



Objective 1. Value, protect and manage trees

	Action	Responsible team	Timeframe	Estimated cost	Funding source	Measure
1.1 ¹	Review the Tree Management Plan and include best practice guidelines to maximise the benefits of council trees and minimise risk.	Tree Management	Foundation action by 2023	\$30,000	Existing internal budget	Tree Management Plan updated
1.2	Develop a management plan for large habitat trees on council managed land in built up areas.	Tree Management	Foundation action by 2023	\$10,000	Existing internal budget	Large habitat tree management plan
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.	Tree Management, Communications	Foundation action by 2023	\$10,000	Existing internal budget	Communications package
1.4 ³	Develop a monetary valuation method and policy for trees on public land.	Tree Management	Foundation action by 2024	\$0		Tree valuation method and policy adopted by Council
1.5	Investigate incentives for private landowners to protect and manage large habitat trees on private land.	Environmental Stewardship	Foundation action by 2023	\$0		Recommendations report

¹ Also aligns with Objective 6.

² Also aligns with Objective 2.

³ Also aligns with Objective 6.

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1.6 ⁴	Review of current process, practice and resourcing for the protection and management of trees on council projects.	Tree Management, Major Projects, Recreation & Active Living, Infrastructure Services, Infrastructure Delivery, Environmental Stewardship, Roads for Community Initiative	Foundation action by 2023	\$0		Recommendations report
1.7 ⁵	Review current process, practice, and resourcing for the enforcement of tree protection as required by council planning permits.	Development Compliance and Prosecutions, Tree Management	Foundation action by 2023	\$0		Recommendations report
1.8	Advocate infrastructure solutions for the coexistence of healthy trees near utility services.	Tree Management	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		Records of communication
1.9	Continue to advocate for State Government infrastructure projects to avoid tree removal and minimise tree impacts.	Tree Management, Environmental Stewardship	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		Records of communication

⁴ Also aligns with Objective 6.

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1.10 ⁶	Develop and maintain an inventory of large habitat trees on council managed land in built up areas.	Tree Management, Enterprise Systems	Annually 2024-2042	\$0		Large habitat tree inventory
1.11 ⁷	Develop and implement a program to manage large habitat trees on council managed land in built up areas.	Tree Management	Annually 2024-2042	\$50,000/year	Existing internal budget	Large habitat tree management program
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.	Tree Management, Bushland Management	Annually 2023-2042	\$150,000/year	Existing internal budget	Bushfire preparedness tree management program

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	Responsible team	Timeframe	Estimated cost	Funding source	Measure
2.1 ⁹	Develop criteria and identify priority areas for tree planting and renewal.	Tree Management	Foundation action by 2023	\$20,000	Existing internal budget	Priority area maps
2.2 ¹⁰	Develop and implement a community engagement plan for tree planting and renewal projects.	Tree Management, Communications	Ongoing 2023-2042	\$0		Community engagement survey
2.3	Investigate incentives for private landowners to plant large tree species such as <i>Eucalyptus regnans</i> (Mountain Ash) on private land.	Environmental Stewardship	Foundation action by 2023	\$0		Recommendations report
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.	Urban Design & Landscape Architecture, Strategic Planning, Tree Management	Foundation action by 2024	\$30,000	Existing internal budget (may be shared across Planning Design & Development Directorate)	Design guidelines updated
2.5	Investigate opportunities to improve compliance with endorsed landscape plans for development sites, particularly the planting of trees.	Development Compliance & Prosecutions, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture	Foundation action by 2023	\$0		Recommendations report

⁹ Also aligns with Objective 5.

¹⁰ Also aligns with Objective 6.

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	Action	Responsible team	Timeframe	Estimated cost	Funding source	Measure
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).	Strategic Planning	Foundation action by 2024	\$0		Recommendations report
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.	Tree Management, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture, Infrastructure Strategy & Investigations	Foundation action by 2023	\$0		Recommendations report
2.8 ¹³	Develop and implement a tree planting and renewal program for priority areas, inclusive of two years of establishment maintenance.	Tree Management	Annually 2022-2042	\$400,000/year	Existing internal budget	Two year rolling program
2.9 ¹⁴	Develop and implement a formative pruning program for all new street tree plantings.	Tree Management	Annually 2022-2042	\$0 (Existing Officer hours)		Four year rolling program

¹² Also aligns with Objectives 4 & 6.

¹³ Also aligns with Objectives 4 & 6.

¹⁴ Also aligns with Objective 4 & 6.

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2.10 ¹⁵ Seek opportunities for partnership with the Department of Transport for planting projects along major tourist routes.	Tree Team, Infrastructure Strategy & Investigations, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture	Annually 2022-2042	\$0		Records of communication
2.11 Collaborate with the eastern region councils to achieve the goals of the <i>Living Melbourne: Our Metropolitan Urban Forest</i> strategy.	Tree Management, Environmental Stewardship	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		Records of communication
2.12 ¹⁶ Review contract maintenance specifications for tree planting and establishment.	Tree Management	Foundation action by 2024	\$0		Contract maintenance specifications updated

¹⁵ Also aligns with Objective 3.

¹⁶ Also aligns with Objective 6.



Objective 3. Conserve culturally significant trees and enhance local tourism

	Action	Responsible team	Timeframe	Estimated cost	Funding source	Measure
3.1 ¹⁷	Develop a management plan for culturally significant trees on council managed land.	Tree Management	Foundation action by 2024	\$10,000	Existing internal budget	Culturally significant tree management plan
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.	Tree Management, Coordinator Indigenous Development, Coordinator Economic Development & Tourism, Communications	Ongoing 2024-2042	\$10,000	Existing internal budget (Tree Management)	Community engagement survey
3.3 ¹⁸	Develop and maintain an inventory of culturally significant trees on council managed land.	Tree Management, Enterprise Systems	Annually 2023-2042	\$0		Culturally significant tree inventory
3.4 ¹⁹	Develop and implement a program to manage culturally significant trees on council managed land, including renewing poorly performing trees.	Tree Management	Annually 2024-2042	\$50,000/year	Existing internal budget	Culturally significant tree management program

¹⁷ Also aligns with Objective 6.

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3.5	Investigate opportunities to update Planning Scheme heritage controls with reference to the culturally significant tree inventory.	Strategic Planning	Foundation action by 2024	\$0		Recommendations report
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.	Recreation & Active Living, Indigenous Development Coordinator	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		Indigenous references to Country and culture are featured in our playspaces
3.7	Investigate opportunities to plant tree lined streets as part of 'Welcome to...' gateways into towns.	Infrastructure Strategy & Investigations, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture, Tree Management, Parks & Bushland	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		Records of communication



Objective 4. Improve tree canopy resilience to climate change

	Action	Responsible team	Timeframe	Estimated cost	Funding source	Measure
4.1	Develop a tree planting palette for built up areas with consideration of species diversity and future climate suitability.	Tree Management	Foundation action by 2023	\$10,000	Existing internal budget	Tree planting palette
4.2	Develop a concept plan and grant proposal for a future climate arboretum.	Tree Management, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture	Foundation action by 2024	\$20,000	Existing internal budget (may be shared across responsible teams)	Concept plan and grant proposal
4.3	Collaborate with researchers and tree growers to trial tree species that may be more suitable for a future climate.	Tree Management	Ongoing 2023-2027	\$50,000	Existing internal budget/external funding opportunity	Tree species trial project
4.4	Investigate opportunities to incorporate water sensitive urban design (WSUD) principles as part of the tree planting program.	Tree Management, Infrastructure Strategy & Investigations	Foundation action by 2024	\$0		Recommendations report
4.5 ²⁰	Develop and implement an integrated pest management plan (IPM) for the proactive monitoring and treatment of pests and disease outbreaks.	Tree Management	Annually 2023-2042	\$50,000/year	Existing internal budget supplemented by external funding from partner agencies	Integrated pest management (IPM) program

²⁰ Also aligns with Objective 6.



Objective 5. Support and enhance community health and wellbeing

	Action	Responsible team	Timeframe	Estimated cost	Funding source	Measure
5.1	Review landscape guidelines for council capital works projects and integrate targets for tree planting and/or canopy cover.	Urban Design & Landscape Architecture, Parks & Bushland	Foundation action by 2023	\$0		Landscape guidelines for council capital works projects updated
5.2	Integrate shade and cooling principles into the Paths and Trails Strategy/Plan (under development).	Recreation & Active Living	Foundation action by 2024	\$0		Shade or cool refuge targets in the Paths and Trails Strategy/Plan
5.3 ²¹	Continue to advocate for tree planting as part of State Government infrastructure projects, to support and enhance community health and wellbeing.	Urban Design & Landscape Architecture, Tree Management	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		Records of communication
5.4	Integrate tree canopy cover targets for all activity centres.	Strategic Planning, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		All new Structure Plans include tree canopy cover targets
5.5	Continue to organise tree planting days to engage community members and groups.	Parks & Bushland	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		Community engagement survey

²¹ Also aligns with Objective 2.

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5.6 ²²	Incorporate trees for cooler and greener streets as part of streetscape revitalisation and car park projects	Urban Design & Landscape Architecture, Tree Management, Infrastructure Delivery	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		Tree canopy is a feature of revitalised streetscapes and car parks

²² Also aligns with Objective 2.



Objective 6. Apply best practice tree management

	Action	Responsible team	Timeframe	Estimated cost	Funding source	Measure
6.1	Develop a business case and position description for a Program Manager to coordinate the delivery of the Tree Canopy Strategy.	Tree Management	Within 6 months of strategy endorsement	Subject to business case	Subject to business case	Program Manager business case and position description
6.2	Develop a business case and position description for a Technical Officer to assist the delivery of the Tree Canopy Strategy.	Tree Management	Within 6 months of strategy endorsement	Subject to business case	Subject to business case	Technical Officer business case and position description
6.3	Program Manager to convene a Steering Committee to oversee, and Working Groups to implement the Tree Canopy Strategy.	Tree Management, all other relevant teams	Within 12 months of strategy endorsement	Subject to Program Manager business case	Subject to Program Manager business case	Minutes from quarterly meetings with the Steering Committee and Working Groups
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).	Tree Management	Foundation action by 2023	\$0		Tree Policy updated
6.5	Program Manager to monitor, review and report on the progress of the Tree Canopy Strategy.	Tree Management	Annually 2023-2042	Subject to Program Manager business case	Subject to Program Manager business case	Annual report to Steering Committee

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6.6	Update the Council website to include information on the Tree Canopy Strategy and provide progress updates.	Tree Management	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$0		Council website updated
6.7	Develop and maintain a partial tree inventory, including for all new trees planted in built up areas.	Tree Management, Enterprise Systems	Annually 2023-2042	\$0		Tree inventory
6.8	Partner with the State Government and neighbouring councils on acquiring, or Council to acquire its own periodic tree canopy cover data.	Tree Management, Enterprise Systems	Ongoing 2022-2042	\$200,00-400,000 (\$50,000-100,000 every 5 years)	Within existing budget (funding to be shared across organisation through packaged purchase of spatial data)	Data acquired every 5 years
6.9	Develop a strategic asset management plan for Council managed trees in built up areas.	Tree Management, Digital & Data	Foundation action by 2024	\$0		Tree asset management plan