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Dangerous Trees

AMRShire Infrastructure Policy



This policy was adopted by Council to set governing principles in place that align the strategic direction of the organisation with community values and aspirations.

Objectives

To protect community, property and Shire owned and/or managed assets from damage caused by trees or limbs falling from Shire owned and/or managed land.

Policy

1. The Shire shall inspect trees, both on Shire owned and/or managed land and private land, to make a determination of the risk to public safety on Shire owned and/or managed land by conducting a risk assessment.
2. Where a high risk to the public safety exists, the Shire shall make safe, or remove dangerous parts of the tree.
3. Where there is a tree on private land presenting a high risk to public safety, the Shire will give notice for safe removal. Where the Shire has given notice for the removal of or making safe of a tree on private land, the property owner shall be responsible for all associated costs.
4. Where the risk is disputed, on private land a suitably qualified arborist shall provide an independent report to both parties at the customer's expense. If the independent advice is contrary to the Shire's assessment, the customer shall be reimbursed the cost of the report.
5. The Shire shall not inspect or assess any trees on private land that are deemed to be a risk to any person or object on another privately owned property.
6. The Shire will only remove the portion of fallen tree or limb on Shire owned and/or managed land.
7. The removal of a fallen tree or limb and/or repair of infrastructure damaged as a result of a tree or limb that has fallen from a tree located on Shire owned and/or managed land shall be referred to the Shire's insurer for consideration of such claim.

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Chief Executive Officer. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

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