

Policy Section:	4. Infrastructure & Engineering Services
Policy Name:	Tree Planting for New Land Divisions
Classification:	Public - Council Policy
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Responsible Officer(s):	Manager Infrastructure and Engineering Services
Policy Manual File Ref:	CC10/2601
Council File Reference:	CR21/72679
Legislation Authority:	Development Act 1993 Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 Local Government Act 1999
Related Policies and Codes:	Tree Removal on Council Land Tree Management Landscaping Verge Areas by Residents
Related Procedures:	N/A

1. BACKGROUND

That it be a Policy of Council for the planting of Trees in new Land Divisions to occur in accordance with the following details.

- 1.1 Purpose:
To ensure a pleasant and healthy environment in residential areas in both the short and long term and combat climate change impacts through increased shade provision and reduced urban heat island effect
- 1.2 Scope:
This policy only applies to residential land divisions that result in the creation of a new road or reserve area proposed to be vested in the Council

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR TREE PLANTING

- 2.1 Tree species are to be in accordance with the list of trees in Council's Open Space Guideline. Other tree species proposed not on this list are subject to the Manager Infrastructure and Engineering Services or delegate for consideration and approval.

- 2.2 Street trees are required to be provided at no more than 15 metres apart or at least one tree per allotment frontage to a road, or optimally at 8 to 10 metres apart to create conditions of continuous shade.

Note: General tree planting conditions as part of a Development Approval under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* still applies.

- 2.3 All trees to be a minimum height at time of planting of 1.5 metres, have a minimum pot size of 45L, and a minimum caliper of 30mm
- 2.4 All trees are to be planted in accordance with Council's Tree Planting Standard.
- 2.5 All tree stock supplied for installation shall meet the requirements of Australian Standard AS2303. Evidence is to be provided to Council's Landscape Coordinator prior to Practical Completion.
- 2.6 All trees are to be maintained by the developer for a minimum of twelve months from time of planting unless agreed otherwise by the Manager Infrastructure and Engineering Services. Maintenance includes: weed control, ensuring stakes and hessian ties remain in good condition, ensuring mulch depth remains at 75mm within Greenwell bowls and/or adjacent garden beds, watering as required for health establishment, and other general maintenance as required.
- 2.7 Trees to be located such that the centre of the tree is a minimum distance of:
- 2.7.1. 2.0 metres from nearest property boundary, and
 - 2.7.2. 1.0 metre from the face of kerb or edge of road
- or as agreed by the Manager Infrastructure and Engineering Services
- 2.8 Trees are required to have a footprint area of no less than 20 square metres. Note: Area cannot include road area but can include footpath area.
- 2.9 No property is to be further than 40 metres from centre of the closest tree.
- 2.10 No street trees are to be planted on corners where corner cut offs apply.
- 2.11 The precise location of all street trees is to be shown on the Landscaping Plan or is to be shown on a separate plan lodged at the time of the Land Division Development Application. As-built landscape drawings (CAD and digital PDF copies) are to be provided to Council at Practical Completion to assist with Council's open space asset management.
- 2.12 All trees shown on the approved Landscaping Plan are to be located with an approved marker at the time of installation.
- 2.13 Trees should not be planted under power lines unless they meet SA Power Networks *Powerline Friendly Trees* reference guide.

3. REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The effectiveness of this Policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis and may be reviewed at any time.

The Chief Executive Officer will report to council on the outcome of the evaluation and if relevant make recommendations for amendments, alteration or substitution of a new Policy.

The Policy will not be altered or substituted so as to affect a process already commenced.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about this Policy can be obtained by:-

Telephone: 8522 9211

Email: council@gawler.sa.gov.au

Appointment: Town of Gawler Administration Centre, 43 High Street, Gawler East.

Letter: PO Box 130, Gawler SA 5118

5. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

The Policy is available for inspection during ordinary business hours at the Council principal office, Town of Gawler Administration Centre 43 High Street, Gawler East or is available on the Council website at www.gawler.sa.gov.au.

A copy of this Policy will be provided to interested parties upon request, for a fee as contained in the Register of Fees and Charges.

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