingardens and integrated a range of passive irrigation systems. Innovative passive irrigation systems have been developed at Lindsay Avenue (Elwood), Young St (Albert Park) and a range of systems on Fitzroy St (St Kilda). The Elsternwick /Elwood Stormwater Harvesting Scheme is also supplying up to 30 mega litres annually to irrigate Elwood Park. These projects all serve to support greening in the City of Port Phillip either directly through de-paving, planting and ground water recharge or through enhanced irrigation from a sustainable source of supply.
	2.3	Where appropriate, opportunities will be sought for planting iconic or signature trees.	Identify suitable sites to plant signature trees to complement and enhance streetscapes and neighbourhood character.	
			Plant signature trees as part of the tree planting program.	Streets are assessed for the opportunity to plant signature trees.
	2.4	Best practice tree planting techniques will be implemented to maximise successful tree establishment rates.	Continue to implement the two year maintenance program for the establishment of new trees, which includes weekly watering from October to March.	Two year maintenance program being undertaken.
		Document the watering schedule for new trees on the City of Port Phillip web site.	Two year maintenance program is noted in the tree planting section on the CoPP website	
		Use structural soils where appropriate to promote good health and mitigate possible infrastructure conflicts.	Structural soils used where appropriate to promote healthy root systems to maximise canopy.	
	TREE SELECTION			
2.5	Selection of tree species for planting will be based on their suitability to the site, biological tolerances, future climate change conditions and potential to contribute to the landscape without onerous management implications. 'The right tree in the right place'	Development of a tree species palette suitable for sites in Port Phillip that takes into consideration the need to adapt the species list to future climate change conditions. The list is to be updated annually published on the council web site.	Planting palette continually reviewed and various alternate species are trialled. Link to tree species list http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/tree-species-list-Port-Phillip.pdf	
	PARK TREES			
2.6	Strategic tree planting in parks will be undertaken to maximise amenity, enhance neighbourhood character and social values.	Develop a priority tree planting program for parks.	City of Port Phillip Priority Planting for an Urban Forest 2017' assessed tree canopy cover in parks and developed criteria for prioritising park tree planting, those parks with a high percentage of trees in poor or declining health will be prioritised for additional planting.	
		Maximise tree planting opportunities when undertaking park master planning or park upgrades.	A vegetation assessment is conducted for each park due to be upgraded; tree planting undertaken as required.	
		When undertaking park tree planting, consider surrounding streets and parks in order to provide continuity in tree species.	An assessment of the area surrounding the park is undertaken.	
	NURSERY TREE & STOCK SPECIFICATION			

	2.7	Quality nursery stock will be used for tree planting in accordance with best practice and standards.	All trees supplied to the City of Port Phillip will comply with 'Specifying trees-a guide to assessment of tree quality' Ross Clarke, 2003.	Updated standard: AS2303-2015	
			Where trees are stored at council depots prior to planting they will be appropriately managed.	Trees currently stored at contractor's depot are managed appropriately. Any poor tree stock is returned to supplier.	
		DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS - TREE SELECTION			
	2.8	Development applications will align with existing tree planting and streetscape plans and will use species that complement the landscape character of the precinct.	Enforce permit conditions to ensure developers implement the required landscape plans.	Amenity value of tree (plus removal and replacement costs) charged if tree removals are undertaken; replacement tree planting is undertaken upon completion of development.	
		HABITAT & BIODIVERSITY			
		2.9	The City of Port Phillip recognises the role of the urban forest in supporting biodiversity by providing habitat for native flora and fauna.	Undertake a formal study of native habitat sites within the City of Port Phillip.	In 2011, fauna studies were completed for Perce White Reserve and Canterbury Road Urban Forest. The Foreshore and Hinterland Vegetation Plan and Flora and Fauna plan for Canterbury Road details vegetative ways to enhance areas and encourage bird life. Further studies for Fauna area Foreshore and Elwood Canal to be completed.
				Maintain and strengthen wildlife corridors and increase habitat where appropriate.	Increase and extensions of garden beds to expand on existing site, improve the health of vegetation and biodiversity of plant species at these sites. Other sites such as Port Melbourne Light rail reserve have been enhanced
				Develop strategic partnerships with environmental organisations such as Earthcare and conservation volunteers.	Ongoing partnerships hosting 10 Conservation Volunteer planting days, 4 Earthcare planting days and 1 Lagoon Reserve Planting day
				Undertake a study on how habitat in parks can be enhanced to encourage bird life.	The Foreshore and Hinterland Vegetation Plan and Flora and Fauna plan for Canterbury Road details vegetative ways to enhance areas and encourage bird life. Fauna studies for all sites would need to be completed.
			TREE PLANTING NET COMMUNITY BENEFIT		
		2.10	The City of Port Phillip will prioritise tree planting over private views to achieve net community benefit.	All vacant tree sites will be planted.	Beaconsfield Parade, Marine Parade and Ormond Esplanade are under review for a Master Plan.
				New opportunities for planting trees will be designed to maximise canopy coverage.	In road planting, design solution to improve and increase in soil volume for healthy trees and canopy cover.
3. TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT		TREE ASSESSMENT PROCESS			
		3.1	All tree management options will be investigated prior to the removal of a tree/s.	Tree removal will only be approved if there are no other viable options.	Tree removal assessment panel (TRAP) meet fortnightly, trees that are healthy and contributing to landscape will be retained. Reasons for removal of healthy trees maybe for public and private development, poor structure, storm damage or drought.
				Removal of dead trees will be undertaken as part of the regular tree maintenance program as per the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	All dead, dying and hazardous trees are assessed and removed during tree maintenance program
				When trees are removed for development the amenity valuation charged is used to plant trees in the area surrounding the development (Refer 6.6).	All trees approved to be removed for development, the amenity value is charged and replacement planting is undertaken upon completion of development.
		3.2	Trees will be removed in a timely manner where they no longer contribute to the streetscape due to poor health or condition.	Identify and strategically replace senescent trees that no longer contribute to the amenity of streetscapes and/or park.	Assessment of canopy cover percentages in streetscape also include streets with senescent trees. As part of consultation with residents trees that are sought to be removed are identified.
		3.3	The City of Port Phillip commits to a fair, equitable and transparent appeals and reinspection process.	Council will consult and inform the community about proposed tree removal in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	Communication consultation process is followed as noted on page 45 Greening Port Phillip strategy 2010
				The process for tree removal requests will be documented on the City of Port Phillip web site.	Tree removal process has been documented on website
				The appeals process will be undertaken in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	Tree removal appeals process has been utilised on various occasions.
		TREE REPLACEMENT			
		3.4	Replacement of trees that have to be removed due to tree death, poor health or risk to people or infrastructure, will be undertaken as a priority.	Schedule replacement planting of trees removed due to tree death, poor health or risk to people and infrastructure as part of the tree removal process.	Replacement planting of removed trees is prioritised within infill tree planting program
		3.5	The City of Port Phillip will ensure that the best green outcome is obtained if a tree is removed for development.	Every effort will be made to replace and increase tree canopy cover lost when a tree is removed due to development. The number and type of replacement trees planted will be chosen to suit the site and maximise tree canopy cover.	When trees are removed for development, replacement trees are planted and opportunities for additional trees are investigated

		EMERGENCY SITUATIONS		
	3.6	Trees will be removed should they pose a risk to public safety.	Trees will be removed on the same work day as notification is received for immediately hazardous trees.	Immediate removal of hazardous trees is currently being implemented
4. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTION		MANAGING TREES FOR LOCAL CLIMATE		
	4.1	The urban forest will be maintained to adapt to a dry climate.	Investigate and use tree species suited to a drier climate.	A key selection criteria when choosing trees is their ability to withstand periods of low rainfall and warm temperatures.
			Develop and implement tree management practices that enhance the trees ability to cope with climate change, including the use of storm resistant tree stock and implementation of water sensitive urban design principles.	As well as appropriate species selection, trees are watered regularly for the first two years to aid in their establishment, by this time trees should be able to cope for themselves. Trees planted on the road (where practical) are given extra watering from run-off - This is achieved by raised kerbs not used.
		WATER		
	4.2	The City of Port Phillip will maximise opportunities to increase the amount of non potable water available to trees in the public realm.	Implement a capital program to deliver storm water harvesting projects as recommend in the Open Space Water Management Plan.	Elwood and Elsterwick Park water harvesting project is operational with additional projects being investigated including an Albert Park and Alma Park stormwater harvesting scheme.
			Investigate and implement the use of water sensitive urban design features including bioretention systems, stormwater harvesting and passive irrigation systems in new plantings and retrofit into existing landscapes where appropriate.	Where possible this has been incorporated into street tree upgrades. On road plots are passively irrigated and where feasible WSUD have been installed as a joint programme with the Sustainability and Maintenance and Renewal Departments.
			Where water sensitive urban design features are used, communication to the community on water sensitive design features will be incorporated into the project.	In each of the projects there are information sheets which explain benefits and aesthetics.
4.3	The City of Port Phillip will ensure that existing irrigation systems operate to a minimum of 75% efficiency.	Undertake irrigation systems upgrades in parks to ensure that all tree irrigation systems are drip line systems.	Significant mature trees which require watering have had irrigation installed. Each tree base was also mulched to improve water retention.	
		Audit all irrigation lines on a quarterly basis.	Currently being undertaken.	
		URBAN HEAT ISLAND		
	4.4	Council will maximise opportunities to address the heat island effect.	Undertake a project to develop and plan the city's Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect areas including a tree canopy coverage current % rate and targeted % rate.	Priority Planting for the Urban Forest – An Action Plan (2016 – 2021) incorporates reducing the Urban Heat Island (UHI) by targeting streets with low canopy cover and therefore a greater UHI risk.
			Work with the Sustainable Environment and City Strategy teams to develop heat island design and management principles that can be implemented within Port Phillip. This includes increasing tree canopy and greening options within Port Phillip.	Increasing Canopy and reducing hot spots throughout the municipality has been the focus over the past 6-7 years. Seeking to get the largest canopy trees in a street where possible, de-paving roadways and installing planted cross-overs to maximise soft/permeable surfaces - reducing UHI.
5. TREE ROOT MANAGEMENT		CONFLICT BETWEEN TREE ROOTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE		
	5.1	The City of Port Phillip will seek to minimise conflict between tree roots and built infrastructure, while maintaining the health and integrity of trees.	Protection measures for infrastructure will be implemented according to the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	Species selection of new/replacement trees will consider potential conflicts with existing infrastructure
			All construction works undertaken will be in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines to minimise impact on trees.	All infrastructure works must consider potential impact on tree roots and minimise any adverse effects. Arborists to be engaged to provide advice and oversee works as required.
			Provide after-care maintenance to trees after root pruning in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	Implemented as required
			Remove and replace inappropriate trees in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	Inappropriate trees removed only when all other options have been explored and there is no other viable option
		TREE DAMAGE INSURANCE CLAIMS		
	5.2	The City of Port Phillip will undertake an open and transparent investigation into insurance claims resulting from tree roots in conflict with private infrastructure.	Insurance claims will be investigated in accordance with the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines.	Currently being implemented
		Claims will be investigated within 15 working days.	Timeframe currently being met	
		TREE MAINTENANCE		
	6.1	Tree maintenance works will be undertaken as required to protect, enhance and preserve tree health and amenity.	Undertake a review of the tree maintenance specifications as part of the development of any new tender documentation for tree management.	Tree maintenance specifications to be reviewed as part of upcoming tender (2018)

		Conduct a monthly audit of tree asset condition and contractor performance to ensure compliance with Australian Standards (AS-4373-2007 pruning of amenity trees).	Monthly audits being undertaken
		Conduct an annual review of the Street Tree Maintenance Contractor Performance.	Annual review being conducted
		Develop fact sheets on the tree maintenance program and processes and make available on the City of Port Phillip web site.	Information about tree maintenance (including some fact sheets) on website
		TREE ASSET DATA BASE	
6.2	The City of Port Phillip will maintain up to date and relevant information on trees in the public realm.	Review existing tree data base system and implement a computerised real time data management system.	Tree data base system is currently updated daily as works are completed
		RISK MANAGEMENT	
6.3	The City of Port Phillip will seek to maintain public safety through the use of accepted professional practices of tree evaluation and treatment.	Undertake systematic tree assessment and best practice tree management as specified in the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines to mitigate tree risk for residents and visitors to the city.	Current best practice tree management being implemented
		Maintain accurate documentation on the management of council's tree assets.	All records are kept up to date for accurate documentation
		Undertake proper tree selection, placement and planting of trees to reduce long-term risk.	Long-term strategic thinking/planning of tree selection, placement and planting is undertaken
		Maintain high standards of tree management consistent with current best practice and recognised standards.	Best practice tree management currently being implemented
		PESTS AND DISEASE MANANGEMENT	
6.4	Pests and diseases are a component of the urban landscape and the council recognises that control measures will be required at times to maintain healthy and aesthetically pleasing landscapes.	Council will follow the monitoring and control program as specified in the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines for: Elm leaf beetle & Palm Fusarium	Best practice tree management currently being implemented
		Staff will attend relevant training programs to ensure up to date knowledge of new pest management practices.	Relevant training programs are attended by tree management staff as required
		Develop monitoring and control programs for newly identified pests and diseases.	Programs will be developed as required
		ANIMAL MANAGEMENT	
6.5	The City of Port Phillip will strive at all times to achieve a balance between maintaining the health of trees and accommodating native animals in the urban forest	Use the 'Department of Sustainability and Environment Guidelines for Managing Damage Caused By Brush Tail Possums in Municipal Parks' for responding to possum related issues.	Management of possums as per program
		Respond to animal management issues on a case by case basis to determine the most appropriate course of action.	Response as appropriate
		TREE VALUATION METHOD	
6.6	The City of Port Phillip recognises the value of trees as an asset and will ensure the value of the tree is maintained.	Implement the tree amenity valuation formula specified in the City of Port Phillip Tree Management Technical Guidelines that recognises tree condition, age cultural significance and suitability for individual trees.	Implemented as required
		Develop, implement and enforce a bond process for protection of tree assets.	Part of asset protection bond
		KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT	
6.7	The City of Port Phillip is committed to using best practice methods to maintain and enhance the urban forest.	Continue to collaborate with other LGA's on the management of trees in an urban environment to stay abreast of current practice and to share learnings and information.	City of Port Phillip is a part of CAV (Council Arboriculture Victoria) who meet monthly to discuss the protection and enhancement of urban forests, including public and private trees.
		Work collaboratively to develop a method for ascribing a monetary value to urban trees, including measuring the contribution of trees for cooling urban temperatures, reducing the need for air conditioning in buildings and protection of infrastructure.	City of Port Phillip is a part of the 2020 Vision, which is a network of like minded people to increase green space by 20% by 2020. This is a valuable resource where a range of information can utilised to understand value.
		Investigate opportunities to collaborate with universities to undertake research projects related to trees in the City of Port Phillip.	Research projects have been undertaken with Monash University universities to study UHI and opportunities for cooling
		STREETSCAPE RENEWAL	
7.1	The City of Port Phillip will develop and maintain streetscapes which reflect and reinforce the urban character of the Port Phillip.	Develop and implement a five year street tree planting program.	This was developed and implemented, Street Priority Guide 2010-2015 listed 250 streets to be assessed for street tree planting. This has been completed and a new list developed which focuses on canopy cover for prioritisation of streets.
		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.	As part of the assessment for street tree planting existing structure plans and policies are reviewed.

7. TREES AND THE URBAN CHARACTER		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.	There has been a focus to have consistent avenues and when appropriate 'bookend' streets with a different species.
	7.2	Street trees play a crucial role in defining neighbourhood character.	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.
			Species selection and planting methods will be made to complement and respond to the changes in built form and/ or land use.
		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.	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.
	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.
		SIGNIFICANT BOULEVARDS AND MAJOR ROADS	
	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	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.
			Work with neighbouring municipalities to achieve consistent maintenance and landscape treatments in bordering streets.
		Develop a planting guide for major boulevards with principles for development.	Benchmarking is undertaken with neighbouring municipalities Work has begun on a Melbourne Boulevard Strategy - IMAP
8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND INVOLVEMENT		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.
		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.
		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: - 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
			Document the tree management practices on the City of Port Phillip web site.
			Continue to use existing media including Divercity to provide tree information to the community.
		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.	
	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.	
		Support community groups to promote their activities and recruit members through the development and distribution of a newsletter	