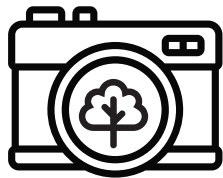# Snapshot:
Tree Asset Management Plan

Trees are unlike any other assets. They are unique as a living asset. Their value to the community accumulates over time, their condition changes based on variations in environmental conditions, public interactions, and maintenance practices.

What we are delivering

The Tree Asset Management Plan has been developed to improve council's long-term strategic management of street and reserve trees to ensure the current and future Levels of Service are sustained.

Council currently manages

 51,000 street trees

 10,000 reserve trees

 Council plants **4300** trees annually

The City of Marion aim to have streets and reserves lined with mature, healthy trees that provide shade, cooling and habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Community assets

- Street trees
- Reserve trees
- Habitat for local fauna

Future demands

- Community expectations
- Climate change
- Population increasing
- Legislative requirements

Risk management

Controls are in place to manage risks. Funding levels are sufficient to continue to manage risks in the medium term.

Community levels of service

By listening and understanding what is important to you, we have developed community levels of service:

Condition

Target: Trees are in good health and condition.

Current performance and next steps – Manage: Trees will be maintained to service level standards to provide safe pedestrian and vehicle access

Function

Target: Tree canopy cover provides shade, cooling, and biodiversity.

Current performance and next steps – Increase: Monitoring and analysis of tree canopy on council land using advanced technology methods which provide tree health and condition data.

Capacity

Target: All areas have an acceptable number of trees planted.

Current performance and next steps – Increase: Planting in all suitable planting spaces, with trees only being removed if meeting our tree assessment criteria.

Climate resilience

Target: Ensure trees are resilient to the effects of climate change.

Current performance and next steps – Increase: Monitoring and analysis of urban tree species lists using specialist tree management software and industry benchmark indices.

We will optimise our spending through better asset management to deliver community levels of service in the most affordable and efficient way.

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