

Managing Trees for Future Growth

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the Tree Management Plan 2017 at its meeting this yesterday.

Council recognises that trees are significant assets that are of high value to the community and the environment.

The plan documents Council's tree management strategies and maintenance frameworks for all Council managed trees within 40 to 80 kilometres per hour speed zones and within any Council managed parks outside townships.

The plan was created after the Minister for Emergency Services requested that all councils review their tree management processes and the 2011 Urban Tree Management Guidelines did not address some recommendations.

This was in response to a number of tragic incidents that have occurred across Victoria from tree failures.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Manager Operations Fred Huitema was pleased the plan had been adopted.

"The Tree Management Plan 2017 ensures that all Council managed trees in South Gippsland are well looked after and inspected regularly, particularly if damage is evident.

"It also provides a strategic process for selecting new trees and ensuring they are planted in appropriate areas with ideal conditions.

"Making these decisions are important as trees can last for generations, it is our responsibility to ensure they can grow to their full potential for everyone to enjoy," said Mr Huitema.

The Tree Management Plan 2017 is available to view on Council's website.

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