

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 PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY

The Tree Study will ultimately provide options and recommendations for policy and planning controls that will aim to ensure the future retention and regeneration of tree canopy. This may include planning scheme changes to both protect existing trees and encourage the planting of new ones. It may also involve broader Council policy, advocacy and educational aspects to tackle the issue of tree retention on private land in a number of ways.

The Study will determine the types of trees that are most important as well as where in the City existing tree cover is lacking. While there will be research and survey work involved in the Study, your views will also be very important in determining the recommendations. See overpage for ways that you can contribute to the Study.



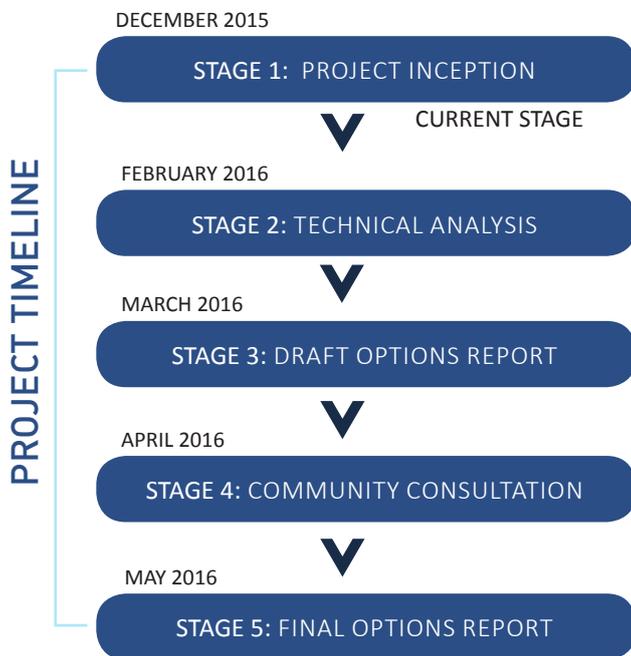
OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE WHITEHORSE TREE STUDY...

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY?

The Study is expected to be completed in June 2016. Throughout the course of the Study, there will be a number of opportunities for stakeholders and community members to have an input into the Study.

The Study will be undertaken in 5 stages, which includes 2 rounds of workshops with relevant stakeholders and interested community groups at Stage 2, as well as a public exhibition process in Stage 4 where the wider community will have the opportunity to provide the project team with their thoughts.

The 5 stage process for the project includes:



WHO CAN I SPEAK TO?

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

Please return this Form with the completed information to:

Vanessa Mogg
Whitehorse City Council
379-397 Whitehorse Road
Nunawading Vic 3131

Alternatively, fill in the Form on-line at:

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

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

If you or your community group would like to be kept up to date on the project and have the opportunity to be involved in stakeholder workshops or surveys, please register your interest here:

Why are you interested in this project?

Are there particular issues you think this project should address?

Are you a member of a relevant community or interest group? (If so, please name)

Contact details:

Name:

Address:

Email:



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