

Notable Trees

Introduction

Notable ~~T~~rees are trees or groups of trees with significant values that are identified and listed within SCHED5 - Schedule of Notable Trees. Council uses the Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM) to measure significance, which is based on a range of factors including size, position, the presence of other trees, scarcity of the species, the tree's role in the particular location, life expectancy, form, scientific value, historic heritage value, cultural value, functional value, ecological value, and street landscape value.

Notable ~~T~~rees are typically mature trees with significant structural form and health. Smaller and less prominent trees may be significant if they rank highly with respect to a number of the criteria, or if they commemorate a notable person or significant event. Notable trees are a component of amenity values and the quality of the environment that the RMA seeks to maintain and enhance.

Objectives

TREES-O1 Notable ~~T~~rees

The significant values of ~~N~~otable ~~T~~rees are identified and protected.

Policies

TREES-P1 Identify ~~N~~otable ~~T~~rees

Identify ~~N~~otable ~~T~~rees that are significant within the ~~Timaru~~ District in SCHED5 - Schedule of Notable Trees for both individual and group of trees.

TREES-P2 Maintenance of ~~N~~otable ~~T~~rees

Enable the minor pruning and trimming of branches where the works will:

1. retain or improve the health of the ~~N~~otable ~~T~~ree; and
2. allow the regular maintenance of the ~~N~~otable ~~T~~ree; and

Control any other maintenance works to ensure that the works will:

3. maintain the health, form and shape of the notable tree; and
4. be supervised or undertaken by a qualified arborist.

TREES-P3 New activity and development within root protection area of ~~N~~otable ~~T~~rees

Only allow new activity and development within the root protection area of a ~~N~~otable ~~T~~ree where:

1. it is demonstrated that the new activity/development will not be detrimental to the long-term health and significance of the tree, as described in SCHED5 - Schedule of Notable Trees; and
2. there is a functional need for the development to occur within the root protection area and there are no other alternative locations available; or
3. the activity or development is necessary to maintain regionally significant infrastructure.

TREES-P4 Removal of ~~N~~otable ~~T~~rees

Only allow the removal of a ~~N~~otable ~~T~~ree where:

1. the ~~N~~otable ~~T~~ree is an imminent threat to the safety of people and property; or
2. it is necessary to maintain regionally significant infrastructure and the relocation of the notable tree is not possible; or
3. it is dead, or is in terminal decline as assessed by a qualified arborist; or

4. it can be safely relocated to another location without compromising the health and the significance of the notable tree; and
5. the removal is undertaken without adversely affecting other Notable Trees.

Rules

Note: ~~Activities not listed in the rules of this chapter are classified as a permitted under this chapter.~~ For certain activities, consent may be required by rules in more than one chapter in the District Plan. Unless expressly stated otherwise by a rule, consent is required under each of those rules. The steps plan users should take to determine what rules apply to any activity, and the status of that activity, are provided in Part 1, HPW — How the Plan Works - General Approach.

TREES-R1 Minor pruning and trimming of branches less than 50mm diameter <u>at severance</u> ¹ associated with the maintenance of <u>Notable</u> <u>T</u> rees		
All <u>Z</u> ones	Activity status: Permitted Where: PER-1 It involves minor pruning and trimming of branches in the bottom third of the notable tree only and is undertaken using non-mechanical means only (handsaw, secateurs or loppers). <u>No more than 10% per cent of live growth of the <u>notable</u> tree may be removed in any one calendar year; and</u>	Activity status when compliance not achieved with PER-1³: Restricted Discretionary Matters of discretion are restricted to: - the need for maintenance, and extent of the minor pruning and trimming; and - whether the significance of the notable tree described in SCHED5 - Schedule of Notable Trees is maintained; and - whether the maintenance will ensure that the long-term health of the notable tree is provided for; and - duration, timing, frequency, extent and staging of work.
	PER-2 <u>The works must be supervised or undertaken by a qualified arborist; and</u> PER-3 <u>All trimming or alteration must retain the natural shape, form and branch habit of the <u>notable</u> tree.²</u>	
TREES-R2 All other maintenance of notable trees		
All <u>Z</u> ones	Activity status: Controlled Where: CON-1 The works are supervised or undertaken by a qualified arborist and do not include topping or removal of more than one third of the foliage of any notable tree.	Activity status when compliance not achieved with CON-1: Restricted Discretionary Matters of discretion are restricted to: - need for, and extent of the maintenance; and - mitigation of risks to safety of persons and property; and

¹ Connexa [176.68], Spark [208.68], Chorus [209.68] and Vodafone [210.68]

² Connexa [176.68], Spark [208.68], Chorus [209.68] and Vodafone [210.68]

³ Connexa [176.68], Spark [208.68], Chorus [209.68] and Vodafone [210.68]

	Matters of control are restricted to: 1. duration, timing, frequency, extent and staging of work; and 2. methods to maintain form and shapeliness; and 3. methods to ensure that the long-term health of the notable tree will be provided for; and 4. whether the significance of the notable tree described in SCHED5 - Schedule of Notable Trees is maintained.	3. whether the significance of the notable tree described in SCHED5 - Schedule of Notable Trees is maintained; and 4. whether the maintenance will ensure that the long-term health of the notable tree is provided for; and 5. duration, timing, frequency, extent and staging of work; and 6. the need for supervision.
TREES-R3 New activity and development within the root protection area of a notable tree		
All Zzones	Activity status: Permitted Where: PER-1 The activity or development is not for any of the following: 1. any earthworks including trenching; or 2. establishment of new impervious surface; or 3. new buildings; or 4. new structures including fences and signs (temporary and permanent); <u>or</u> 5. <u>the release, injection or placement of toxic chemicals or toxic substances.</u>⁴	Activity status when compliance is not achieved: Restricted Discretionary Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. whether there is a functional need for the activity/development; and 2. whether the works will be supervised or undertaken by a <i>qualified arborist</i>; and 3. whether the works are necessary to maintain regionally significant infrastructure; and 4. the extent of any earthworks; and 5. importance of the activity/development to the community; and 6. whether the significance of the notable tree described in SCHED5 - Schedule of Notable Trees is maintained; and 7. impact of the works on the long-term health of the notable tree and the measures used to protect and maintain the health of the tree; and 8. duration, timing, frequency, extent and staging of work; and 9. extent of landscaping including planting and paving.
TREES-R3A4 New customer connections within the root protection area of a notable tree		
All Zzones	Activity status: Controlled Permitted Where: CON-4⁵ PER-1 <u>The new customer connection achieves the following:</u>	Activity status when compliance is not achieved: Restricted Discretionary Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. <u>whether there is a functional need for the activity/development; and</u> 2. <u>whether the works will be supervised or undertaken by a qualified arborist; and</u>

⁴ Tree Council [220.1]⁵ Connexa [176.69], Spark [208.69], Chorus [209.69] and Vodafone [210.69]

	1. <u>the excavation is undertaken by drilling machines at a depth of 1m or greater, hand-digging, air spade, or hydro vac, within the root protection area; and</u> 2. <u>the surface area of a single excavation does not exceed 1m²; and</u> 3. <u>works involving root pruning are not on roots greater than 35mm in diameter at severance; and</u> 4. <u>works do not disturb more than 10% per-cent of the protected root protection area zone; and</u> 5. <u>any machines used must operate on top of paved surfaces and/or ground protection measures.</u> 6. <u>works are undertaken under the direction of a qualified arborist.⁶</u>	3. <u>whether the works are necessary to maintain regionally significant infrastructure; and</u> 4. <u>the extent of any earthworks; and</u> 5. <u>importance of the activity/development to the community; and</u> 6. <u>whether the significance of the notable tree described in SCHED5 - Schedule of Notable Trees is maintained; and</u> 7. <u>impact of the works on the long-term health of the notable tree and the measures used to protect and maintain the health of the notable tree; and</u> 8. <u>duration, timing, frequency, extent and staging of work; and</u> 9. <u>extent of landscaping including planting and paving.</u>
TREES-R45	Removal or relocation of notable trees	
All Zones	Activity status: Discretionary	Activity status when compliance is not achieved: Not applicable

⁶ Connexa [176.69], Spark [208.69], Chorus [209.69] and Vodafone [210.69]