

## STREET TREES POLICY

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### POLICY OBJECTIVE

This Official Council Policy is to ensure a coordinated, collaborative and consistent approach to type, planting, maintenance and replacement of street trees in the Wentworth Shire Council.

### 1. POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is to ensure that Council establish a system which provides consistency in relation to street trees, at the same time, considering the local climate, degree of maintenance required – including watering.

It also establishes protocols regarding responsibility where street trees are concerned.

### 2. POLICY COVERAGE

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

### 3. STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets.

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure.

### 4. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term/Word	Definition
Council	Council of the Shire of Wentworth
Heritage Significant Trees	A tree that has been Heritage listed, or deemed significant
Preferred Species	Wentworth Shire Council Preferred Species list of street trees. (Full list with description and photographs attached).
Street Trees	Trees planted on nature strips and/or areas of Crown Land in the Wentworth Shire Council area.

### 5. POLICY CONTENT

It is the policy of this Council that:

- New street tree plantings are to be selected from the preferred species list – as per list attached to this policy.
- 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 and spacing be arranged through Council staff.
- New Street trees shall be provided by Council.
- Preferred species shall be selected considering: - the local climate, maintenance requirements and watering requirements.
- Spacing and number of street trees shall be determined by Council Parks and Garden staff and/or Council's Subdivision Officer.
- Developers shall be provided with a copy of the preferred species list.
- Street trees shall not impede power lines or other overhead obstacles.

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- Street trees shall not impact underground services – i.e. water, sewer, power or telephone.
- Where an owner requests the removal of a dead street tree, or Council Parks and Garden staff deem a street tree to be dead, it shall be removed by Council and be replaced by Council; unless such street tree was relocated and replanted by the said owner to accommodate a vehicular crossing, it is then the responsibility of the owner to remove and replace the street tree at their own expense.
- Heritage listed, or “significant” trees shall be assessed by Council’s Parks and Gardens Staff with regard to condition and safety. Relevant authorities shall be included in decisions regarding such trees.

**6. RELATED DOCUMENTS & LEGISLATION**

- NSW Civil Liberties Act 2022 (No.22)
- Local Government Act 1993

**7. RELATED DOCUMENTS & LEGISLATION**

Nil.

**8. ATTACHMENTS**

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

**9. DOCUMENT APPROVAL**

This document is the latest version of the official policy of the Wentworth Shire Council, as adopted by Council on 20 April 2022. All previous versions of this policy are null and void.

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

A PDF copy of the signed document can be accessed from Council’s record management system and Reliansys.

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27 April 2022

**General Manager Wentworth Shire Council**

**Date**