

# TREES

## COUNCIL POLICY NO. 065

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to formally document Gannawarra Shire Council's position on the management of trees located on Council owned or managed land, including trees selected for planting and criteria for the removal of trees.

### 2. SCOPE

This policy applies only to trees located on Council owned or managed land.

### 3. POLICY

Gannawarra Shire Council will demonstrate its commitment to efficient and effective management of its tree population by:

- providing adequate resources to support the preservation of tree health, aesthetic appearance and amenity value;
- providing adequate resources, including professional independent advice when deemed necessary, to mitigate risk potential and maintain and enhance the tree population for future generations;
- replacing and replenishing trees with pre-determined species suitable for the site, environment, performance and compatibility with other plantings, taking reference from the 'Cool It' program.
- Investigating all tree management options, including consultation with the Planning Department to determine if a planning permit is required under the Gannawarra Planning Scheme, prior to the removal of a tree;
- consulting with the community on major tree projects; and
- maintaining accurate and current records on the management of Council's tree population.

This policy should be read in conjunction with 065 – Tree Management Guidelines.

### 4. POLICY REVIEW

Council will review this policy as required but always within two years after a general election of the Council. At the time of review, this policy was compliant with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

### 5. FURTHER INFORMATION

Members of the public may inspect all Council policies at Gannawarra Shire Council's Kerang and Cohuna office or online at [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au).

Any enquiries in relation to this policy should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer on (03) 5450 9333.

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