



AGENDA

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON

**13 MAY 2024 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SALISBURY LIVING SUB
COMMITTEE**

**IN WITTBER & DR RUBY DAVY ROOMS, SALISBURY COMMUNITY HUB,
34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY**

MEMBERS

Cr L Brug (Chairman)
Mayor G Aldridge (ex officio)
Deputy Mayor Cr C Buchanan
Cr J Chewparsad
Cr P Jensen
Cr S McKell (Deputy Chairman)
Cr S Ouk

REQUIRED STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Mr J Harry
General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr J Devine
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr C Mansueto
General Manager Community Development, Mrs A Pokoney Cramey
General Manager City Development, Ms M English
Manager Governance, Mr R Deco

APOLOGIES

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Presentation of the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee Meeting held on 08 April 2024.

REPORTS

ESATS1 Future Reports for the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub
Committee 7

ESATS2 Tree Removal Requests - March 2024 9

ESATS3 Appeals Report - Tree Removal Requests - Various Locations for February
and March 2024 21

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

There are no Questions on Notice

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There are no Motions on Notice

OTHER BUSINESS

(Questions Without Notice, Motions Without Notice, CEO Updates)

CLOSE



**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN WITTBER & DR RUBY DAVY ROOMS, SALISBURY
COMMUNITY HUB, 34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY ON**

8 APRIL 2024

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| MEMBERS PRESENT | Cr L Brug (Chairman) Mayor G Aldridge (ex officio) Deputy Mayor, Cr C Buchanan Cr J Chewparsad Cr P Jensen Cr S McKell (Deputy Chairman) |
| OBSERVERS | Cr B Brug Cr S Reardon (<i>from 7.55pm</i>) |
| STAFF | Chief Executive Officer, Mr J Harry General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr J Devine A/General Manager Community Development, Ms V Haracic General Manager City Development, Ms M English Manager Governance, Mr R Deco Manager People & Performance, Ms K Logan Manager Engineering Assets & Systems, Mr M Purdie, Team Leader Parks & Landscape, Mr N John Senior Social Planner, Ms L Grant Personal Assistant – Executive Office, Ms M Healy |

The meeting commenced at 7.29pm.

The Chairman welcomed the Elected Members, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cr S Ouk.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr S McKell
Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

The Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee Meeting held on 12 March 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS

ESATS1 Future Reports for the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee

Moved Cr S McKell
Seconded Mayor G Aldridge

That Council:

1. Notes the report.

CARRIED

ESATS2 Tree Removal Requests - February 2024

Moved Cr S McKell
Seconded Mayor G Aldridge

That Council:

1. Notes the report.
2. Approves a 2023/24 third Quarter non-discretionary budget review bid of \$150,000 for the additional budget allocation required for reactive tree removals for the remainder of 2023/24.

CARRIED

ESATS3 Tree Planting - Reactive Planting Timeframes

Moved Cr P Jensen
Seconded Cr S McKell

That Council:

1. Notes and continues the existing process for tree replacement planting as per the report (Item ESATS3, Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, 8 April 2024).
2. Approves to plant juvenile trees throughout the approved planting season, where a resident has requested one ahead of existing process and has agreed to care for the tree.

CARRIED

ESATS4 Internal review of the tree management removal framework

Moved Cr C Buchanan
Seconded Cr P Jensen

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised and updated Tree Management Policy (Attachment 1, Item ESATS4, Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee 8 April 2024) as amended at Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, noting that a further draft with track changes applied will be presented at the Urban Services Committee Meeting in April 2024.
2. Adopts the revised and updated Tree Removal Procedure. (Attachment 3, Item ESATS4, Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, 8 April 2024) as amended at Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee noting that a further draft with track changes applied will be presented at the Urban Services Committee Meeting in April 2024.
3. Adopts the revised and updated Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 5, Item ESATS4, Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, 8 April 2024) with the following amendment to clause 11.3 to read ‘The Sub Committee shall consider appeals with regard to the appeal section of the Tree Removal Procedure and consideration to the Tree Removal Criteria’.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no Questions on Notice

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no Motions on Notice

OTHER BUSINESS

(Questions Without Notice, Motions Without Notice, CEO Updates)

There were no Other Business items.

CLOSE

The meeting closed at 8.31pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....

INFORMATION ONLY

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| ITEM | ESATS1 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE |
| DATE | 13 May 2024 |
| HEADING | Future Reports for the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee |
| AUTHOR | Corina Allen, City Infrastructure Administration Coordinator, City Infrastructure |
| CITY PLAN LINKS | 4.2 We deliver quality outcomes that meet the needs of our community |
| SUMMARY | This item details reports to be presented to the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee as a result of a previous Council resolution. |

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the report.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A list of resolutions requiring a future report to Council is presented to each Sub Committee and standing Committee for noting.
- 1.2 If reports have been deferred to a subsequent month, this will be indicated, along with a reason for the deferral.

2. EXTERNAL CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Nil.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The following table outlines reports to be presented to the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee as a result of a previous Council resolution:

| Meeting - Item | Heading and Resolution | Officer |
|-----------------------|--|----------------|
| 18/12/23 | Sustainability Partnerships | Lara Daddow |
| ESATS3 | 3. Approves pursuing establishment of a trial Regional Climate Partnership with the City of Playford, Town of Gawler, Local Government Association and Department for Environment and Water with a further report to be presented to Council with a Memorandum of Understanding. | |
| Due: | December 2024 | |

CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Future reports for the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee have been reviewed and are presented to Council for noting.

INFORMATION ONLY

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| ITEM | ESATS2 |
| | ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE |
| DATE | 13 May 2024 |
| HEADING | Tree Removal Requests - March 2024 |
| AUTHOR | Nigel John, Team Leader Parks & Landscape, City Infrastructure |
| CITY PLAN LINKS | 1.1 Our City is attractive and well-maintained 4.1 Members of our community receive an exceptional experience when interacting with Council |
| SUMMARY | This monthly report provides Elected Members with an update on tree removal requests received from residents. |

RECOMMENDATIONThat Council:

- Notes the items within this report (Item ESATS2, Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, 13 May 2024).

ATTACHMENTS

This document should be read in conjunction with the following attachments:

- Tree Removal Requests - March 2024 [↓](#) 

1. BACKGROUND

- At its meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021 Council resolved:

“That a standing report be established for every meeting of the Tree Management Appeals Sub Committee to inform Council of every application received for tree removal and the outcome of that request.”

- At its meeting held on Monday 8 April 2024 Council:

- Adopts the revised and updated Tree Management Policy (Attachment 1, Item ESATS4, Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, 8 April 2024) as amended at Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, noting that a further draft with track changes applied will be presented at the Urban Services Committee Meeting in April 2024.
- Adopts the revised and updated Tree Removal Procedure. (Attachment 3, Item ESATS4, Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, 8 April 2024) as amended at Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee noting that a further draft with track changes applied will be presented at the Urban Services Committee Meeting in April 2024.

3. *Adopts the revised and updated Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 5, Item ESATS4, Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, 8 April 2024) with the following amendment to clause 11.3 to read 'The Sub Committee shall consider appeals with regard to the appeal section of the Tree Removal Procedure and consideration to the Tree Removal Criteria'.*

- 1.3 Staff currently upload a monthly tree removal request information table to the Elected Members Portal. This document has been adapted to provide further information and will now be reported to each meeting of the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee.

2. EXTERNAL CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Various residents.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The attached table is a summary of requests for tree removals received and actioned by staff during the past month and have been provided on the Elected Member Portal for March 2024.

3.2 March 2024

- 3.2.1 Fifty-Nine (59) tree removal requests were received in March 2024.
- 3.2.2 Of these requests, Fifty-one (51) were approved for removal including Four (4) significant or regulated trees approved through development applications.
- 3.2.3 Eight (8) requests were refused. Of these, Five (5) are related to significant or regulated trees under the *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

- 3.3 Tree removal requests often result in ongoing dialogue between the owner of the property and Council on the proposed tree removal and subsequent discussions around the species type and location of the new street tree.

- 3.4 It is important to note that through various annual programs Council plants 2,000 trees each year. These programs include the Street Tree Renewal Program, In-fill Planting Program, Tree Screen Renewal Program, Reserve Upgrade Program, Feature Landscape Renewal Program, Greening Program, School Tree Planting Program, Major Projects and ad-hoc planting requests. These tree renewal programs are cognisant of regulated, significant trees or those forming habitat corridors.

4. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- 4.1 The budget allocation for reactive tree removals for 2023/24 is \$363,000.
- 4.2 At its meeting held on Monday, 8 April 2024, item ESATS2, Council carried an additional \$150,000.00 non-discretionary budget allocation for reactive tree removals for the remaining 2023/2024 financial year.
- 4.3 As of 31 March 2024, the current spend is \$400,241.00.


5. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 5.1 It is proposed that the information contained in the report be noted.

TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS

MONTH: March 2024

Assessed by Parks and Landscape Arborist on site and removed based on Councils Tree Removal Criteria

| | ADDRESS | | DATE | REFERENCE | APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED | REFUSED NOT Regulated or Significant | REFUSED Regulated/Significant |
|----|------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Burton | 17 Wachtel Cres | Wednesday, 27 March 2024 | E353217 Case 15009 | Approved | | |
| 2 | Burton | side 385 Burton Road - Potts Crescent | Thursday, 28 March 2024 | E350320 Case 11616 | Approved | | |
| 3 | Gulfview Heights | 6 Cuthbert Avenue - front | Thursday, 7 March 2024 | E347646 Case 8511 | Approved | | |
| 4 | Gulfview Heights | McIntyre Road - 150m up from Bayview Parade - on south side - dead tree | Tuesday, 12 March 2024 | E350555 Case 11912 | Approved | | |
| 5 | Ingle Farm | 1 Makin Road - dead tree | Tuesday, 12 March 2024 | E351158 | Approved | | |
| 6 | Ingle Farm | side 2 Alawara Road - oleander | Tuesday, 12 March 2024 | E346534 Case 7215 | Approved | | |
| 7 | Ingle Farm | 13 Vitana Avenue - Significant | Tuesday, 12 March 2024 | E351802 Case 13348 | | | <p>Refused - Significant Euc camaldulensis with a Health and structure rating 2 fair. The tree does require some width reduction</p>  |
| 8 | Ingle Farm | 205 Bridge Road | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E352913 Case 14635 | Approved | | |
| 9 | Mawson Lakes | tree between driveways of 34 & 36 Adeline Street | Thursday, 7 March 2024 | E346613 Case 7290 | Approved | | |
| 10 | Mawson Lakes | 5 Sandpiper Chase | Tuesday, 12 March 2024 | E348155 Case 9112 | Approved | | |

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NIGEL JOHN, TEAM LEADER - PARKS and LANDSCAPE - FIELD SERVICES - 0466 022 655

Item ESATS2 - Attachment 1 - Tree Removal Requests - March 2024

TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS

MONTH: March 2024

Assessed by Parks and Landscape Arborist on site and removed based on Councils Tree Removal Criteria

| | ADDRESS | | DATE | REFERENCE | APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED | REFUSED NOT Regulated or Significant | REFUSED Regulated/Significant |
|----|-------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11 | Mawson Lakes | Levels Road Reserve - rear 25 Swan Circuit - dead tree | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E348933 Case 10009 | Approved | | |
| 12 | Mawson Lakes | 4 Parsons Court | Saturday, 23 March 2024 | E348990 Case 10092 | Approved | | |
| 13 | Mawson Lakes | 13-17 Yates Street | Thursday, 28 March 2024 | E344691 Case 5095 | Approved | | |
| 14 | Mawson Lakes | 18 Mallard Crescent | Thursday, 28 March 2024 | E347806 Case 8705 | Approved | | |
| 15 | Para Hills | Stock-Keeper Reserve - opp 12B Pamela Drive - dead tree | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E352616 | Approved | | |
| 16 | Para Hills | 33 Myall Road - dead tree | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E349733 Case 10892 | Approved | | |
| 17 | Para Vista | 9 Bentine Street | Tuesday, 12 March 2024 | E351358 | Approved | | |
| 18 | Parafield Gardens | 1 Sophia Street - STREE-28464 | Friday, 8 March 2024 | E352503 | Approved | | |
| 19 | Parafield Gardens | 54 Parkway Circuit | Tuesday, 12 March 2024 | E347850 - Case 8756 | Approved | | |
| 20 | Parafield Gardens | 7 Primrose Court - Significant | Wednesday, 13 March 2024 | E350929 Case 12356 | D/A Approved - Significant tree | | |
| 21 | Parafield Gardens | Andrew Smith Drive Oval - 3 Sheoaks obstructing open swale | Friday, 15 March 2024 | E351744 | Approved x 3 | | |
| 22 | Parafield Gardens | Parafield Gardens Oval - behind soccer goals - opp driveway of 21 Armstrong Ave | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E352157 | Approved | | |
| 23 | Parafield Gardens | 15 Tregenza Court - dead tree | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E350479 Case 11830 | Approved | | |
| 24 | Parafield Gardens | 16 Shorney Road | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E348928 Case 10007 | Approved | | |
| 25 | Parafield Gardens | 25 Shorney Road | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E348928 Case 10007 | Approved | | |
| 26 | Parafield Gardens | 29 Gardenia Drive | Thursday, 28 March 2024 | E348265 Case 9251 | Approved | | |
| 27 | Paralowie | 2 Mockridge Court - 2 trees | Thursday, 7 March 2024 | E340512 | Approved x 2 | | |



FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NIGEL JOHN, TEAM LEADER - PARKS and LANDSCAPE - FIELD SERVICES - 0466 022 655

Item ESATS2 - Attachment 1 - Tree Removal Requests - March 2024

TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS

MONTH: March 2024

Assessed by Parks and Landscape Arborist on site and removed based on Councils Tree Removal Criteria



| ADDRESS | | DATE | REFERENCE | APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED | REFUSED NOT Regulated or Significant | REFUSED Regulated/Significant |
|---------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 28 | Paralowie 40 Firmin Street - Significant - APPEAL by Resident raise DA as directed by N.John 21/02/24 | Wednesday, 13 March 2024 | E338283 DA 24006337 | | | The significant tree was appealed by the Resident and a DA was submitted for review with an outcome form Plan SA -Refused  |
| 29 | Paralowie 3 Crown Crescent - Regulated - APPEAL by Resident | Friday, 15 March 2024 | C422126- E329340 DA 24006924 | | | The Regulated tree was appealed by the Resident and a DA was submitted for review with an outcome form Plan SA -Refused  |
| 30 | Paralowie 43 Ascot Drive - large dead tree on cnr fronting Caulfield Cres | Monday, 18 March 2024 | E349076 Case 10184 | Approved | | |
| 31 | Paralowie Fairbanks Drive Reserve - side 7 Boon Court - small Euc | Wednesday, 20 March 2024 | E347594 Case 8445 | Approved | | |

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NIGEL JOHN, TEAM LEADER - PARKS and LANDSCAPE - FIELD SERVICES - 0466 022 655

TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS

MONTH: March 2024

Assessed by Parks and Landscape Arborist on site and removed based on Councils Tree Removal Criteria

| ADDRESS | | DATE | REFERENCE | APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED | REFUSED NOT Regulated or Significant | REFUSED Regulated/Significant |
|---------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 32 | Paralowie 28 Cawarra Crescent - Regulated | Friday, 15 March 2024 | E347895 Case 8814 | | | <p>The regulated tree was inspected and found to be in good condition with no pruning required and did not meet criteria for removal.</p>  |
| 33 | Paralowie 28 Jessie Road - Regulated | Wednesday, 27 March 2024 | E349108 Case 10224 | | | <p>Euc sideroxyton regulated tree furthest from driveway was inspected and noted- health and structure rating #2 fair. Tree doesn't meet criteria for removal and recommend minor width reduction</p>  |
| 34 | Paralowie 13 Cawarra Crescent - Regulated - furthest from drive | Monday, 25 March 2024 | E348430 Case 9450 | DA Approved - Regulated | | |

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NIGEL JOHN, TEAM LEADER - PARKS and LANDSCAPE - FIELD SERVICES - 0466 022 655

TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS

MONTH: March 2024

Assessed by Parks and Landscape Arborist on site and removed based on Councils Tree Removal Criteria

| | ADDRESS | | DATE | REFERENCE | APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED | REFUSED NOT Regulated or Significant | REFUSED Regulated/Significant |
|----|-------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 35 | Paralowie | 13 Cawarra Crescent - N/R - nearest drive | Monday, 25 March 2024 | E348430 Case 9450 | Approved | | |
| 36 | Pooraka | 14 Nalpa Street | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E349404 Case 10559 | Approved | | |
| 37 | Pooraka | 23 Raffan Court | Friday, 22 March 2024 | E349669 Case 10832 | Approved | | |
| 38 | Salisbury | side 30 Amanda Street - Ronald Street | Wednesday, 20 March 2024 | E346287 - Case 6966 | Approved | | |
| 39 | Salisbury Downs | side 22 Grant Ave - Retrospective - Regulated - Swanson Street | Monday, 4 March 2024 | E346529 Case 7211 DA 24005077 | DA Approved - Regulated | | |
| 40 | Salisbury Downs | 3 Parkview Avenue | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E350102 Case 11372 | Approved | | |
| 41 | Salisbury Downs | 4 Ealing Street - DA 24003660 - New Dwelling | Friday, 22 March 2024 | E353026 Case 14773 | Approved at Cost | | |
| 42 | Salisbury East | 37 Simpson Street - dead tree nearest drive | Monday, 18 March 2024 | E349298 Case 10452 | Approved | | |
| 43 | Salisbury East | 30 Garside Cres - dead tree | Thursday, 21 March 2024 | E350172 - Case 11438 | Approved | | |
| 44 | Salisbury East | side 22 Willow Street - Barbara Street | Friday, 22 March 2024 | E349927 Case 11135 | Approved | | |
| 45 | Salisbury East | 14 Barrington Crescent | Thursday, 28 March 2024 | E348329 Case 9317 | Approved | | |
| 46 | Salisbury East | 9 Titmus Avenue | Thursday, 28 March 2024 | E349845 Case 11030 | Approved | | |
| 47 | Salisbury Heights | 63 Canterbury Drive | Tuesday, 12 March 2024 | E349084 - Case 10196 | Approved | | |
| 48 | Salisbury Heights | 19 Nicholas Avenue - dead tree | Monday, 18 March 2024 | E349540 Case 10710 | Approved | | |
| 49 | Salisbury Heights | 8 Casserly Crescent | Thursday, 28 March 2024 | E349663 Case 10823 | Approved | | |

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NIGEL JOHN, TEAM LEADER - PARKS and LANDSCAPE - FIELD SERVICES - 0466 022 655

TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS

MONTH: March 2024

Assessed by Parks and Landscape Arborist on site and removed based on Councils Tree Removal Criteria


| | ADDRESS | | DATE | REFERENCE | APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED | REFUSED NOT Regulated or Significant | REFUSED Regulated/Significant |
|----|-----------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 50 | Salisbury North | 3 Bearing Road - tree nearest drive | Friday, 8 March 2024 | E348842 - Case 9887 | | Refused - Appealed (refer to April appeals report) | |
| 51 | Salisbury North | Virginia Road Reserve opposite 2 Virginia Court - Retrospective - Regulated Tree | Monday, 18 March 2024 | E340814 DA 24007585 | DA Approved - Regulated | | |
| 52 | Salisbury North | 19 Yuwindi Avenue | Wednesday, 27 March 2024 | E352347 Case 13973 | Approved | | |
| 53 | Salisbury Park | 9 Closeburn Crescent removal requested from resident at no. 7 | Tuesday, 12 March 2024 | E349075 Case 10181 | | Refused- Request to remove the tree because it looked dead- was inspected and found the tree to be very much alive and in good condition. No obvious structural flaws or history of failure. | |
| 54 | Salisbury Plain | 9 Wesley Court - dead tree | Thursday, 28 March 2024 | E350017 Case 11253 | Approved | | |
| 55 | Salisbury South | 28-60 Nylex Ave - STREE-63516 | Tuesday, 26 March 2024 | E353706 Case 15604 | Approved at Cost | | |
| 56 | Salisbury South | 28-60 Nylex Ave - STREE-63517 | Tuesday, 26 March 2024 | E353706 Case 15604 | Approved at Cost | | |
| 57 | Valley View | 32 Avis Court - dead tree | Tuesday, 19 March 2024 | E349422 Case 10580 | Approved | | |

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NIGEL JOHN, TEAM LEADER - PARKS and LANDSCAPE - FIELD SERVICES - 0466 022 655

TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS

MONTH: March 2024

Assessed by Parks and Landscape Arborist on site and removed based on Councils Tree Removal Criteria

| ADDRESS | | | DATE | REFERENCE | APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED | REFUSED NOT Regulated or Significant | REFUSED Regulated/Significant |
|---------|-------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 58 | Valley View | 8 Sherwood Avenue - Significant - removal requested by resident at 10 Sherwood | Wednesday, 27 March 2024 | E349673 Case 10837 | | | <p>Refused - Significant Tree Euc camaldulensis with a health rating #3. No obvious history of branch failure. Recommend retention and minor reduction and deadwood removal</p>  |
| 59 | Valley View | 8 Morris Drive | Wednesday, 27 March 2024 | E349774 Case 10930 | Approved | | |

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NIGEL JOHN, TEAM LEADER - PARKS and LANDSCAPE - FIELD SERVICES - 0466 022 655

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| ITEM | ESATS3 |
| | ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE |
| DATE | 13 May 2024 |
| HEADING | Appeals Report - Tree Removal Requests - Various Locations for February and March 2024 |
| AUTHOR | Nigel John, Team Leader Parks & Landscape, City Infrastructure |
| CITY PLAN LINKS | 1.1 Our City is attractive and well maintained 1.2 The health and wellbeing of our community is a priority 2.1 Salisbury has a balance of green spaces and natural environments that support biodiversity |
| SUMMARY | In line with the approved tree removal procedure several decisions relating to the retention of trees have been appealed. |

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes that the technical tree assessments undertaken for 3 Bearing Road Salisbury North, 13 Cavendish Terrace Burton, 7 Goldthorn Road Salisbury Park, 15 Dutton Drive Para Hills does not conclude removal be recommended, based solely on the application of Council approved tree removal criteria.
2. Notes that, as part of the appeal process, the refused tree removal requests appealed during February and March 2024, as outlined in the report (Item ESATS3, Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, 13 May 2024), are now presented to the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee for consideration and/or recommendation to Council as per the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee's Terms of Reference.

That the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, using its delegated authority under its adopted Terms of Reference:

3. Refuses the removal of the one (1) *Non-regulated or significant* tree located at 3 Bearing Road Salisbury North.
4. Refuses the removal of the one (1) *Non-regulated or significant* tree located at 13 Cavendish Terrace Burton.
5. Refuses the removal of the one (1) *Non regulated or significant* tree located at 7 Goldthorn Road Salisbury Park
6. Refuses the removal of the one (1) *Non regulated or significant* tree located at 15 Dutton Drive Para Hills.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In line with the approved tree removal procedure, residents are able to appeal decisions relating to the retention of trees. This appeal process involves:
- Report to the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee (ESATS)
 - Notification of outcome to residents

2. EXTENERAL CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Residents
 2.2 Ward Councilors in line with the adopted procedures

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Significant and regulated trees are offered protection through the *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act) and require development applications for removal. Objectives for assessment of development applications are contained within the Regulated and Significant Tree Overlay of the Act:

Regulated trees are retained where they:

- *make an important visual contribution to local character and amenity;*
- *are indigenous to the local area and listed under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 as a rare or endangered native species; and/or*
- *provide an important habitat for native fauna.*

Significant trees are retained where they:

- *make an important contribution to the character or amenity of the local area;*
- *are indigenous to the local area and are listed under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 as a rare or endangered native species;*
- *represent an important habitat for native fauna;*
- *are part of a wildlife corridor of a remnant area of native vegetation;*
- *are important to the maintenance of biodiversity in the local environment; and/or*
- *form a notable visual element to the landscape of the local area.*

3.2 These objectives are distinct from City of Salisbury criteria for removal, which are not a consideration through the development assessment.

3.3 The following appeals have been lodged under the Tree Removal Procedure and the residents are seeking removal of the trees.

| CRM/Salesforce | Street | Suburb | Tree Species |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 9887 | 3 Bearing Road | Salisbury North | Euc leucoxyton |
| 8764 | 13 Cavendish Terrace | Burton | Sophora sp |
| 6107 | 7 Goldthorn Road | Salisbury Park | Ficus rubiginosa |
| 6683 | 15 Dutton Drive | Para Hills | Euc torquata |

- 3.4 The initial assessment for each appeal has identified that the trees are healthy, in good condition without any structural flaws and didn't meet City of Salisbury criteria for removal.
- 3.5 Where appropriate, pruning or canopy reduction has been undertaken to help alleviate concerns raised and actively manage the trees.
- 3.6 Following notification of appeal from the resident, and where appropriate, site meetings were arranged given the history with the trees.
- 3.7 Any further information provided by residents was reviewed and the appeals are presented directly to the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee for recommendation to Council for consideration.
- 3.8 ***3 Bearing Road Salisbury North***
- 3.8.1 The Euc leucoxyton tree is noted as not being regulated or significant and has been inspected by two independent bodies.
- 3.8.2 The tree is in good health and doesn't achieve removal through the current criteria framework.
- 3.8.3 Maintenance pruning is recommended to reduce some weight over the driveway.



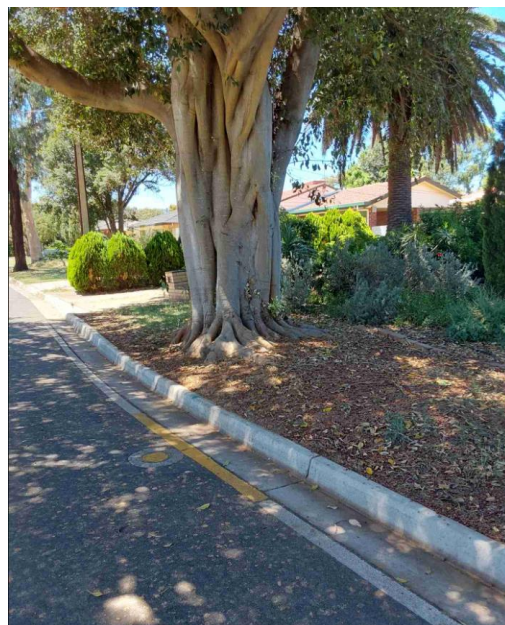
3.9 ***13 Cavendish Terrace Burton***

- 3.9.1 The Sophora tree is noted as not being regulated or significant and has been inspected by two independent arborists.
- 3.9.2 The Sophora is noted to have a health and structure rating of #1 good.
- 3.9.3 The tree is also a well-formed specimen that wouldn't normally achieve removal criteria.
- 3.9.4 Minor pruning is recommended



3.10 *7 Goldthorn Road Salisbury Park*

- 3.10.1 Ficus rubiginosa has a health and structure rating of #2 good condition with no obvious structural defects, although some vandalism “drill holes” at the base of the tree are noted.
- 3.10.2 The Ficus rubiginosa is a very large tree but exempt from the current legislative requirements.
- 3.10.3 Two independent parties have inspected and do not support the removal.
- 3.10.4 Tree canopy shade is not a criteria for removal.



3.11 *15 Dutton Drive Para Hills*

- 3.11.1 The Euc torquata is noted as not being regulated or significant and has been inspected by two independent bodies.
- 3.11.2 The Euc torquata is noted to have a health and structure rating of #2 good.
- 3.11.3 The tree is also a well-formed specimen that wouldn't normally achieve removal criteria.
- 3.11.4 The tree was also assessed to see if pruning is required and at this point in time no pruning is required.



4. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

4.1 The approximate cost for the removal of trees is detailed in the below table

| Street | Tree Species | Removal Cost | Comments |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---|
| 3 Bearing Road Salisbury North | Euc leucoxylon | \$1600 | All costs are inclusive of development approval fee, tree removal cost, traffic management and stump grinding |
| 13 Cavendish Terrace Burton | Sophora sp | \$800 | |
| 7 Goldthorn Road Salisbury Park | Ficus rubiginosa | \$10,000 | |
| 15 Dutton Drive Para Hills | Euc torquata | \$1600 | |

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 In accordance with the approved tree removal procedure, some decisions relating to the retention of trees have been appealed.
- 5.2 Site meetings have been completed and the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee can now decide to approve removal, refuse removal or recommend that a Development Application be lodged for removal in line with the Sub Committee's adopted Terms of Reference.