

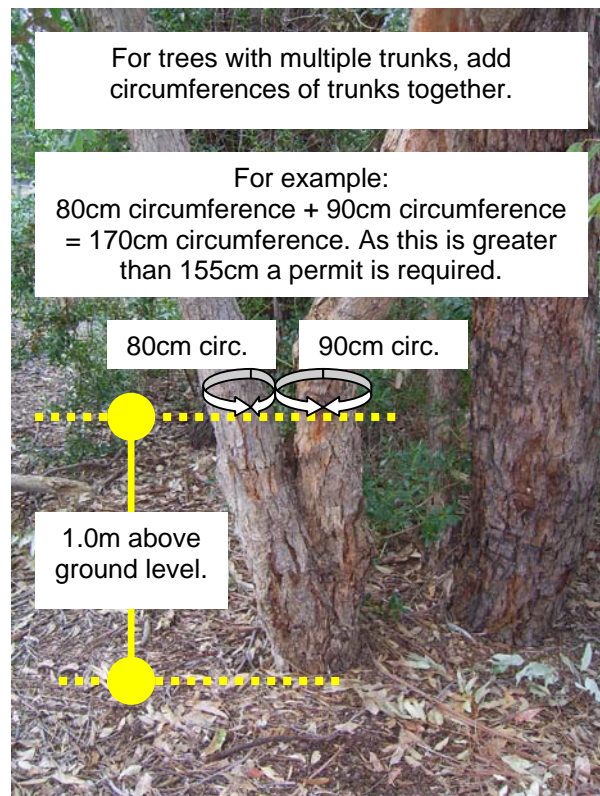
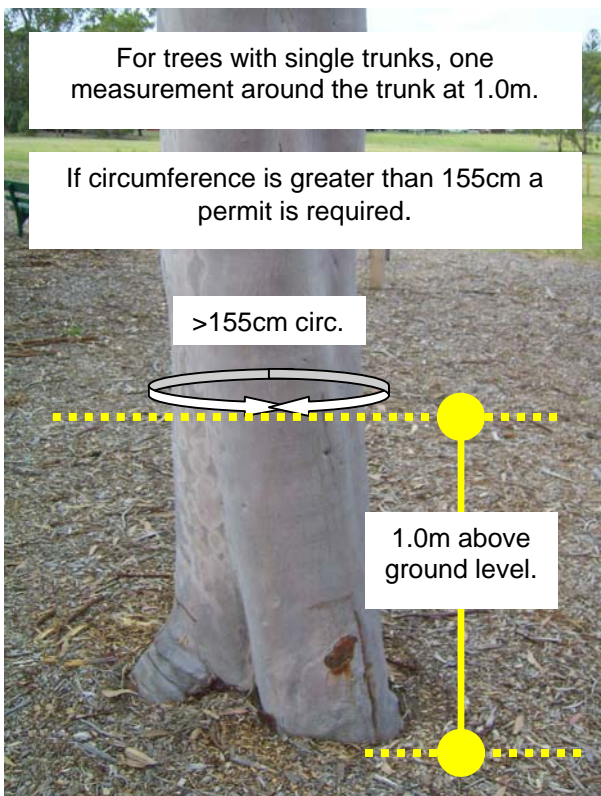
Trees on Private Property

Do you wish to prune or remove a tree? You may need a permit

The purpose of acquiring a permit is to regulate activities that may endanger any tree protected by Planning and Local Laws and to protect existing tree canopies on private properties within the municipality thus ensuring they are maintained in accordance with the urban character and local amenity.

Under Clause 36 of the Council's Local Law No 2, a person must not, except in accordance with a Permit,

- (a) Destroy, damage or remove or allow to be destroyed, damaged or removed on any private property; or
- (b) Cut, trim or prune or allow to be cut, trimmed or pruned on any Private Property;
 - (i) an identified Significant Tree; or
 - (ii) any tree with single trunk circumference or combined trunk circumference greater than one hundred and fifty five (155) centimetres measured at one (1) metre above ground level.



Please refer overleaf for information on the application procedure and the removal of vegetation native to Australia (Vegetation Protection Overlay scheme).

Effective July 1 2008

Application procedure

For pruning to be carried out by a qualified arborist in accordance with *Australian Standard 4373 – Pruning of Amenity Trees (2007)*; **and** to only remove dead wood and/or not more than 10% of live foliage mass; please complete a **Pruning by a Qualified Arborist Application** form.

For removal applications and all other pruning applications please complete a **Standard Pruning/Removal Application** form. Should you have any further documentation that you consider is relevant to the application, i.e. an Arborist's report, ensure you attach a copy to the application form.

Local Law tree standard pruning/removal fee structure

Payment of the Local Law permit application fee is required prior to Council processing an application.

Pruning - Standard application: \$63.00 for the first two trees and \$12 for each additional tree.

Pruning by a Qualified Arborist application: no fee.

Removal - \$126.00 for the first two trees and \$30 for each additional tree

Holders of the following cards are eligible for a 50 per cent discount on the above fees on production of a valid pension card:

- A Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans Affairs
- A Gold Card specifying War Widow issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs
- A Gold Card specifying TPI issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs

If you wish to remove a tree in Beaumaris, Black Rock, Cheltenham or Sandringham please read the following:

Removal of native vegetation in the Planning Scheme Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO3) area

VPO3 Planning Permits may be required to remove any native vegetation in the areas of Black Rock, Beaumaris, Cheltenham (south of Park Road) and Sandringham (south of Edward and Tulip Streets). See map below.



A planning permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation native to Australia. This does not apply to:

- The removal, destruction or lopping of vegetation which is less than 2 metres high or has a single trunk circumference of less than 0.5 metre at a height of 1 metre above ground level.
- The pruning of vegetation to remove that part of any branch which overhangs an existing dwelling or is within 2 metres of an existing dwelling.

For further information on removing vegetation native to Australia in the VPO3 area, please refer to Council's Planning Department for an application form.

If you require any clarification or further information on pruning or removing trees in the municipality, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Investigations Unit on 9599 4444.