



Fees and Charges - Supplementary Information

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City of Gosnells - Tree Evaluation

Helliwell Revision 4 – 2008 (Modified for City of Gosnells)

Factor	Points									
	0	0.5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Size	< 2m ²	2 - 5m ²	5 - 10m ²	10 - 20m ²	20 - 30m ²	30 - 50m ²	50 - 100m ²	100 - 150m ²	150 - 200m ²	> 200m ²
Duration	< 2 years		2 - 5 yrs	5 - 40 yrs	40 - 100 yrs	100+ yrs				
Importance	None	Very Little	Little	Some	Considerable	Great				
Tree Cover		Woodland	Many	Some	Few	None				
Suitability to Setting	Not	Poor	Just	Fairly	Very	Particularly				
Form		Poor	Average	Good						

Six factors are assessed for each tree. Each factor is given a score as per the table above. The scores for all six factors are multiplied together. The product of the scores is then multiplied by a conversion value of \$70.00 resulting in the Amenity Value of the tree. The conversion factor is the average wholesale price of a 40Lt tree.

Explanatory Notes:

- 1. Size:** The size of the tree is an assessment of the area the tree occupies when viewed from one side. If this varies from one view point to another, an average figure can be used.
- 2. Duration:** An estimate is made of the probable length of time that the tree is likely to contribute to the visual amenity of its location. Take into account the normal biological life span for a tree of this species.

3. Importance:

No Importance	Tree cannot be viewed from a normal vantage point	0
Very Little Importance	Tree can only be seen with difficulty by a very small number of the public	0.5
Little Importance	Trees in woodlands, back gardens or in groups	1
Some Importance	Individual roadside trees, trees in public places	2
Considerable Importance	Prominent individual trees in well frequented places	3
Great Importance	Trees which are of crucial importance as a principal feature or have historic value	4

4. Presence of Other trees:

Woodland	More than 70% of the visual area covered > 100 individual trees	0.5
Many	More than 30% of the visual area covered >10 individual trees	1
Some	More than 10 % of the visual area covered and at least 4 trees in total	2
Few	Less than 10% of the visual area covered but at least 1 other tree present	3
None	No other trees in the area under consideration	4

5. Relation to the Setting: An assessment of the visual impact the tree has upon the space available. Aim to have the largest and densest tree the space may appropriately contain.

6. Form: The form being assessed here is entirely in aesthetic terms.

Tree Removal Costs

Tree Height in Metres (m)	Removal Cost ex GST
0 - 5	\$200
5 - 10	\$450
10 - 15	\$800
15 - 20	\$1,500
20 - 25	\$2,000
25 - 30	\$2,500
>30	Quote