

**5.4 AMENDMENT TO THE TREES OF SIGNIFICANCE INVENTORY TO INCLUDE THE JACARANDA TREE AT NO. 81 COOGEE STREET, MOUNT HAWTHORN**

- Attachments:**
1. **No. 81 Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn Aerial Map**
  2. **No. 81 Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn Image**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council APPROVES an amendment to the City's Trees of Significance Inventory to include the Jacaranda tree (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) at No. 81 Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn.**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

For Council to consider an amendment to the Trees of Significance Inventory (the Inventory) to include the Jacaranda tree (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) at No. 81 Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn in accordance with Local Planning Policy No. 7.6.3 – Trees of Significance (LPP 7.6.3).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Inventory was first adopted in 1997 and includes 27 sites containing approximately 300 significant trees. Its purpose is to identify and protect trees under Clause 61 of Local Planning Scheme No. 2 which states:

*"61. Development for which development approval not required*

*(1) Development approval of the local government is not required for the following works –*

*(k) works to remove, destroy and/or interfere with any tree(s) where it is not listed on the City of Vincent Trees of Significance Inventory."*

Of the trees included in the Inventory, only eight are contained within private property.

Following its adoption, the Inventory underwent review in 2003, 2010 and 2013, during which time over 400 additional trees were identified, assessed by an Arborist and met the criteria for inclusion onto the Inventory.

LPP 7.6.3 was adopted on 27 March 2001 providing a framework for the management of trees included on the Inventory. LPP 7.6.3 was amended on 25 June 2013, with a noteworthy addition being the ability for private landowners to nominate trees within their property for inclusion onto the Inventory. Since that time, an additional five trees have been nominated and adopted onto the Inventory.

A tree may be considered to be significant and worthy of inclusion onto the Inventory if one or more of the following criteria are found to be present:

- a) outstanding aesthetic quality;
- b) outstandingly large height, trunk circumference or canopy spread;
- c) commemoration or association with particular historical or cultural events;
- d) association with a well known public figure or ethnic group;
- e) specimen of great age;
- f) outstanding example of a particular species;
- g) rare or unusual species;
- h) horticultural, genetic or propagative value; or
- i) likely to be a remnant or regrowth local native tree.

**DETAILS:**

The City received a nomination from the owner of No. 81 Coogee Street on 21 March 2022 to include the Jacaranda tree (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) at the rear of the property onto the Trees of Significance Inventory.

The tree was assessed in accordance with the process and selection criteria of the LPP 7.6.3, Administration has found the subject tree meets criteria: a) *outstanding aesthetic quality* and e) *specimen of a great age*.

The tree is large and is a good example of its species with well-structured crown and canopy spread, displaying a mass seasonal display of purple flowers. Examples of Jacaranda trees of similar size and quality are included on the Inventory and situated in Hyde Park and HBF Park (Perth Oval). Jacaranda trees have been identified in previous reviews of the Inventory as a valuable asset to the community from an aesthetic perspective given their vibrant floral display, providing seasonal colour to the landscape. The subject tree is considered to be of *outstanding aesthetic quality* for the aforementioned reasons.

The exact age of the tree is unknown, however the owner estimates it to be approximately 60 years old. An investigation of Landgate historic aerial maps shows the mature tree in situ circa 1965 making it likely to be between 50 - 60 years old, meeting the criteria of a *specimen of a great age*.

The subject tree is valued from an environmental perspective. Due to the impact on trees from demolition and development throughout developing areas of Vincent, retention of healthy, mature trees supports the City's objective of maintaining its urban tree canopy.

In accordance with the requirements of LPP 7.6.3, the tree was assessed by an arboriculturist at The Arbor Centre consultancy having regard to its health and vitality as follows:

*'The remaining canopy displays acceptable health given the works that have occurred in the northern property over the past few months. The subject tree displays good new seasons growth (includes regeneration), good leaf colouration and size at time of assessment.*

*The subject tree assessed has been identified as capable of being retained provided the issues identified within this report are acknowledged &/or addressed within a long term tree management plan'.*

#### **CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:**

Consultation is not required under the provisions of the Policy or any legislation.

#### **LEGAL/POLICY:**

- City of Vincent Local Planning Scheme No. 2; and
- Local Planning Policy No. 7.6.3 – Trees of Significance.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Low: It is low risk for Council to support the recommendation to adopt the tree situated at No. 81 Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn onto the Trees of Significance Inventory.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028*:

##### Enhanced Environment

*Our urban forest/canopy is maintained and increased.*

##### Sensitive Design

*Our planning framework supports quality design, sustainable urban built form and is responsive to our community and local context.*

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the following key sustainability outcomes of the *City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*.

##### *Urban Greening and Biodiversity*

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:**

This does not contribute to any public health outcomes in the *City's Public Health Plan 2020-2025*.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**81 COOGEE STREET, MOUNT HAWTHORN**  
**Trees of Significance nomination**



