

## 8. TREE STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Committee the inclusion of Tree Guidelines as an integral part of any Tree Strategy.

Arising from the Committee's recent Annual Plan meeting the suggestion was made that the matter of "Guardians of the Trees" should form part of any Tree Strategy developed.

If the survival rate of trees recently planted is to increase, and established trees saved from the developers chainsaw, then the appointment of honorary "tree guardians" could provide an appropriate means.

Like the graffiti hotline, tree guardians could report instances of vandalism to new trees or moves by property developers on sections where mature trees exist.

The guardians may also be willing to carry out some watering of new trees and generally keep an eye on trees in their respective streets, similar to the role of Honorary Wardens.

The use of metal protection cages for newly planted trees would assist in the survival rate and residents or organisations might be willing to sponsor the cost of these devices.

**Chairman's Recommendation:** For discussion.