

Trees in the Community

Trees provide benefits to the environment by adding amenity to streetscapes, reducing climatic extremes, improving air quality and providing a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Trees soften and add appeal to urban areas, improve property values and provide a sense of well-being to people who live in these areas.

Council's Tree Management Policy outlines Council's commitment to protecting Liverpool's environment and amenities by promoting the retention of healthy established trees and their renewal, as well as promoting tree maintenance that is in line with current industry standards.

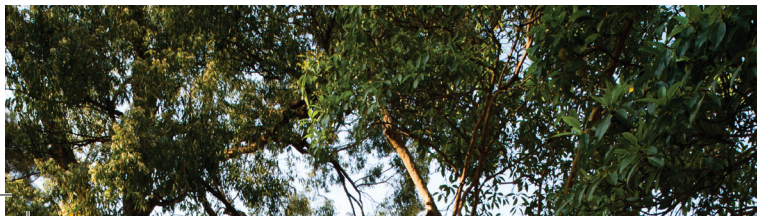
Tree Management Policy

Council's Tree Management Policy applies to all publicly or privately owned land in the Liverpool Local Government Area.

A tree is defined as any perennial plant that has:

- Height greater than 3.5 metres; and/or
- Canopy spread more than 4 metres; and/or
- Primary trunk diameter greater than 400 millimetres when measured 1 metre above existing ground level.

A person must not ringbark, cut down, top, lop, remove, injure or wilfully destroy any tree or other vegetation without first obtaining a permit from Council.



Assessing Applications (private property) and Requests (Council land) to Prune or Remove Trees

Council considers a variety of issues when assessing applications or requests for the removal or pruning of trees which are outlined in Council's Tree Management Policy and can be viewed on Council's website at www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au.

Disputes Between Neighbours

Council will not become involved in any disputes between neighbours. Where a dispute arises independent legal advice should be obtained. Free legal advice can be obtained through the South West Legal Centre on 9601 7777 or the Legal Aid Commission on 9601 1200.

Get involved in local Bushland Restoration

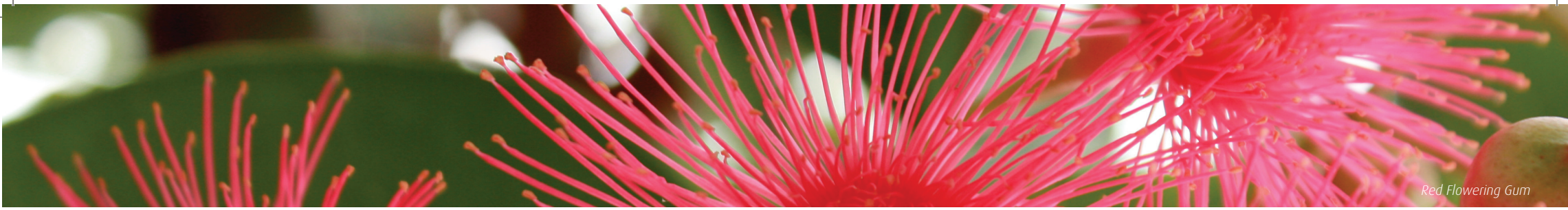
Council is seeking people interested in getting involved in community projects to help restore the environment. You can make a real difference to your local environment by becoming involved in tree planting days, creek and bushland restoration and the eradication of weeds, among other projects.

To find out how to become involved phone 9821 7729.

TREE MANAGEMENT IN LIVERPOOL



For more information please visit www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 36 2170



Red Flowering Gum

Obtaining Approval to Remove Trees on Private Property

Application forms to prune or remove a tree/s on private property are available at Council’s Customer Service Centre and Council’s website at www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au.

An administration/tree inspection fee is payable at the time of lodgement.

The tree inspection fee is refundable if suitable new replacement trees are purchased and receipts are provided to Council in accordance with the Sustainability Tree Replacement Incentive Program (STRIP). A brochure explaining the STRIP scheme is provided with every tree removal permit that is issued by Council.



Native Plant Eucalyptus

Requests to Prune or Remove Trees on Council Property

If you think a tree on Council land is unhealthy, unsafe or is causing some other problem, Council’s Customer Service Centre can be notified on **1300 36 2170**.



A Council officer with appropriate qualifications in Tree Management will inspect the tree and determine any appropriate action that needs to be carried out by Council.

Tree Removal that Does Not Require Council Approval

In Liverpool you can remove any tree within your own property that is listed as an Exempt Tree in Council’s Local Environment Plan 2008.

Exempt Trees listed as of **August 2011**:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Salix</i> species	Willow
<i>Populus</i> species	Poplar
<i>Acacia baileyana</i>	Cootamundra Wattle
<i>Erythrina x sykesii</i>	Coral Tree
<i>Ficus elastica</i> and hybrids	Ornamental Rubber Tree
<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>	Golden Cypress
<i>Lagunaria patersonia</i>	Norfolk Island Hibiscus
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> species	Large-leaved Privet
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i> species	Small-leaved Privet
<i>Olea africana</i>	African Olive
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Camphor Laurel
<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	Umbrella Tree
<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	Cocos Palm
<i>Toxicodendron succedaneum</i>	Rhus Tree
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honey Locust