

WHITEHORSE TREE STUDY

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WHAT IS THIS STUDY ABOUT?

Trees are the most significant determinant of the character of the various areas within the City of Whitehorse, with upper tree canopy covering a significant proportion of the city. The bush garden character in parts of Whitehorse is a major contributor to the liveability of Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Tree preservation and regeneration is therefore vitally important within the City, not only aesthetically, but also for its role in reducing the urban heat island effect and providing habitat for wildlife.

Whitehorse City Council is undertaking this Study to review, analyse and document the importance of the vegetation and especially tree canopy cover to the municipality and the region. It will investigate ways in which this important aspect of the City can be protected and enhanced, as development and future growth inevitably occurs over time. The project will be focussed on trees on private land, rather than on Council and other public land which is managed in a variety of other ways.

The Tree Study will ultimately provide options and recommendations that will aim to ensure the future retention and regeneration of tree canopy.

THE STUDY TO DATE

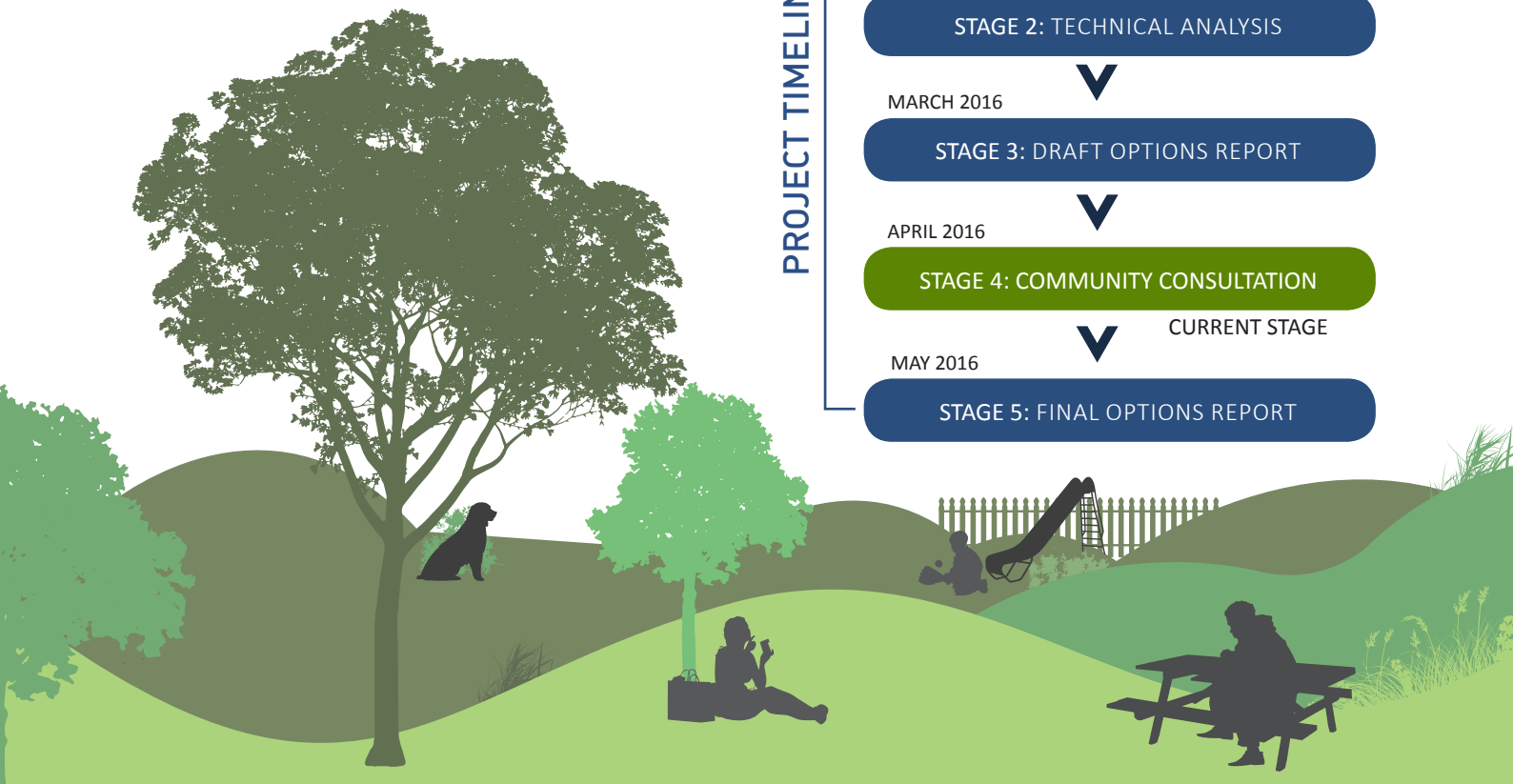
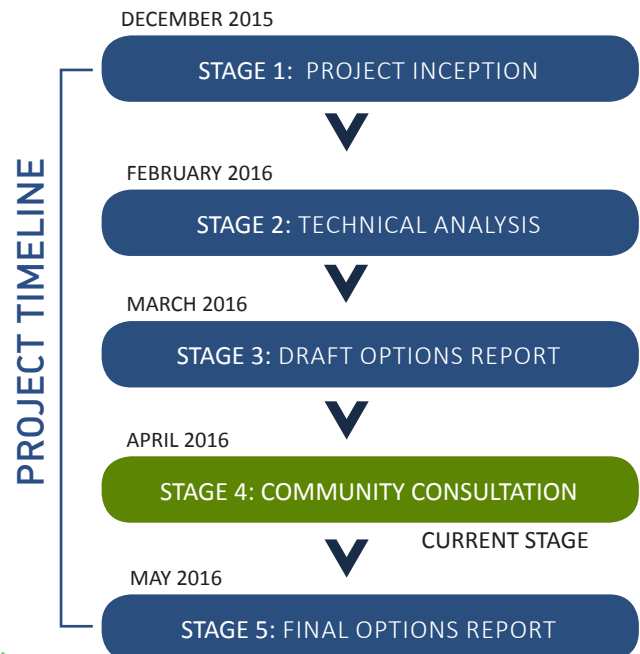
Feedback was received as part of the first Community Bulletin (Dec 2015) and during a community workshop held in February 2016, in relation to the benefits of tree cover in Whitehorse and the issues associated with tree retention.

The feedback provided valuable input into the development of options for further tree protection measures.

Several options have now been developed as part of the study and are available for discussion with the community as part of Stage 4: Community Consultation, as outlined in the study process below.

Options include planning scheme changes to protect existing trees and require new trees in some cases, strengthening broader Council policy, advocacy and community education. The preferred option involves a combination of actions.

The Draft Options Report can be viewed online at: www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/treestudy.html



OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE WHITEHORSE TREE STUDY...

ATTEND A DROP-IN SESSION

Visit us to discuss the project and your views on the options developed so far.

Tuesday 3rd May, 3:30pm-6:30pm

Sportlink (Community Meeting Room), 2 Hanover Road, Vermont South

Wednesday 4th May, 11am-2pm

Box Hill Mall (Community Kiosk), Box Hill

Wednesday 4th May, 4pm-7pm

Blackburn Lake Visitor Centre, Central Road, Blackburn (Entrance opposite Gwenda Avenue)

A RSVP is not required - drop in at any time

FEEDBACK

Feedback forms will be provided at the drop-in sessions. Alternatively, please return this completed questionnaire or download it online at:

www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/treestudy.html

WHO CAN I SPEAK TO?

Vanessa Mogg, Strategic Planner, on 03 9262 6180 or vanessa.mogg@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Please return this form with the completed information to:

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Or email:
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Please send feedback to Council by Friday 20 May, 2016.

TIS LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

For language assistance call the Translating Interpreting Service on 131 450, specify your preferred language and ask to be connected to Whitehorse City Council on 9262 6333.

HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have any feedback on the draft report, please fill out the following questionnaire here:

Do you think that trees benefit your area? If so, in what ways?

Do you have a preferred tree protection option from those proposed?

Do you have any other suggestions for achieving the study aims of tree protection and regeneration?

Any other comments?

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