

TREE PLANTING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A Tree Planting Management Program has been introduced to Richmond Golf Club.

The Club accepts responsibility for trees which have a significant value for the following reasons:

- 1. They form an important and integral component of the original native vegetation of the area, within which the course is located. As such the club recognizes their value.*
- 2. They serve to define the landscape theme and enhance the beauty of the course.*
- 3. Their presence at the course is integral to the game.*

In recognition of their value the Club makes a commitment to implement and adhere to a professional management program intended to enhance the health, vigour and appearance of existing trees, and which will involve the planting of new trees to replace those that have died, or will in the future die.

- 4. The future planting of trees shall involve the selection and planting of trees only which serve to reinstate and enhance the native landscape. I.e. the preference will be for the planting of trees that are native to the immediate area.*
- 5. Allowance shall be made for the inclusion of Australian exotics and overseas exotics but only where their overall forms and appearance blend with the native trees.*
- 6. Their policy should apply to all areas on the course and the areas surrounding clubhouse.*
- 7. Allowance will be made for the planting of a greater range of tree and shrub species in the immediate proximity of the clubhouse on order to provide a more varied and colourful landscape. This will include the planting of native, Australian exotic and overseas exotic and shrubs.*

Management Policy

- 1. The Course Superintendent and the Course Committee shall undertake ongoing tree inspections.*
- 2. The Course Superintendent and the Course Committee shall design a 5 year program which will include the planting of native trees on the course. This will include the removal of trees that do not comply and those that are dead.*
- 3. The Course Superintendent and the Course Committee shall implement an ongoing maintenance program for new trees and those that require attention.*
- 4. The Course Superintendent and the Course Committee shall implement an ongoing annual tree selection and planting program to replace dead or dying trees. The selection of which fills the club policy. All new trees will be approved by the Course Superintendent and the Course Committee, and not under any other basis.*

5. *Where necessary, the Course Superintendent with the Course Committee shall seek professional advice.*
6. *The Course Superintendent and the Course Committee will be responsible for pruning and undercutting where necessary.*
7. *The Course Superintendent shall identify suitable nurseries from which to source and purchase stock.*
8. *The Course Superintendent and the Course Committee shall keep a detailed record of all new tree species and details of plantings. A record should be kept of specific needs of certain plants to maximize growth.*

Planting

The determination of which species of tree should be planted, the number and where they should be planted should be made prior to planting season so that stock can be ordered well in advance and a planting program implemented. The indicated planted position for each is best done by labeling stakes and marking the spot.

All new trees and shrubs should be protected with three wooden stakes and a protective plastic bag.

Planting should be done in late winter to spring when the soil is damp to maximize good root growth. Wetting agent, fertilizer and additional compost should be done strictly in accordance with nursery or Course Superintendent Guidelines.

In order to maximize survival rates, young trees should be provided with supplementary water for the first 3 summer seasons after planting. Water is the key to survival; wetasoil should be applied to soil at least twice during each summer.

Species

Trees that are native to the immediate locality of Richmond Golf Club and are low water use species.

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Height & Width in Metres</u>
<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>	<i>Forest Red Gum</i>	<i>15 – 35 / 6 – 12</i>
<i>Eucalyptus amplifolia</i>	<i>Cabbage Gum</i>	<i>10 – 20 / 4 – 8</i>
<i>Eucalyptus crebra</i>	<i>Narrow Leaved Ironbark</i>	<i>20 – 30 / -</i>
<i>Eucalyptus eugenoides</i>	<i>Thin Leaved Stringybark</i>	<i>12 – 20 / 5 – 10</i>
<i>Eucalyptus fibrosa</i>	<i>Broad – Leaved Ironbark</i>	<i>35 / 5 – 10</i>
<i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i>	<i>Grey Box</i>	<i>20 – 25 / 6 – 8</i>
<i>Banksia ericifolia</i>	<i>Heath Leaved Banksia</i>	<i>2 – 3 / 2.5</i>
<i>Banksia spinulosa</i>	<i>Hairpin Banksai</i>	<i>1.5 / 1</i>
<i>Leptospermum polygalifolium</i>	<i>Lemon Scented Tea Tree</i>	<i>2 / 1.5</i>
<i>Casuarina glauca</i>	<i>Swamp Oak</i>	<i>4 – 8 / 3- 4</i>
<i>Angophora Costata</i>	<i>Smooth Barked Apple</i>	<i>15 – 25 / 5 - 10</i>

There are plenty of other trees and shrubs that would be suitable to plant.

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