

3 May, 2018

«Name»
«Address_1»
«Address_2»

Dear «To»

Re: Development Application No: 100/2018/690
An application for development pursuant to Section 38 Development Act, 1993

The following application has been received for development of a property in your locality:-

Applicant: City Of Marion
Proposal: To remove a Regulated Tree (WA Willow Myrtle) due to poor health and structure and risk to pedestrians and motorists
Property Address: In front of 4 Sixth Avenue ASCOT PARK 5043
Certificate of Title: LOT: 801 DP: 54129 CT: 5760/339
Zone: Residential/Northern Policy Area 13

The application can be examined during the representation period only at the Council offices, located at 245 Sturt Road Sturt, during normal office hours (8:30am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday). Alternatively, you may wish to view the relevant documentation on Councils website found at www.marion.sa.gov.au/services-we-offer/planning-and-building/public-notifications

Any person may lodge a written representation concerning the application during the ten (10) business day notification period that will commence from Friday 11th May 2018. The representation must be received by the City Planner no later than **Friday 25th May 2018**.

Please note that representations received after this date can not be considered. Council prefers receipt of your representation via email at council@marion.sa.gov.au quoting the abovementioned development application number. Alternatively, you may wish to lodge your Statement of Representation electronically from Council's website using the on line form found under the above mentioned public notifications page.

You may wish to hand deliver your representation to the Development Services counter at the Council office located 245 Sturt Road Sturt. This will ensure receipt of your representation prior to the closing date as Australia Post domestic letter mail service can now take up to six days for receipt of delivery.

In order to make a valid representation to Council the following details must be supplied:-

Name of representor(s), postal address, specific comments, and whether the person making the representation wishes to be heard by the Council Assessment Panel.

Please note that, pursuant to Section 38(8) of the Development Act, a copy of each representation received will be forwarded to the applicant for written response.

In considering the application, the Council will have regard to any representation made insofar as the representation relates to the provisions of the Development Plan.

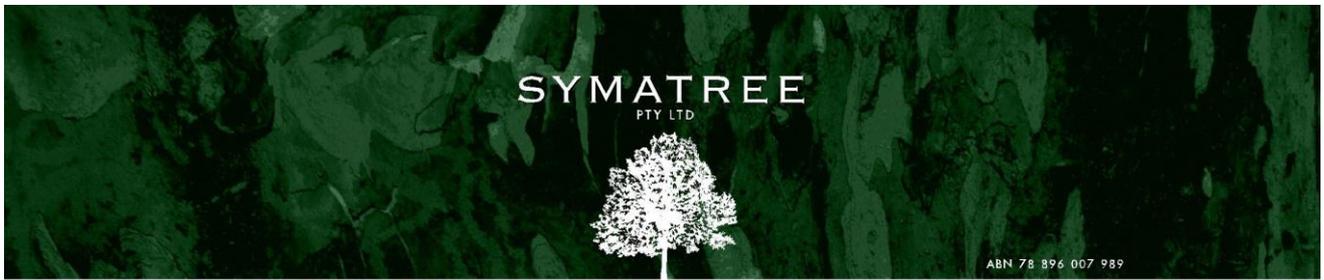
As a Category 2 Development, only the applicant has a right of appeal after the decision is made.

If you would like further information relating to the representation process, please contact us for a copy of our brochure "*Representation – Frequently Asked Questions*". Alternatively you may download a copy from our website www.marion.sa.gov.au located under Development Information Guides.

Yours sincerely



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STREET TREE REFERRAL

Property Address:
4 Sixth Avenue Ascot Park

Description of Proposal:
Regulated Street Tree Removal

Client: Mr David Sheldrick Coordinator Arboriculture

Assessed by: Sam Cassar **Tree Assessed:** 12 April 2018

Note: All observations were from ground level.

Tree Attributes

Details of tree including: Species/ structure/ height/ circumference @ 1.0 m above ground

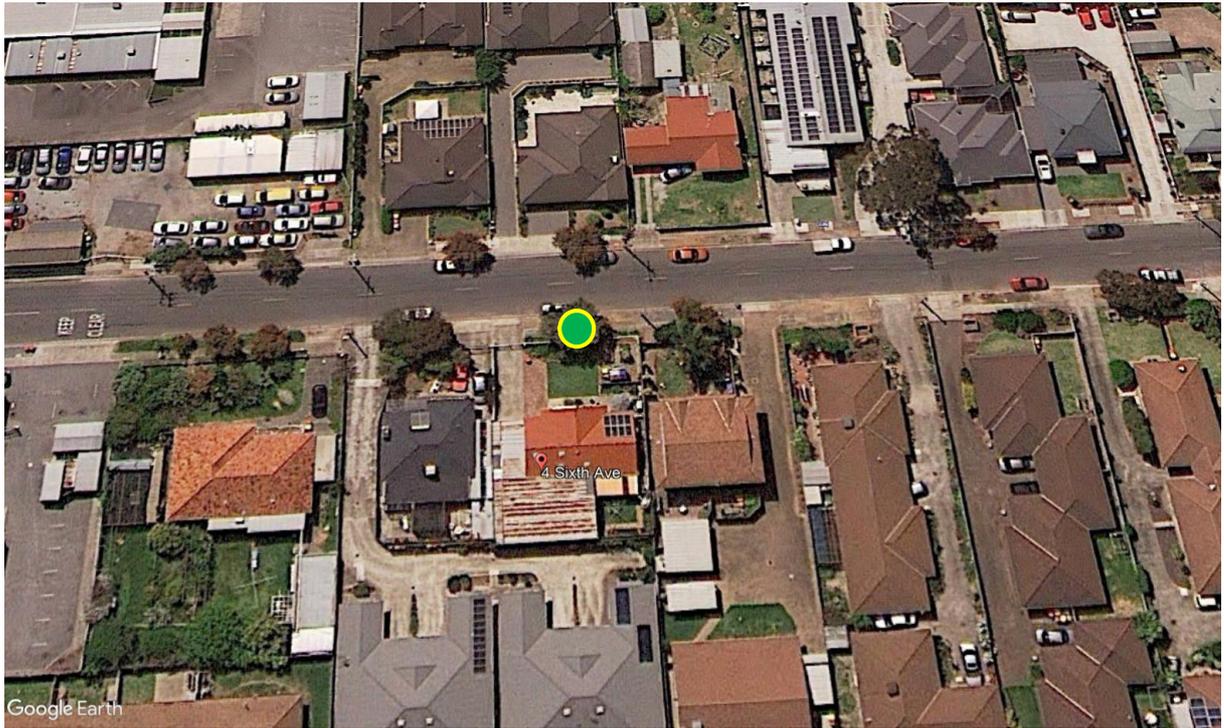


Agonis flexuosa commonly referred to as a Native Willow Myrtle

Location

The tree is located within the verge in front of 4 Sixth Avenue Ascot Park. The trunk centre is 2.7 metres from the front boundary fence 0.8 metre from the back of kerb.

The subject trees' approximate location is identified on the aerial image below.



Height & Spread:

Height: 6.5 metres (clinometer)

Width (canopy spread via measuring wheel): 6.5 metres (north/south direction) and 8.6 metres (east/west direction)

Circumference @ 1.0 m above, metres:

2.50 metres

Tree Structure and Health

The tree divides into four main leaders between 1.25 to 1.80 metres from ground to form a flat top open crown that is relatively balanced.

Tree health is considered to be in decline. Foliage density and vigour is below average for the species. Upper canopy dieback is apparent, particularly on the tree's southwestern and western sides.

Partial separation has occurred between the main leaders and secondary attachment points (refer Figure 2). Separation at the primary union is common amongst mature specimens of this species.

Pruning wounds are noted on the road side of the tree.



Figure 2. Separation points, primary union and secondary attachment points, circled in red.

Objectives and Principles of Development Control

City of Marion's Development Plan Objectives of Development Control for regulated trees (February 2018)

Objective 2

Development in balance with preserving regulated trees that demonstrate one or more of the following attributes:

2a) significantly contributes to the character or visual amenity of the locality

Yes: The tree's location, height and spread of the crown gives it a strong visual presence within the locality.

2b) indigenous to the locality.

No: The species is not indigenous to the locality. The species is indigenous to south west of Western Australia.

2c) a rare or endangered species.

No: The tree is not rare or an endangered species.

2d) an important habitat for native fauna.

No: There is no visual evidence to indicate the tree is an important habitat for native fauna no hollows suitable for nesting are present within the crown of the subject tree.

City of Marion's Development Plan Principles of Development Control for regulated trees

A regulated tree should not be removed or damaged other than where it can be demonstrated that one or more of the following apply:

2a) the tree is diseased and its life expectancy is short

Yes: The tree is not diseased; however its useful life expectancy has now been shortened to less than 5 years. Tree health is considered to be in decline.

2b) the tree represents a material risk to public or private safety

No: Not at this time. However as this tree continues to decline the risks associated with this tree will increase to unacceptable levels if separation at the primary union occurs.

2c) the tree is causing damage to a building

No: No damage to a building that can be attributed to this tree was observed.

2d) Development is reasonable and expected and would not otherwise be possible

Not applicable.

2e) the work is required for the removal of dead wood, treatment of disease, or is in the general interests of the health of the tree.

Not applicable.

Conclusion

I conclude the subject tree; a mature Native Willow Myrtle is in declining health and structural decline with no prospects of recovery with its useful life now considered to have been shortened to less than 5 years.

Unfortunately, there are no reasonable treatments or techniques that might be employed to improve tree health in this instance with no realistic options for long term tree retention.

On the basis of the factors outlined, I consider the subject tree is not worthy of retention and removal is therefore supported.

Sign:



Date: 13 April 2018
