

Celebration Trees Policy

Objectives

This policy aims to provide consistent and effective administration in relation to requests for planting of celebration trees.

Scope

This Policy provides guidance on managing requests for memorial/ commemorative tree planting. The Town of Bassendean acknowledges the importance of trees for the liveability of the Town and the importance of planting a tree(s) can have on important life events. Tree plantings generally have a 50%-80% survival probability over 35 years.

Definitions

Nil

Policy statement

The Town of Bassendean will facilitate the placement of celebration trees, subject to payment of fees as per the Annual Fees and Charges. The facilitation and implementation of the tree memorial is subject to the following:

1. A Celebration Tree Application form will need to be completed to request the planting of a tree.
2. Tree planting locations will be provided for the planting season. The applicant can request to plant a tree in a specific park, however, the preferred location may not always be possible.
3. The planting of the tree is to be undertaken by the Town on a date/ time agreed with by the applicant, with optional assistance from the applicant.
4. Planting of trees will be carried out during the winter planting season.
5. The tree will be managed with the same care and protection of general street and reserve trees located in the Town.
6. Memorial plaques or other materials will not be left on or near the tree.

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