

PORT SORELL WORKSHOP – 08 APRIL 2017

SESSION 2 – STREET TREE PLANTING AND PUBLIC REALM BEAUTIFICATION

GROUP 1 – Club Drive and Alexander Street

Club Drive

Will help connect the two shopping centres

Water main along northern boundary of Club Drive east of Alexander Street but likely under the footpath - Hydro Poles mainly along northern edge of street

Stormwater main along southern boundary of Club Drive between Haven Drive and the Shearwater Village Shopping Centre

Street trees should be considered for entire length of Club Drive – from Shearwater Village up to Rubicon Grove

Residential area – need to consider that there are already power poles in the street – careful placement to take these into consideration with regard to sightlines required for vehicles exiting residential properties – not only other traffic but pedestrians and cyclists are an issue also

Put cages around trees when planted to prevent damage

Policy/guidelines needed:

- Need to be single trunk – shrubby growth impedes sight distances
- Foot traffic area – choose species carefully – NOT flowering gums – they drop nuts – hazardous on footpaths
- Orientation of street - impact of placement on solar access for dwellings

Tree Types:

Native v exotic species – disparity of views

A statement tree? – e.g. there is a city known for its jacaranda trees – should Port Sorell do something similar

Suggestion to look around and see what trees grow best in the area – need to realise Port Sorell is a windy area

Prunus and ornamental cherries are attractive – provide spring and autumn colour

Ornamental pears grow well in the area



Paperbark trees – white blossom - *Melaleuca linariifolia*



Banksia

- native
- not a deep root system - OK with service
- look at Banksia Rise

Bottlebrush – planted along northern edge of Club Drive west of Alexander Street and doing well

Acacias – short lived and can impact people with allergies

Blackwoods grow well – single trunk

Models for implementation

Previous model failed (Alexander Street):

- wrong type of tree
- everyone in street not on board
- communication method

Nature strips are owned by Council – Council decision not individual property owners - If community wants trees then implement

Landscaping bond imposed on developers and held for minimum 2 – 3 years or until trees established and healthy

Imperative to have a policy - reference to Surf Coast Council (Torquay) – maps with colour coding indicating species for each area

Planting should be done by Council – also maintenance – there is a cost but if the community want trees they must expect to pay

Garden Club – likely lack of manpower to take on responsibility of maintenance

Public realm beautification

Trees will make more of a difference to beautification than anything else

Unanimous dislike of favoured landscape choice of pebbles and cordylines

Suggest attractive species such as prunus or butterfly bushes in public gathering areas

Trees in middle of roundabouts in the area instead of low growing plants – weeping cherry suggested

GROUP 2 - Wilmot Street

Issues

Footpaths have no consistency, on one side, then the other – constructed of different materials

School parents and kids cross west of the pedestrian crossing – safety issue

School parking drop off area near pedestrian crossing needs to be sorted out, dangerous

Access to beach for disabled required – Jetty no paths to walk from carpark – approach to boat ramp
Panatana Rivulet needs a tidy up, lots of visual pollution.

Street Trees

Trees in centre of street or trees in parking lane at 12m intervals

Suggest flowering gums – need trees that are fire retardant, low maintenance and no deciduous trees. Grasses – lamandra lime. Any vegetation chosen must be consistent along the street to lead down to the beach and shops.

Signage

An overall review and plan of signage is required in the area. Signs needed to Panatana Rivulet, beach, shops, caravan park, dump point etc.

Uniform signs should be used and have consistency/ theme - a great existing one to design from is shown below:

