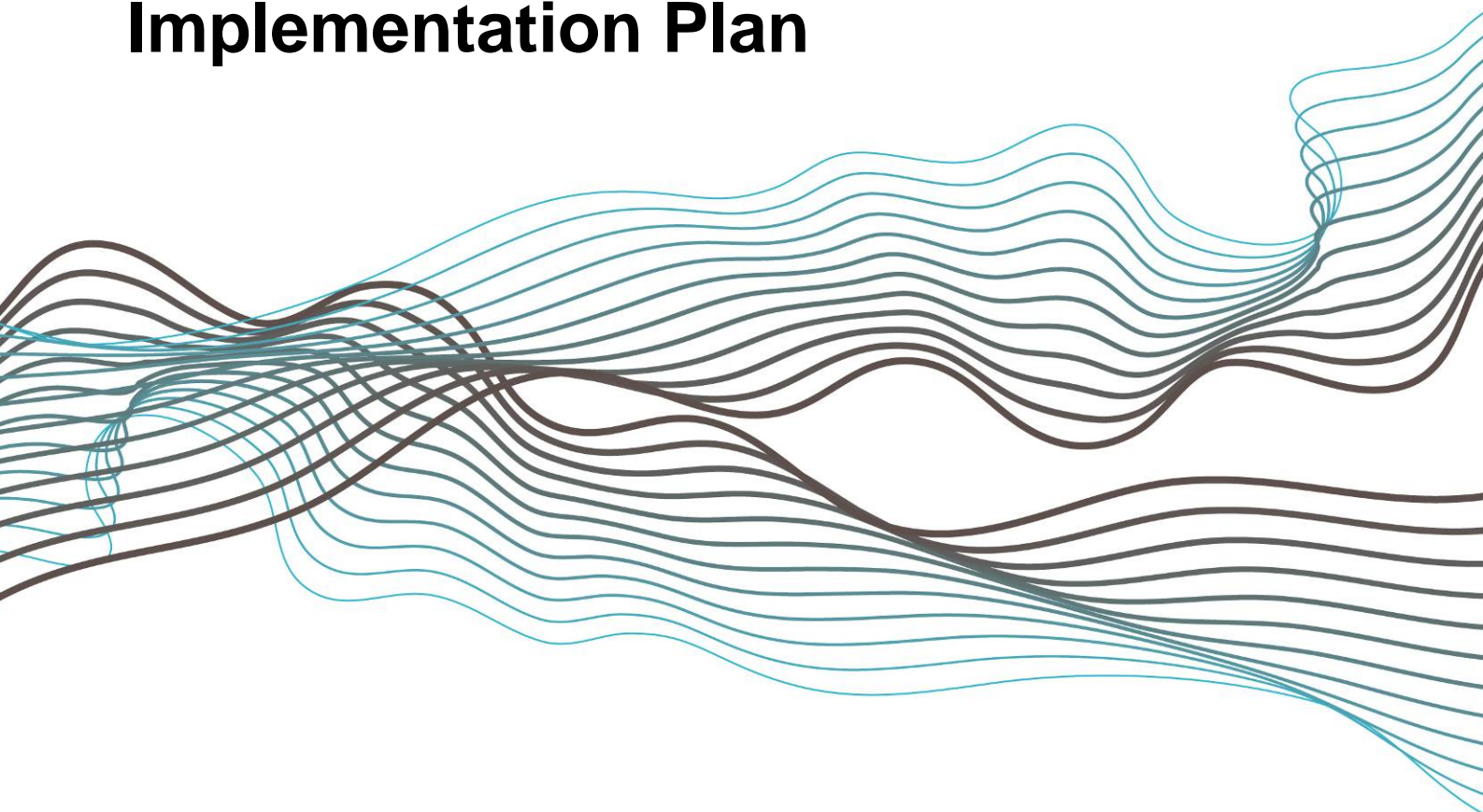


Shade Policy

Implementation Plan



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1. Purpose

The **Shade Policy** outlines Council's approach to the provision of shade within the public realm, and helps guide long term decision making in relation to the future provision of shade in Boroondara. The aim is to provide the Boroondara community with opportunities for shade, while at the same time encouraging the ongoing personal sun protection practices of the community.

This Implementation Plan incorporates an **action plan** outlining initiatives that will be undertaken to deliver on the intent of the Shade Policy. This is an operational document and actions included are subject to funding availability.

2. Background

The Shade Policy was developed in response to a growing understanding of the benefits of shade, combined with increasing use of the city's outdoor spaces and drier and hotter weather conditions. This has led to increased community demand for shade, in particular within playgrounds, and increased planting of shade trees.

3. Action Plan

The Action Plan outlined following seeks to deliver on the aims of the Shade Policy. All actions which require funds not included in Council's Strategic Resource Plan will be referred to future budget deliberations and will be subject to further Council consideration prior to implementation.

Acronyms: AM (Asset Management), E&SL (Environment and Sustainable Living Department) and Parks and Infrastructure (P&I).

| No. | Action | Responsibility | Timeframe | Resources Required |
|-----|---|----------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | Playgrounds - Built Shade Structures To coincide with scheduled playground renewals, plan and implement built shade within Council's District playgrounds where adequate shade cannot be achieved in the short term. For Regional playgrounds, plan and implement built shade structures within the Markham Reserve playground, and review the provision of existing shade at Hays Paddock playground, to determine if additional built shade is required. | ES&L | Short-Long | Capital works and Operational funding required |
| 2 | Sandpits - Built Shade Structures Establish a program of built shade for playground sandpits where adequate shade cannot be achieved. | ES&L | Short-Medium | Capital works and operational funding required |
| 3 | Management of Built Shade Develop an inspection and auditing regime and program for the on-going maintenance and the proactive renewal of all built shade structure assets. | P&I AM | Short | Renewal funding required |

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| 4 | Tree Planting Develop a methodology to consider natural 'shade' when planning, prioritising, and implementing public tree planting programs. The aim is to increase tree shade in the public realm particularly around playgrounds, periphery of sports grounds, into and around key park destinations, along principle pedestrian routes and shared paths, and in areas where vulnerable community members are concentrated. This would be subject to further review of existing programs and the outcomes of the draft Tree Strategy. | P&I | Short-Long | Operational funding required |
| 5 | Management of open space trees Review current practices of inspection and maintenance of open space trees (particularly near playgrounds and areas of high pedestrian use) to determine if changes are required. | P&I | Short | Within existing resources |
| 6 | Develop Guidelines for Shade Design Update the Boroondara Open Space Strategy Technical Guidelines and/or prepare design guidelines to achieve the goals of the Shade Policy and to assist Council officers with planning and designing for shade when undertaking new and upgraded works within open space. | ES&L | Short | Within existing resources |

Short: 1-3 years, Medium: 3-7 years, Long: 7-10 years

4. Monitoring and reporting

Monitoring involves collection and analysis of data and information to assist timely decision-making, ensure accountability and provide the basis for assessing progress toward achievement of objectives and targets. It will help identify if adjustments need to be made to strategies, resourcing and program or project design.

The actions listed in this plan will be entered into Council's reporting system (Interplan) and reported on annually.

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