



Objective 1. Value, protect and manage trees

| | Action | Timeframe |
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| 1.1 ¹ | Review the Tree Management Plan and include best practice guidelines to maximise the benefits of council trees and minimise risk. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 1.2 | Develop a management plan for large habitat trees on council managed land in built up areas. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 1.3 ² | Develop a 'living with trees' communication package explaining the role, function, and importance of trees, why trees on private property are important and how to care for them. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 1.4 ³ | Develop a monetary valuation method and policy for trees on public land. | Foundation action by 2024 |
| 1.5 | Investigate incentives for private landowners to protect and manage large habitat trees on private land. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 1.6 ⁴ | Review of current process, practice and resourcing for the protection and management of trees on council projects. | Foundation action by 2023 |

¹ Also aligns with Objective 6.

² Also aligns with Objective 2.

³ Also aligns with Objective 6.

⁴ Also aligns with Objective 6.

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| 1.7 ⁵ | Review current process, practice, and resourcing for the enforcement of tree protection as required by council planning permits. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 1.8 | Advocate infrastructure solutions for the coexistence of healthy trees near utility services. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |
| 1.9 | Continue to advocate for State Government infrastructure projects to avoid tree removal and minimise tree impacts. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |
| 1.10 ⁶ | Develop and maintain an inventory of large habitat trees on council managed land in built up areas. | Annually 2024-2042 |
| 1.11 ⁷ | Develop and implement a program to manage large habitat trees on council managed land in built up areas. | Annually 2024-2042 |
| 1.12 ⁸ | Develop and implement a program to manage hazardous trees along council managed roadsides for bushfire preparedness in collaboration with other bushfire reduction works and relevant agencies. | Annually 2023-2042 |

⁵ Also aligns with Objective 6.

⁶ Also aligns with Objective 6.

⁷ Also aligns with Objective 6.

⁸ Also aligns with Objective 5.



Objective 2. Grow a healthy tree canopy

| | Action | Timeframe |
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| 2.1 ⁹ | Develop criteria and identify priority areas for tree planting and renewal. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 2.2 ¹⁰ | Develop and implement a community engagement plan for tree planting and renewal projects. | Ongoing 2023-2042 |
| 2.3 | Investigate incentives for private landowners to plant large tree species such as <i>Eucalyptus regnans</i> (Mountain Ash) on private land. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 2.4 ¹¹ | Review existing council design guidelines for developments on private land. Include best practice advice for incorporating trees into developments, to reduce the urban heat island effect through shading and cooling. | Foundation action by 2024 |
| 2.5 | Investigate opportunities to improve compliance with endorsed landscape plans for development sites, particularly the planting of trees. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 2.6 | Update the Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme to include references to the Tree Canopy Strategy in the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Planning Policy Framework (PPF). | Foundation action by 2024 |

⁹ Also aligns with Objective 5.

¹⁰ Also aligns with Objective 6.

¹¹ Also aligns with Objective 6.

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| 2.7 ¹² | Investigate urban design and engineering solutions to enhance healthy soil volume for tree growth and function, and to protect infrastructure and buildings. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 2.8 ¹³ | Develop and implement a tree planting and renewal program for priority areas, inclusive of two years of establishment maintenance. | Annually 2022-2042 |
| 2.9 ¹⁴ | Develop and implement a formative pruning program for all new street tree plantings. | Annually 2022-2042 |
| 2.10 ¹⁵ | Seek opportunities for partnership with the Department of Transport for planting projects along major tourist routes. | Annually 2022-2042 |
| 2.11 | Collaborate with the eastern region councils to achieve the goals of the <i>Living Melbourne: Our Metropolitan Urban Forest</i> strategy. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |
| 2.12 ¹⁶ | Review contract maintenance specifications for tree planting and establishment. | Foundation action by 2024 |

¹² Also aligns with Objectives 4 & 6.

¹³ Also aligns with Objectives 4 & 6.

¹⁴ Also aligns with Objective 4 & 6.

¹⁵ Also aligns with Objective 3.

¹⁶ Also aligns with Objective 6.



Objective 3. Conserve culturally significant trees and enhance local tourism

| | Action | Timeframe |
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| 3.1 ¹⁷ | Develop a management plan for culturally significant trees on council managed land. | Foundation action by 2024 |
| 3.2 | Develop and implement community engagement plan for culturally significant trees with consideration of indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing. Develop the plan in partnership with the Indigenous Advisory Committee, Lilydale Historical Society and Yarra Ranges Tourism. | Ongoing 2024-2042 |
| 3.3 ¹⁸ | Develop and maintain an inventory of culturally significant trees on council managed land. | Annually 2023-2042 |
| 3.4 ¹⁹ | Develop and implement a program to manage culturally significant trees on council managed land, including renewing poorly performing trees. | Annually 2024-2042 |
| 3.5 | Investigate opportunities to update Planning Scheme heritage controls with reference to the culturally significant tree inventory. | Foundation action by 2024 |
| 3.6 | Investigate opportunities to embed Indigenous references to Country and culture into playspace designs, through collaboration with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |
| 3.7 | Investigate opportunities to plant tree lined streets as part of 'Welcome to...' gateways into towns. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |

¹⁷ Also aligns with Objective 6.

¹⁸ Also aligns with Objective 6.

¹⁹ Also aligns with Objective 6.



Objective 4. Improve tree canopy resilience to climate change

| | Action | Timeframe |
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| 4.1 | Develop a tree planting palette for built up areas with consideration of species diversity and future climate suitability. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 4.2 | Develop a concept plan and grant proposal for a future climate arboretum. | Foundation action by 2024 |
| 4.3 | Collaborate with researchers and tree growers to trial tree species that may be more suitable for a future climate. | Ongoing 2023-2027 |
| 4.4 | Investigate opportunities to incorporate water sensitive urban design (WSUD) principles as part of the tree planting program. | Foundation action by 2024 |
| 4.5 ²⁰ | Develop and implement an integrated pest management plan (IPM) for the proactive monitoring and treatment of pests and disease outbreaks. | Annually 2023-2042 |

²⁰ Also aligns with Objective 6.



Objective 5. Support and enhance community health and wellbeing

| | Action | Timeframe |
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| 5.1 | Review landscape guidelines for council capital works projects and integrate targets for tree planting and/or canopy cover. | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 5.2 | Integrate shade and cooling principles into the Paths and Trails Strategy/Plan (under development). | Foundation action by 2024 |
| 5.3 ²¹ | Continue to advocate for tree planting as part of State Government infrastructure projects, to support and enhance community health and wellbeing. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |
| 5.4 | Integrate tree canopy cover targets for all activity centres. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |
| 5.5 | Continue to organise tree planting days to engage community members and groups. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |
| 5.6 ²² | Incorporate trees for cooler and greener streets as part of streetscape revitalisation and car park projects | Ongoing 2022-2042 |

²¹ Also aligns with Objective 2.

²² Also aligns with Objective 2.



Objective 6. Apply best practice tree management

| | Action | Timeframe |
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| 6.1 | Develop a business case and position description for a Program Manager to coordinate the delivery of the Tree Canopy Strategy. | Within 6 months of strategy endorsement |
| 6.2 | Develop a business case and position description for a Technical Officer to assist the delivery of the Tree Canopy Strategy. | Within 6 months of strategy endorsement |
| 6.3 | Program Manager to convene a Steering Committee to oversee, and Working Groups to implement the Tree Canopy Strategy. | Within 12 months of strategy endorsement |
| 6.4 | Review the Tree Policy and include reference to the Tree Canopy Strategy and key policy statements (e.g., tree protection, electrical line clearance and species selection). | Foundation action by 2023 |
| 6.5 | Program Manager to monitor, review and report on the progress of the Tree Canopy Strategy. | Annually 2023-2042 |
| 6.6 | Update the Council website to include information on the Tree Canopy Strategy and provide progress updates. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |
| 6.7 | Develop and maintain a partial tree inventory, including for all new trees planted in built up areas. | Annually 2023-2042 |

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| 6.8 Partner with the State Government and neighbouring councils on acquiring, or Council to acquire its own periodic tree canopy cover data. | Ongoing 2022-2042 |
| 6.9 Develop a strategic asset management plan for Council managed trees in built up areas. | Foundation action by 2024 |