

GUIDELINE FOR WORKING NEAR COUNCIL TREES

PERMIT HOLDER AND CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

Council trees as Council Assets are protected under Local Law s70(2), the Summary Offences Act 1966 s9(1)(c) and Vegetation Protection Overlays (VPOs)

PERMIT HOLDERS - Failure to provide a copy of these conditions to all site personnel i.e. builders, sub contractors, utility contractors - is a breach of Council permit conditions.

Basic information regarding Council trees

Maintenance – Requests for pruning will be undertaken by Council's authorised tree-care contractors.

Tree removal – For permission to remove a tree to facilitate development, see *Street and Park Tree Management Policy* on the Bayside City Council website :

https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/council/street_and_park_tree_management_policy_2016.pdf

Root Pruning

TREE ROOTS GREATER THAN 50mm MUST NOT BE CUT unless authorised.

A penalty applies for damage to Council assets under Local Law s70(2).

Bayside City Council Open Space Arborists must be contacted to approve any proposed cutting of roots greater than 50mm in diameter.

Mechanical excavation or trenching must not be undertaken within the Exclusion Zone.

Exclusion Zone – Restrictions in this Zone are based on AS 4970-2009 3.3.4 Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) encroachment considerations.

| EXCLUSION ZONE distances for different tree sizes | |
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| Trunk diameter measured at 1.4 m above ground level | EXCLUSION ZONE distances from trunk for no excavation |
| Up to 25 cm | 2.0 m |
| 25–50 cm | 3.0 m |
| ≥51 cm | 3.5 m |

INSTALLATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE

1. **Utilities/Services** Council's Open Space Arborist must be contacted with a plan of the proposed works and include the address, tree location and proposed service location.
Send plans to: enquiries@bayside.vic.gov.au attention: Open Space Arborist. Please allow at least 10 ten working days from date received at Council for response.

Proposed site of excavation should be identified in the plans for installation of services and vehicles crossings must be identified in plans – see above.

Boring must be used for installation of services within this zone unless otherwise approved in writing by the Open Space Arborist.

2. **Vehicle Crossings (including Planning and Building permit referrals)** – The location of a vehicle crossing inside a Council tree's TPZ will be determined by non-destructive root investigation along the proposed line of excavation adjacent to the tree. Mature size and future growth of the tree must be taken into consideration. The Open Space Arborist will assess each application for final approval.
3. **Civil works** – careful excavation must be undertaken where there is obvious conflict with tree roots. All pruning of roots <50mm in diameter must be undertaken with a clean and sharp hand-saw.

Nature Strip Planting Policy provides guidance for undertaking works on nature strips. Removal of soil around street trees should not be undertaken without prior approval by the Open Space Arborists.

https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/council/doc_14_169724_nature_strip_planting_policy_2014.pdf

TREE PROTECTION FENCING is required at all times during the period of the development, e.g. from demolition to completion of landscaping works - see back of this guideline for specific details.

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Tree Protection Fence requirements:

The tree protection fence must :


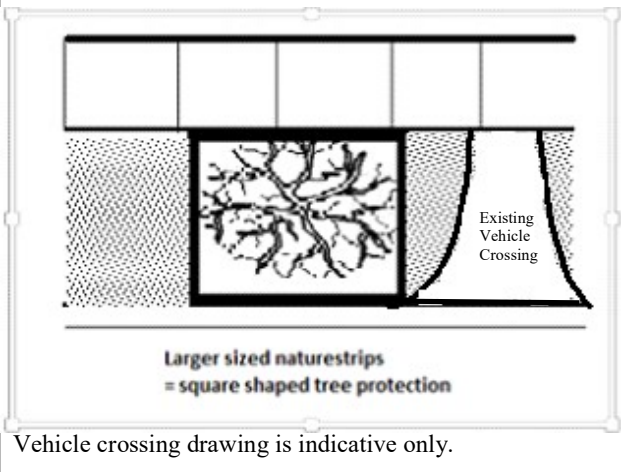

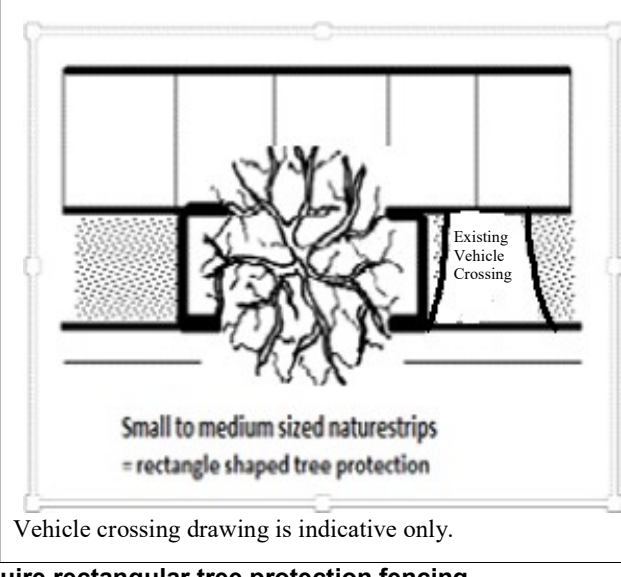
- Securely attached on all sides to stop access by persons, vehicles or machinery to the area it encloses
- Be maintained throughout the entire demolition and construction period
- Be Rectangular/square in shape. Not triangular
- Be a minimum height of 1.5 metres
- Should extend up to (but not over) the back of kerb, edge of footpath and edge of vehicle crossing.
- Extend either side of the trees trunk to a minimum width as outlined on the table set out below
(This distance may be increased under permit conditions)

Tree protection fencing may be moved to enable :

- vehicle crossing construction as approved by permit
- grass inside fenced area to be cut

| Trunk Diameter (cm) | FENCING WIDTH (metres) |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Up to 20 (small tree) | 2.5 or to edge of vehicle crossing |
| 21-50 (medium tree) | 5.0 or to edge of vehicle crossing |
| 51 or >51 (large tree) | Entire naturestrip |

No Chemical/herbicide treatment is to be undertaken for grass/weed control inside the fence.

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|  | <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">WIDE NATURESTRIP</p> |  <p>Vehicle crossing drawing is indicative only.</p> |
| <p>Wide nature strips require square-shaped tree protection fencing</p> | | |
|  | <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">NARROW NATURESTRIP</p> |  <p>Vehicle crossing drawing is indicative only.</p> |
| <p>Small to medium sized nature strips require rectangular tree protection fencing</p> | | |