



Asset Services Information Sheet 4

Significant Tree - Identify, Protect & Manage

Introduction

The Town of Bassendean recognises the great importance of the present and long term future of trees and understands that some trees have special significance to the community and should therefore have a level of protection greater than that which is already provided for under existing Council policies.

Significant Tree Policy

The Town has created a policy which includes guidelines for the identification, protection and management of Significant Trees located in the public domain. The *Significant Tree Policy* may be viewed at our website: www.bassendean.wa.gov.au

Significant Tree Register

Trees may be nominated for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register by individuals within the community, community groups, or by staff members at the Town of Bassendean. A nomination form can be found at Appendix A of the Significant Tree Policy on our website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au

Trees may be approved for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register if they meet one or more of the criteria listed under the categories of Aesthetic Value, Scientific and Environmental Value, Historic or Cultural Value. The existing *Significant Tree Register* may be viewed on our website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au

Management of Significant Trees

All significant trees shall be protected prior to and during construction in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

It is an offence under the under the Local Government Act (Uniform Local Provisions Regulations 1996), Schedule 9.1 Clause 2 to damage or remove any street tree and an offender shall be prosecuted accordingly.

To ensure that street trees are suitably protected during development of an adjacent lot, the owner shall complete the Street Tree Protection Permit application seeking a permit to undertake works. Application forms are available on our website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au

Note: applications that do not comply with the requirements of the Street Tree Protection - Permit application form cannot be considered until such time as the correct information has been provided.