

ONE MILLION TREES PROGRAM (RF03.01GL.01)

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this guideline are to:

1. Provide a consistent approach in managing the planting of One Million Trees throughout the Region as provided under the One Million Trees Program.
2. Outline the system of authorising trees for issue, free of charge to land holders, community groups and contractors of Council.
3. Establish standards of engagement for applicants in the program and inform decisions made through the operation of the program.

SCOPE

This guideline applies to applicants of the One Million Trees Program, including Council officers and delegates involved in the review and approval of applications received. This guideline also applies to Council officers and contractors undertaking planting work in Council controlled areas using plants authorised under the One Million Trees Program.

GUIDELINE RESPONSIBILITIES

All officers responsible for the delivery of the One Million Trees Program are to support and deliver the objectives of this guideline in accordance with the One Million Trees Policy, Appendix One: Terms of Reference and Appendix Two: Program and Initiative Criteria.

DEFINITIONS

Tree - Tree for the purpose of this policy can include any native stock variety suitable for revegetation.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

This guideline supports the Scenic Rim 2023 Corporate Plan, in particular Theme - Spectacular Scenery and Healthy Environment.

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Version Information

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APPENDIX ONE: TERMS OF REFERENCE - ONE MILLION TREES PROGRAM

Purpose: To Support the Guideline establishing general terms for the assessment, supply and reporting of trees available under the One Million Trees Program.

The following applies to the provision of trees at no charge to the applicant under the One Million Trees Program and any sub-initiative of the Program:

1. Any suspected use of supplied stock provided for any purpose other than agreed may result in cancellation of an application and refusal from entering the One Million Trees program.
2. Council, its officers or delegates take no responsibility for any loss or damage that may result from the planting of trees.
3. Trees are provided free of charge and in good faith.
4. The initiative is restricted to residents, landowners, community groups, non-government organisations and businesses within the Scenic Rim Regional Council Local Government Area.
5. Council officers assessing applications have the right to approve, refuse, cancel, amend and alter any application made under the One Million Trees Program.
6. Council, its officers and delegates reserve the right to alter delivery program timing and specifications without notice.
7. Provision of plants is at the discretion of Council staff and subject to availability. Where a species is not available, Council, its officers or delegates may supply a suitable alternative species.
8. Council, its officers and delegates will endeavour to communicate any changes to applicants.
9. Where a suitable alternative is not available, numbers approved may be altered, rescheduled or cancelled.
10. With the approval of the Manager of Health, Building and Environment, applications made outside of the scope of the Policy or supporting documentation may be considered for authorisation where an overwhelming environmental benefit is demonstrated.
11. Council or officers administering the Program may nominate periods of time for which applications may be accepted.
12. Trees provided under the Program may be planted on the footpath areas under Council control provided written application is made and approval is granted.
13. Trees planted on Council controlled land must comply with any specification or requirement as supplied by Council
14. Applicants may make more than one application under the Program.
15. The program does not provide trees for the purpose of achieving approvals, conditions of approval, or any other statutory requirement.
16. Applicants should wherever possible ensure that stock is collected once and in full. Where unable to collect, prior arrangements are to be made by the applicant with Council to authorise and facilitate any such request.
17. Stock, which is not collected within an agreed timeframe, are forfeited by the Applicant. Applicants may re-apply under the program and remain subject to the ordinary processes of approval as established by the Policy.
18. Applications seeking to undertake plantings as part of a group or event on Council controlled land are required to comply with all Council Policies, procedures and approvals relevant to the event/activity.

19. Plantings not undertaken or approved under the program which advance the Policy Statement may be reported under the program.
20. Stakeholders supporting the objectives of the Policy may partner with Council to facilitate delivery of the One Million Trees Program.

APPENDIX TWO: PROGRAM AND INITIATIVE CRITERIA - ONE MILLION TREES PROGRAM

Purpose: To Support the Guideline in establishing general terms for the assessment and supply of trees available under the One Million Trees Program and any initiative of that program.

The following applies in addition to *Appendix One: Terms of Reference* and relates to the sub-initiatives of the One Million Trees Program:

Rural Trees Initiative

1. Applicants are restricted to a maximum of 1,000 trees per application.
2. The Initiative is restricted to properties of one hectare (1Ha) or greater.
3. With the approval of the Manager of Health Building and Environment applications of lots smaller than one Ha may be considered where an overwhelming environmental benefit can be demonstrated.
4. Applications should demonstrate agricultural/rural land management benefits.

Habitat Trees Initiative

1. The Initiative is restricted to members of Council's Habitat Protection Program such as Land for Wildlife, Nature Refuges and Conservation Agreements.
2. Applications may be lodged for any number of trees, however is subject to availability.
3. Applications should achieve agreed outcomes that advance the strategic directives for the property.
4. Applications of this initiative include direct involvement from Council's Land for Wildlife officer.

River Trees Initiative

1. The initiative is restricted to Scenic Rim Residents who own or control land which contains, borders or directly affects waterways.
2. Applicants are restricted to a maximum of 1,000 trees per application.
3. Applications should demonstrate benefits to waterway health, water quality, bank stabilisation and riparian restoration.
4. Applications of this initiative include direct involvement from Council Natural Resource Officers.

Community Trees Initiative

1. Applications require the endorsement of the management committee, president or chairperson of the Group making the application.
2. Applications for school groups require the authorisation of the School Principal or Deputy Principal.
3. Permission of the property owner/manager is required.
4. Applications should demonstrate community education, involvement and generally have an environmental outcome.
5. Applicants may request in-kind support by Council; however any request is subject to additional approval by Council.

Park Stewardship Initiative

1. Applicants are required to have public liability insurance.
2. Any approval for the provision of trees under the Policy is subject to any conditions or requirements contained in any Park Stewardship agreement, Memorandum of Understanding or similar arrangement.
3. Applicants may request in-kind support by Council; however any request is subject to additional approval by Council.
4. Applications of this initiative are negotiated with direct involvement with Council Natural Resource Officers regarding arrangements specific to the proposed site.