



Town of Cottesloe

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Dear Resident

Verge Street Tree Infill Planting Program

We will be commencing our street tree verge planting to infill verges that either do not have a tree or that have large open spaces. This will commence in June 2021 and includes areas that residents have previously opted not to have trees planted within Council verges.

Our approach this year is consistent with Council's newly adopted Street Tree Policy that is committed towards increasing the Town of Cottesloe's canopy and requires a minimum of one tree to be planted on every verge adjacent to each property. Residents may nominate a position for the new tree and would need to notify the Town of this preferred location within the verge. We will accommodate where possible. A stake will be placed on the verge to identify the location of the tree prior to planting.

The Town's Street Tree Masterplan, can be found on our website - <https://www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/reference-documents.aspx> this has pre-determined tree species for each street.

All street trees are the Town of Cottesloe's (Local Government) property. The Council will seek to recover all related replanting costs associated for any damage, unauthorised removal and pruning. We ask that you contact us should you require any maintenance or have any concerns with the trees.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Joshua Lappan, Acting Coordinator Parks and Operations, on (08) 9285 5000 or via email on town@cottesloe.wa.gov.au should your require any further information.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely



Shaun Kan

Director Engineering Services

Address	Reasoning	Recommendation	Residents Letter
7 Rosser street	resident is worried that a new tree will shade her front yard to much killing her pre existing garden bed and that a new tree will be to close to a large date palm on her property.	tree should be planted	
1 Vera Street	resident has a chinese elm already and doesn't want another, it will reduce parking to the front of her house. She also runs a office out of her house and needs parking for staff.	tree should be planted,there is ample space and where I have pegged doesn't effect any parking or pre existing tree.	
1 Torrens Court	resident is concerned that there isnt enough room on their verge and it will create a safety issue with visibility on the street	tree should be planted	
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15a Rosser Street	1. We already have a large, widely spreading peppermint tree on the verge in front of our house. 2. We use the verge for parking as parking is not allowed on our side of Rosser Street, and we already often find it difficult to find parking spaces on the other side. 3. My wife has multiple schelosis and finds it essential to be able to park on the verge in front of our house. She is very nervous about the laneway. 4. We also have a regular visitor with an autistic son who finds parking elsewhere a problem. For safety reasons he parks on the verge.	tree could be planted but in years to come could over crowd the existing.	
86 Broome Street	resident is concerned that a second tree is going to block access for her and her carers to easily access her gate in her walking frame	tree should be planted	
15A Beach Street	resident is concerned that the new trees are going to block the stop sign and block the line of sight down the street. Resident has just sold the house and is moving out soon.	trees can be planted in a way that minimises the effect.	
17 Rosser Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our verge is very narrow with a width of only 11 m. • There is already a substantial peppermint tree on the border with our neighbour (also an 11m wide verge) • An extra tree will significantly inconvenience us by limiting our parking space on the verge • Although we have a 2 car garage at the back that we use every night for two cars, the front verge is used for an additional family member's car (living with us), for visitors and sometimes for convenience/short stops to save time and avoid negotiating a narrow laneway to get to our garage. • An example is when we arrange to pick up my 95 year old mother to visit us. She uses a stroller (soon to be replaced with a wheel chair) and it is far easier for her to enter through the front rather than through the garage. • As context for the above bullet points, Rosser St is a narrow street and there is no street parking on our side of the street. Parking on the other side is usually taken by other residents and is limited in any case because most houses in the street have driveways (whereas we don't) reducing the number of spaces. I would encourage you to visit the street after 5pm and witness how the entire north side of the street is full with parked cars. This means that the nearest parking spaces for us are some 50 to 100 metres closer to or on the verges of Curtin Avenue. • Our house was deliberated designed to avoid a garage at the front and for use of the available rear lane. This was in line with Council preferences and it avoided the need to install an additional driveway in the street. Having done the right thing in this regard, an additional tree in our narrow verge would unfairly inconvenience us relative to others in street with driveways and relative to residents on the north side who have street parking immediately in front of their houses. • As a further consideration, an additional tree on our verge would be within 2-3 metres of our front yard pool further inconveniencing us by shading the pool and increasing leaves and flowers that drop in the pool. The existing tree already does this. 	tree should be planted	
16 Vera Street	The resident has requested for the Norfolk Island Pine Tree to be removed from the verge as this is causing damage to the front wall of the property. This request for removal is consistent with the street tree policy and as such a recommendation has been made for its removal.	Given that any tree planted will be within close proximity to an adjacent verge tree, no replacement is proposed.	
36 Brighton Street	The owner has requested for an existing tree to be removed as this is in the way of the property's cross over.	Given that the owner is still able to access the property, it is in the officer's opinion that the tree should not be removed as there are engineering solutions around access.	