

STREET TREES

INTRODUCTION

Street Trees are an important element in the enhancement of Broome's Streetscape and the visual appeal of your street and property. Street trees provide shade, enhance the environment and create a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Landscaping of verges can be broken up into 2 categories, Verge Treatments and Street Trees. This information sheet explains the services provided by the Shire and the responsibility of the Landowner in relation to the supply and maintenance of street trees.

For further information on installing and maintaining gardens, irrigation, turfing and surface treatments within the verge please refer to the Verge Treatment Information Sheet.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE

The Shire of Broome encourages the installation of street trees and will supply an urban Landowner, who currently does not have street trees in their verge, 1 tree per 20m of verge length parallel to the road, adjacent to their property. The supply of these trees will be free of charge under the understanding that the landowner will install the trees in accordance with this information sheet and to water the tree for the first 2 years.

DEFINITIONS

Verge: The area between the back of the kerb (or edge of the road if no kerb exists) and the property boundary.

Approved Street Tree: A developer installed street tree or a tree of the approved species for that street planted in a verge in accordance with the street tree installation requirements included in this Information Sheet

WHO IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN STREET TREES?

The Shire of Broome will maintain all Approved street trees and naturally occurring endemic species within the verge. All other trees planted in the verge or on the adjacent property that extends out over the verge, are the responsibility of the Landowner whether installed by that Landowner or previous Landowners or Residents.

WHAT SPECIES OF TREE WILL BE SUPPLIED?

To ensure the species of tree is suitable to your verge and to create a consistent theme within a street the Shire has approved a species of tree for every street. Please check the attached council approved Street Tree List to find the street tree species approved for your street.

CAN I PLANT TREES AND VEGETATION OTHER THAN APPROVED STREET TREES IN THE VERGE?

You can plant trees and vegetation other than approved street trees in the verge, where it is installed in accordance with the Verge Treatment Information Sheet. Planting of this nature remains the responsibility of the landowner and will not be supplied, maintained, trimmed or removed by the Shire.

CAN I REMOVE OR TRIM TREES WITHIN THE VERGE?

All approved street trees and naturally occurring endemic species within the verge are the property of the Shire and it is an offence to trim or remove these trees without prior approval. If you are wishing to remove trees from your verge please contact Parks and Gardens on 9193 7033 to have protected trees identified and to get approval for removal of these trees where necessary.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE SUPPLY OF A STREET TREE?

Complete the Street Tree Supply Application Form attached to this information sheet and forward it to the Shire as per the directions on the application form.

STREET TREE INSTALLATION

Before installation the installer is required to contact dial before you dig (1100) and other service and utility providers to ensure underground services and infrastructure are not damaged and correct clearances are maintained.

To minimise the cost of future maintenance, facilitate future footpath installations and to prevent damage to overhead and underground services, street trees must be installed in accordance with the following minimum clearances to the centre of the Tree:

- 3.2m from back of kerb
- 1.2m from the edge of existing footpath
- Not within 20m of an intersection (See Figure 1 Below)
- 1.2m from the property boundary
- 1.2m from the closest side of and of an existing underground service
- 4m from a driveway or street signage
- 5m from a light pole
- 3m from a fire hydrant
- Minimum distance as specified by any underground service provider

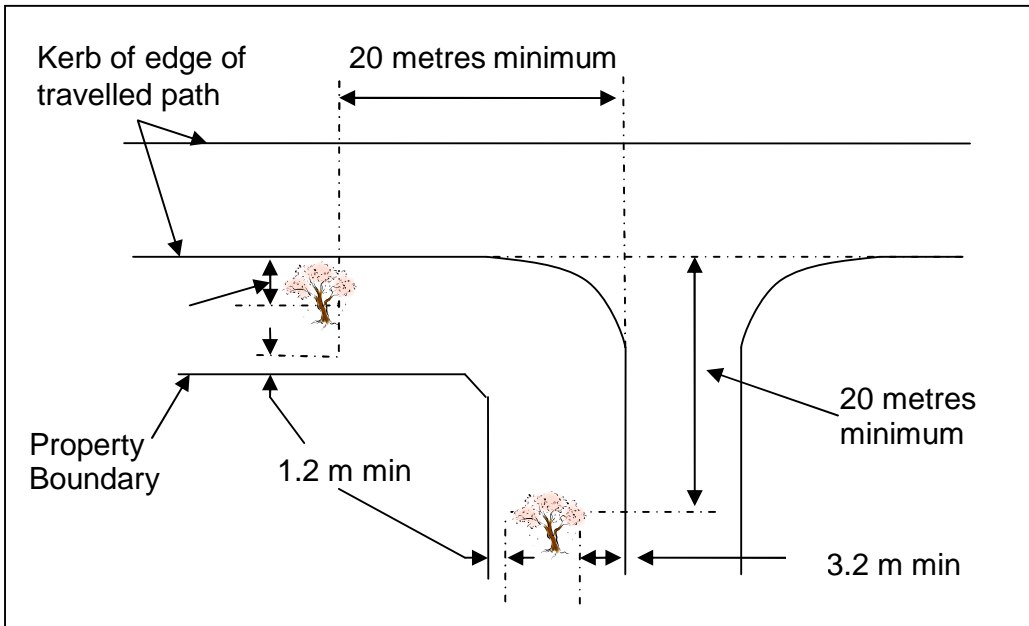


Figure 1 – Intersection Planting Clearances

Where the above minimum clearances cannot be achieved, please contact Council for specific advice on your situation.

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The tree specie listed in the table below is the current selection to be used for all approved street-tree plantings

Each street in Broome has been assessed and a particular “Theme” tree identified which becomes the Approved Street tree” for your street. Contact the Parks and Gardens Team for advice on the Theme Tree for your street.

Botanical Name	Common Name
Acacia eriopoda	Pindan wattle
Adonsonia gregorii	Boab
Alstonis linerias	Bitter bark
Eucalyptus bella	Weeping ghost gum
Eucalyptus bigalerita	Northern salmon gum
Eucalyptus dampieri	Dampiers bloodwood
Eucalyptus miniata	Woolybutt
Eucalyptus paractica	Cable beach ghost gum
Eucalyptus phoenicia	Scarlet gum
Eucalyptus polycarpa	Long fruited bloodwood
Eucalyptus ptychocarpa	Swamp bloodwood
Gardenia pyroformis	Turpentine tree
Grevillea pteridifolia	Kimberley christmas tree
Hakea aborescens	Yellow hakea
Lysyphyllium cunninghamii	Jigal
Melaleuca dealbata	Garnboor tree
Mimusops elengii	Mamajen
Owenia reticulata	Desert walnut
Planchinia careya	Cocky apple
Terminalia cunninghamii	Pindan walnut
Terminalia ferdinandiana	Gubinge tree
Terminalia petiolaris	Blackberry tree
Leptospernum longifolium	Weeping t-tree

*denotes trial specie