



Urban Tree Management

Trees play an important role in our natural environment. This role has become increasingly evident where wholesale clearing has resulted in the loss of wildlife habitats, soil erosion and sedimentation (depositing of soil in unwanted locations i.e. waterway channels), soil salinity and other impacts.

Benefits of Trees

The value of trees in a sustainable world is beyond measure:

Economic Benefits:

Property values are increased by the presence of trees by creating a 'leafy suburb'. In rural areas trees shelter stock and stabilise soil.

Trees also save money in home heating and cooling costs if planted effectively.

Social/Cultural Benefits:

Visually, trees make an important contribution to the character and amenity of the local area by forming a significant vista in the landscape.

Trees improve our quality of life by providing a sense of peacefulness, restfulness, serenity and tranquillity as a result of creating a more natural and less artificial environment.



Environmental Benefits:

Trees purify the air, screen objectionable views, soften the built environment, create a habitat for birds and other wildlife, reduce glare from street lamps and car headlights, modify the wind and reduce the damaging effect of strong gales, and have a cooling effect in summer by reducing the amount of heat radiated from

Note:

Remember, it is illegal to remove trees and vegetation from streets and reserves without a permit.



Cessnock City Council Tree Programs

Cessnock City Council has developed a range of programs to manage, utilise and maintain our trees. These include:

Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

The objective of the TPO is the protection of valuable trees against unwarranted destruction by removal or damage. It is hoped that this objective can be realised by promoting an awareness of the values of trees in our urban and rural landscapes.

Tree Giveaways:

Cessnock City Council operates a tree giveaway scheme that sees six trees (as tubestock) being given to residents of the LGA that purchase or build a new home.

Tree Plantings:

Cessnock City Council funds the planting of trees in public places where appropriate, with schools and for community events such as national Tree Day.

Chipping:

Tree loppings and other vegetation generated by council's parks and gardens teams are chipped using a mobile chipper. These woodchips are then used for other council landscaping projects as mulch and has saved council in excess of \$150,000 since the chipper was purchased.



Waste Depot:

Tree and other vegetation waste is separated at the Waste Depot and used to produce mulch. In 2007-08, 1,953 tonnes of greenwaste was reprocessed through this system.

Further Information

For further information check out:

www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au to view the Tree Preservation Order

Or call Cessnock City Council on 4993 4100