Media release 7.3.2023 **Tree Asset Management Plan**



Planting the seed – have your say on Tree Asset Management Plan

City of Marion residents are invited to have their say in drafting Council's new Tree Asset Management Plan.

"Council is reviewing how it manages urban trees in public places. We want to take a more strategic approach that values trees on council land as assets, like our buildings and sporting facilities," Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna said.

"This means considering how we make decisions regarding planting new trees and protecting, retaining and, where necessary, removing trees.

"We know how important trees are to our community, so we're seeking feedback on our current Tree Management Framework and the urban trees we have in Marion to help shape the priorities for our tree management over the next 10 years."

Information about the Tree Asset Management Plan process is on the <u>Making Marion</u> website.

A survey on the Tree Management Framework asks a range of questions ranging from preferences for tree species to views on the conflict between street trees and other services such as car parking and what should be done to address the increasing loss of trees on private land.

Survey submissions close on March 24.

According to the City of Marion's 2022 Environment Report Card, Council planted 4,759 trees last year and is on target to plant 30,000 trees by 2028.

Nearly 9,000 trees have been planted on council land since 2021.

The City of Marion has also planted 15,000 local native seedlings to improve habitat in public reserves and parks.

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