04/05/2017 SCHEDULE 6 TO THE SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **SLO6**

Frankston South – Sweetwater Creek Fringe Area

1.0 Statement of nature and key elements of landscape

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The Municipal Strategic Statement and the Neighbourhood Character Study recognise the importance of the Sweetwater Creek as a landscape and environmental feature of the Frankston South area. The Frankston City Neighbourhood Character Study identifies the importance of vegetation and the relationship between the buildings and the landscape to the character of the broader areas beyond the creek. The area covered by this overlay has a character that is partly derived from the density of trees and other vegetation and the setting of residential development within these trees. It is intended that this area will have a character in which trees dominate the streetscapes and skyline. The use of native and indigenous vegetation is encouraged in order to complement and enhance the visual and environmental qualities of the area whilst also recognising the contribution of large deciduous trees to the area.

2.0 Landscape character objective to be achieved

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- To retain and encourage the planting and retention of trees in keeping with the preferred neighbourhood character of the Frankston South area.
- To ensure that development is sensitive to the presence and contribution of existing vegetation.
- To ensure that the health of existing trees is not jeopardised by new development.

3.0 Permit requirement

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Buildings and Works

A permit is required to construct a front fence.

A permit is not required:

- To construct a building or construct or carry out works outside the Tree Protection Zone of any substantial tree. The Tree Protection Zone is definied as the area with a radius from the centre of the trunk 12 times the diameter of the trunk except where:
 - The measured radius is less than 5 metres, in which case the radius must be 5 metres; or
 - The measured radius is greater than 15 metres, in which case the radius must be 15 metres.

For the purposes of calculating the Tree Protection Zone, the diameter of the trunk is measured at 1.4 metrres above the point wheren it meets natural ground level.

A substantial tree is defined as vegetation including indigenous and where appropriate, Australian native large old trees and trees with hollows that has a trunk circumference greater than 0.50 metres at 1.4 metres above the point where it meets natural ground level.

 To construct buildings where the total area of all buildings at ground level is less than 40 per cent of the site.

Vegetation removal

A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop any substantial tree except where:

- The vegetation is an environmental weed specified in Table 1 to this schedule.
- The pruning or loping of limbs is less than one-third (1/3rd) of the crown of the tree.

Note:

Pruning of a tree is defined as removing branches (or occasionally roots) from a tree or plant using approved practices, to achieve a specified objective such as for regeneration or ornamental shaping.

Lopping is defined as the practice of cutting branches or stems between branch unions or internodes.

4.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- Demonstration of the avoidance hierarchy (avoid, minimise, mitigate principles) in relation to substantial trees on a site.
- The need to ensure new buildings and works, including driveways fit within the landscape.
- Whether the style and height of any front fence is consistent with existing fences, where fences are commonly provided in the street.
- The need for additional landscaping and screen planting to maintain the existing and preferred landscape qualities identified in the Neighbourhood Character Study.
- The extent to which the proposal maintains the vegetation dominated streetscapes and vistas.
- The guidelines and principles of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

Table 1 Major environmental weed species

Note:

Generally, woody species (trees and shrubs) have been included on this list along with the most serious herbaceous species.

	Species	Common name
	Acacia baileyana	Cootamundra Wattle
	Acacia elata	Cedar Wattle
	Acacia floribunda	White Sallow Wattle
	Acacia longifolia subsp. longifolia	Sallow Wattle
+	Acacia longifolia subsp. sophorae	Coastal Wattle
	Agapanthus praecox ssp. orientalis	Agapanthus
	Asparagus asparagoides	Bridal Creeper
	Asparagus scandens	Asparagus fern
С	Calycotoma spinosa	Spiny Broom
	Buddleia dysophyllus	Buddleia
С	Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. monilifera	Boneseed
С	Cirsium vulgare	Spear Thistle
	Coprosma repens	Mirror-bush

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	Coprosma robusta	Large Coprosma
	Cortaderia jubata/selloana	Pampas Grass
	Cotoneaster sp.	Cotoneaster
С	Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn
	Crocosmia x crocosmiflora	Montbretia
	Cytisus palmensis	Tree Lucerne
С	Cytisus scoparius	English Broom
	Delairea odorata	Cape Ivy
	Dipogon lignosus	Dolichos Pea
С	Echium plantagineum	Paterson's Curse
	Erica baccans	Berry-flower Heath
	Erica lusitanica	Spanish Heath
С	Foeniculum vulgare	Fennel
	Fraxinus angustifolia ssp. angustifolia	Desert Ash
С	Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom
С	Genista monspessulana	Montpellier Broom
	Genista (garden hybrid)	Garden Broom
	Gladiolus tristis	Evening-flower Gladiolus
	Gladiolus undulatus	Wild Gladiolus
	Hakea salicifolia	Willow-leaf Hakea
	Hakea suaveolens	Sweet Hakea
	Hedera helix	Ivy
	Ipomoea indica	Morning-glory
+	Leptospermum laevigatum	Coast Tea-tree
	Leucanthemum vulgare	Ox-eye Daisy
	Ligustrum lucidum	Large-leaf Privet
	Lonicera japonica	Japanese Honeysuckle
С	Lycium ferocissimum	African Box-thorn
	Malus domestica	Domestic Apple
Р	Marrubium vulgare	Horehound
	Melaleuca armillaris	Bracelet Honey-myrtle
	Myrsiphyllum scandens	Asparagus
	Olea europaea ssp. Africana	African Olive
	Paraserianthes lophantha subsp. lophantha	Cape Wattle
	Phytolacca octandra	Ink Weed
	Pinus pinaster	Maritime Pine
_	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine
	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
	Polygala myrtifolia	Myrtle-leaf Milkwort

	Species	Common name
	Prunus cerasifera	Cherry Plum
,	Pyracantha angustifolia	Narrow-leaf Firethorn
	Pyracantha crenulata	Firethorn
,	Rhamnus alaternus	Italian Buckthorn
С	Rosa rubiginosa	Sweet Briar
С	Rubus fruticosus	Blackberry
	Rumex sagitatus	Climbing Dock
	Salix spp.	Willows
	Senecio angulatus	Climbing Groundsel
С	Senecio jacobaea	Ragwort
	Solanum mauritianum	Nightshade
	Sollya heterophylla	Bluebell Creeper
	Tradescantia fluminensis	Wandering Tradescantia
С	Ulex europaeus	Gorse
	Vinca major	Blue Periwinkle
	Watsonia meriana cv. 'Bulbillifera'	Bulbil Watsonia
	Zantedeschia aethiopica	White Arum Lily

⁺ Ecologically 'out-of-balance' indigenous species which are natural members of Coastal Complex, but which are weedy outside the coastal context.

C Denotes regionally controlled weeds under the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994

P Denotes regionally prohibited weeds under the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994.