

STREET TREES

DOCUMENT SUMMARY

This Official Council Policy deals with requests for tree removal, maintenance or replacement and the planting of new trees within the Wentworth Shire Council area.

1. STATEMENT OF POLICY INTENT

The intent of this policy is to provide guidance for the situation where an owner or occupier requests the removal of live street trees and/or where new plantings are required.

2. POLICY SCOPE

This policy is applicable to all street trees operations within the Wentworth Shire Council local government area.

3. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (used in this policy)

N/A

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nil.

5. POLICY

It is the policy of this Council that:-

- 5.1 Where an owner or occupier requests the removal of live street trees, the work is to be carried out at their own expense, and that where replacements are required, suitable varieties (refer attachment) and spacing is to be arranged through Council staff.
- 5.2 New street tree plantings are to be selected from the preferred species list as attached.

6. ATTACHMENTS

CC008 Attachment 1 – WSC Preferred Street Trees species list (DOC/19/755)

Approved by Council and signed by
General Manager of Wentworth Shire Council

Signed & Dated

Document Approval

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This policy may be amended or revoked by Council at any time.

CC008 Attachment 1 - Preferred Street Trees Species List (DOC/19/755)

Street Trees – no power lines or overhead obstacles

1. *Pyrus Calleryana* 'Capital' - Ornamental Pear Varieties
This tree has a narrow growth habit with luscious shiny green leaves that hang vertically from branches. An attractive curl in the foliage adds further interest and the slender, columnar shape lends itself well to tight spaces. In autumn, leaves turn a purple-red colour and spring brings a beautiful display of lovely white flowers followed by small, russet coloured fruits. Excellent for street planting.
2. *Fraxinus oxycarpa* 'Raywoodii' - Claret Ash
An attractive, some say fast growing deciduous tree with an upright growth habit and open canopy. The foliage is deep green and narrow in summer and as autumn approaches, turns a rich claret colour, hence the name. This is a beautiful tree with stunning autumn colours, tolerant of frost and drought.
3. *Brachychiton Acerifolius* - Illawarra Flame Tree
A drought tolerant, slow growing tree native to the warmer parts of the east coast of Australia, this tree is known for its masses of crimson flowers in spring-summer when the tree is totally devoid of foliage. Ideal for parks and streetscapes as a feature tree.
4. *Eucalyptus Leucoxydon* 'Rosea' – Red Flowering Yellow Gum
This tree has a smooth trunk with cream to grey coloured bark which sheds in flakes. It has narrow shaped green leaves and as it matures, forms a large open canopy. From autumn to spring, an abundance of red flowers appear in clusters of three attracting a variety of birdlife. Can be used in parks, gardens and street plantings
5. *Lophostemon Confertus* - QLD Box Tree
Is a fast growing tree which is rarely affected by pests and diseases? Dome-like in shape, it develops a very dense foliage cover of dark green, leathery leaves providing good shade. This variety rarely sheds limbs and has salmon coloured bark which flakes off over summer revealing orange-brown tones on the trunk. Summer also brings clusters of small white flowers. Great for parks and gardens and as a feature tree.

Street Trees – under powerlines

1. *Fraxinus Griffithii* - Evergreen Ash

This fast growing, drought tolerant, attractive tree has leaves that are green and shiny on the top and hairy silver coloured underneath. They are oval shaped with pointy tips. The flowers appear in panicles, are white and born in spring. Great for avenue planting.

2. *Hakea Laurina* - Pincushion Hakea

Small evergreen which can be grown as a tree or shrub. Long leathery leaves are thick and smooth with prominent veining and have a tendency to wave and curl. Fascinating, cherry red, ball like flowers appear from autumn to late winter, adorned with long, white pin-like stamens. It is a hardy, drought tolerant plant which attracts birds.

3. *Eucalyptus Platypus* - Platypus Gum

The multi stemmed nature of this variety together with its dense canopy of rounded leaves gives this tree a large shrubby look. Growing between 5 - 7 metres in height, it has a rounded form to ground level, making it a good choice for screening and windbreaks. Bark is smooth and light brown in colour. Creamy yellow to greenish yellow coloured flowers appear from spring through to autumn. Relatively fast growing, this variety will tolerate heavy soils and responds well to pruning.

4. *Wilga Tree- Gerijera Parvifolia*

Slow growing native tree with attractive dark green foliage. Flowers are small and white and strongly-scented. With a rounded form to 9m. This tree is extremely hardy once established. It is tolerant to a wide range of soil and climate types.

5. *Lagerstroema Indica x Fauriei*- Crepe Myrtle

Attractive flowering tree. They are deciduous, growing between 3-6m tall. Trusses of white, pink, mauve or purple blooms appear in late summer. Great as a feature tree.

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¹ Information sourced from Speciality Trees www.specialitytrees.com.au

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Eucalyptus Torquata - Coral Gum

- Removed

Pyrus Calleryana 'Capital' - Ornamental Pear Varieties



Eucalyptus Leucoxydon 'Rosea' – Red Flowering Yellow Gum



Fraxinus oxycarpa 'Raywoodii' - Claret Ash



Lophostemon Confertus - QLD Brush Box



Brachychiton Acerifolius - Illawarra Flame Tree

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Fraxinus Griffithii - Evergreen Ash



Hakea Laurina - Pincushion Hakea



Lagerstroemia Indica x Fauriei - Crepe Myrtle



Callistemon Viminalis - Bottle Brush Varieties

- Removed

Eucalyptus Platypus - Platypus Gum



Wilga Tree - Gerijera Parvifolia