

## Draft Urban Tree Management Policy/Strategy/Yamba Street Master Plan – Submission’s Summary

Name / Address	Submission Summary	Main Points	Response
John and Rosemary Beeman 15 Melaleuca Drive Yamba <a href="mailto:beeart@iprmus.com.au">beeart@iprmus.com.au</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pleased with the long range approach to tree management.</li> <li>▪ Plan could establish a connection between community members and the planting program.</li> <li>▪ Suggests that individual trees could be sponsored in a dedication area in memory of deceased residents of the Clarence Valley. A small bronze plaque could be associated with the tree at a nominal cost to the sponsor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tree dedication area for deceased residents be allocated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maclean has an area proposed for a tree dedication area within the cemetery.</li> <li>▪ For OH&amp;S purposes plantings will be completed by CVC</li> <li>▪ Community awareness/education identified as an action</li> </ul>
Graham Beamer <a href="mailto:grahambeamer@bigpond.com">grahambeamer@bigpond.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider including VTA's to be carried out by person with minimum level 4 Arboriculture certificate and</li> <li>▪ All tree remediation work should be carried out by minimum level 3 Arborist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ VTA completed by cert 4 min arborculturalist.</li> <li>▪ All tree work completed by min level 3 Arborist.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Include certified requirement for arboreal work and assessments within the CV UTMS</li> </ul>
Paul Stephen Resident 2/29 Orion Drive Yamba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tunnels for views flawed, -full view needed, unnatural corridors pointless</li> <li>▪ Yamba Landcare urged council for a Lookout placed at lighthouse would be a good location for 90° views</li> <li>▪ Similarity between those who poison trees to keep their house prices up and council stating cut back flora "to increase private property values"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lookout place at the lighthouse possible site for view maintenance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View corridors determined as acceptable balance between public view concerns and requirements to complying with CVC environmental objectives and legislation. This is also the reason CVC will not clear and / or maintain for views, dune and foreshore vegetation</li> <li>▪ Lookout at light house is already in the list of areas maintained for public views</li> <li>▪ Include in CV UTMS that fire risk is reviewed for each individual replanting sites (if required).</li> <li>▪ Policy to identify sites to be maintained for public</li> </ul>
Bob and Debbie Purdie Own Unit 2 at Clarence Lodge <a href="mailto:robert.purdie@professionalpayroll.com.au">robert.purdie@professionalpayroll.com.au</a> 0418 878 293	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Owned residence since 1994 and have seen the gradual smothering of outstanding views by uncleared undergrowth together with unplanned tree growth.</li> <li>▪ Views from the Park and property once gathered many people to enjoy the view not only by tourists but locals and visiting tradespeople.</li> <li>▪ Mishmash of unsightly vegetation now stifles of rock wall.</li> <li>▪ Have commented regarding the issue of fires caused by 1 cigarette butt in the undergrowth and the amount of pest etc that would inhabit the area.</li> <li>▪ Photos attached with submission dated 1995 showing "once fantastic views"</li> <li>▪ Request Master plan could include policies etc that would bring back views for public access.</li> <li>▪ Viewing platforms good when general access not available but previous views is what has put Yamba on the map, shame to lose them for future generations.</li> <li>▪ Immense improvement after clearing taken place near Yamba Hotel, would like to see this applied to the whole hill line.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vegetation growth a potential fire hazard</li> <li>▪ View maintenance</li> </ul>	

W. Barnier 20 Ocean St Yamba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Would appreciate it if council had plans to control tree growth</li> <li>▪ Concern regarding the impact of tree growth on views,</li> <li>▪ Concern regarding fire threat from overgrown vegetation to trees, infrastructure and buildings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance</li> <li>▪ Would like tree growth controlled</li> <li>▪ Plan should consider tree growth and if there is a potential fire hazard</li> <li>▪ Viewing benches should have views</li> </ul>	<p>benefit and actions to achieve this identified in the YTMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Views maintained for public benefit Headland towards Pippie Beach in view</li> <li>▪ Place Infrastructure where views are located naturally and relocate inappropriate infrastructure to suitable locations if updating and /or funding available. infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Select viewing sites will be upgraded for safety and wheelchair access</li> <li>▪ Select viewing sites will have views maintained through selective tree management</li> <li>▪ CVC not adopting measures taken by other councils due to environmental objectives and legislation.</li> <li>▪ CVC will only maintain those areas identified in for View maintenance in the Urban Tree Management Policy. Other areas will be allowed to regenerate naturally. Council is to comply with relevant local, state and federal legislation and strategies when managing the environment</li> <li>▪ Weed control will be completed in these areas</li> <li>▪ Community concerns identified in the YSMP</li> </ul>
Patricia Waghorn Resident 38 Clarence St Yamba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agreement to controlled coastal vegetation planting in Yamba</li> <li>▪ Would like maintenance of views, growth kept to a minimum in areas where ratepayers pay more for the privilege of water views.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance</li> </ul>	
Mabel Molesworth Resident 1 Church St Yamba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern about vegetation growth depriving views</li> <li>▪ Requests maintenance of iconic, historic coastal views be “through, above and below” the canopy of trees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance, through, above, below</li> </ul>	
Jean Lindfield	As above-exact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance, through, above, below</li> </ul>	
Janelle Carpenter <a href="mailto:janellecarpenter@hotmail.com">janellecarpenter@hotmail.com</a>	As above-exact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance, through, above, below</li> </ul>	
Rod and Frances Billinge <a href="mailto:rnfbillinge@bigpond.com">rnfbillinge@bigpond.com</a>	As above-exact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance, through, above, below</li> </ul>	
Jan Dent <a href="mailto:jandent@hotmail.net.au">jandent@hotmail.net.au</a>	As above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance, through, above, below</li> </ul>	
Belinda Bourke <a href="mailto:belbourke@bigpond.net.au">belbourke@bigpond.net.au</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tree plantings have begun blocking many views</li> <li>▪ Urge council to select plantings that provide access to these views and remove trees that block them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance request for Lovers Point, the Lighthouse, whiting Beach</li> </ul>	
Nicole Trotter <a href="mailto:nickytrrotter@ozemail.com.au">nickytrrotter@ozemail.com.au</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern views associated with Yamba are being lost due to vegetation growth</li> <li>▪ Would like to see regular maintenance and pruning by council particularly in areas such as.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance request for Convent Beach and Pippi Beach</li> </ul>	
Heather Badgery <a href="mailto:heatherbadgery@bigpond.com">heatherbadgery@bigpond.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Would like views available to everybody</li> <li>▪ “A few viewing platforms are not the answer”</li> <li>▪ Vegetation on the headland of Yamba is overgrown</li> <li>▪ Would like trees cleared and replaced with grasses and groundcover.</li> <li>▪ Overgrown veg has formed a barrier to view and breeze</li> <li>▪ Overgrown veg contributes to moisture persisting and proliferation of mosquitoes on path between Main Beach and Clarence St Yamba</li> <li>▪ Suggests the trimming and thinning of trees ( as near the Pacific Hotel) could provide a simple solution if continued along the headland.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weed control for the area.</li> <li>▪ View maintenance</li> <li>▪ Replace trees with grasses</li> </ul>	

<p>Florence Zietsch Resident 21 Ocean St Yamba</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Previous plantings of banksias have stolen views of beaches</li> <li>▪ Placement of plantings inappropriate.</li> <li>▪ Would like balance between views and “green walls”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce number of trees planted and consider views when planting tree spp.</li> <li>▪ Viewing benches should have views</li> </ul>	<p>with a balance achieved through inclusion of several key view maintenance areas into the policy specific to Yamba.</p>
<p>Judith Hardie Kooyong Tullymorgan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Elderly but takes enjoyment from the views</li> <li>▪ Difficult to access some of the uneven surfaced areas for beautiful views.</li> <li>▪ Views being lost to vegetation growth</li> <li>▪ Council should consider the potential of views being obstructed in the future when they make plans for future plantings.</li> <li>▪ Suggests council should removing trees to prevent loss of views.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance</li> <li>▪ Would like tree growth removed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council have specified actions in regards to replanting which will not deliberately block out views. Regeneration is occurring naturally and will be allowed to continue in areas outside identified view maintenance locations.</li> </ul>
<p>TF &amp;CA Sayer 33 Victoria St Roseville NSW 2069</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wish that council adopt measures that ensure the preservation of coastal views and maintain visual enjoyment for those who visit live in Yamba</li> <li>▪ Growth of plantings has obscured views from their unit at “The Breakers”</li> <li>▪ Were assured plantings along Pacific Parade would not obstruct views from the units</li> <li>▪ Referenced YSTM pg 37 where it recommends that they (where views are obstructed) are cleared of these trees within the determined view corridor</li> <li>▪ Request that the veg be cleared in accordance with the YSTM in front of “The Breakers”.</li> <li>▪ Real-estate said lack of ocean views is restricting letting opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance</li> <li>▪ Would like tree growth removed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coastal formation and natural process will occur to restrict coastal vegetation growth in some areas. CVC will not undertake replanting in these sites where native vegetation is established and healthy</li> </ul>
<p>Linda Duke-Yonge 27 Orion Dr Yamba</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern about vegetation growth depriving views</li> <li>▪ Requests maintenance of iconic, historic coastal views be “through, above and below” the canopy of trees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance</li> <li>▪ Would like tree growth removed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consideration of heritage and cultural values when undertaking tree replacement and planting site assessment have been included into the procedures within the UTMS.</li> </ul>
<p>Lisa Paulsen <a href="mailto:lisapaulsen@bigpond.com">lisapaulsen@bigpond.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reference to YSTM pg 37 “vantage points have been obscured by the growth of revegetated Banksia integrifolia in particular”</li> <li>▪ Something needs to be done about vegetation growth.</li> <li>▪ Concerns for elderly , the current and next generation and tourist only being able to see a “green wall” they should be able to enjoy the views</li> <li>▪ Would like Council to take up recommendations of the Draft Policy and adopt all actions proposed on pg 39</li> <li>▪ Would like the “Key Public Views” parameter to be extended to include Convent Beach towards Lovers Point and around the Headland towards Pippi Beach, included an amended map for council consideration.</li> <li>▪ Iconic and historic views being lost to vegetation growth</li> <li>▪ Council should work with the public to facilitate the restoration and on-going maintenance of historic views.</li> <li>▪ If there are budget issue, the public should be involved in determining a mechanism whereby this constraint can be overcome.</li> <li>▪ Have been asking Council to adopt a policy whereby pruning and/or selective removal of vegetation is undertaken so views are above, below</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance, through, above, below</li> <li>▪ Would like tree growth removed in areas with potential views.</li> <li>▪ adopt all actions proposed on pg 39</li> <li>▪ View maintenance request for Convent Beach and Pippi Beach, Lovers point</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pages 37 and 39 of YSTM have been amended to reflect policy approach in Urban Tree Management Policy.</li> </ul>

	<p>and through the canopies of the trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Quotation from an Arborist “It is a difficult situation to balance views with the environment. In that regard your compromise picture looks reasonable.”</li> <li>▪ Strongly urge council to listen to community feelings on this issue and instigate a balanced policy.</li> </ul>		
<p>Donald Harding Woodburn 1 Ancona Rd Turramurra 2074</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reference to UTMS pg 42 – “recent driveway expansions for offstreet parking”, feels suggestions in his letter on the issue back in April 1990 would have contributed to the health of the existing trees. Also, happy to see the amenities block overlooking Main Beach was removed in 2009 which he recommended in 1990.</li> <li>▪ Reference to STMP pgs 37 and 38 –placement of viewing benches/seats in the past has lost their views due to growth in vegetation.</li> <li>▪ Photos attached to submissions compare vegetation growth from 2005-2011.</li> <li>▪ Suggests that appropriate attention be given so action can be taken in order of restoring previous views of oceans and beach (if possible) for the benefit of residents and visitors.</li> <li>▪ Great interest in the future beautification and heritage values of Yamba</li> <li>▪ Key point of the Yamba STMP ‘Key public views-balanced of ecological restoration goals and important and iconic views.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View maintenance</li> <li>▪ Viewing benches should have views</li> </ul>	
<p>Jack Claxton Yamba Landcare 13 Henson Lane Yamba</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alarmed at wording on tree management plan especially in regards to Emphasis on house values over natural values</li> <li>▪ Contradiction in plans with view maintenance yet tall trees still on list (Norfolk island pine)</li> <li>▪ Consideration towards a viewing platform on Pilot Hill</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Request pilot hill considered for view managed site and viewing platform.</li> <li>▪ Wording should emphasis natural values</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Species list updated to reflect diverse native species selection</li> <li>▪ Identified in the CV UTMS methods for collection of local seed stock for street tree plantings.</li> </ul>
<p>Dennis Milne <a href="mailto:dwmilne@exemail.com.au">dwmilne@exemail.com.au</a> 18 Hiawatha Road Minnie Water.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regarding Draft Tree Policy – considerable reference to views of stakeholders, this maybe ok in some instances but there are situations where tree planting and establishment should be the priority.</li> <li>▪ 15 years of experience as a volunteer in an effort to re-establish diverse native vegetation that has been degraded over the last 150yrs. Maintenance of natural vegetation is important to overcome exotic weeds, beach erosion and damaging human activity.</li> <li>▪ Removal of plant species from dunes and public reserves will create more work for council at considerable expense.</li> <li>▪ There are situations where all councils efforts will not be able to restore eroded environs.</li> <li>▪ CVC environmental statement refers to preservation of estuary and coastal zone habitats and areas of preservation and diversity of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Priority on revegetation of diverse native spp</li> <li>▪ Spp selection to be native and endemic</li> <li>▪ Program to remove environmental weeds from street -scape.</li> <li>▪ Education program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify in the CV UTMS and YTMP how environmental weeds will be controlled and scheduled for removal</li> <li>▪ Education program identified as an action in the YTMP</li> <li>▪ Predominantly native spp.</li> <li>▪ Exotics only used in select locations and only those proven not to be</li> </ul>

	<p>vegetation. This would be best maintained with natural vegetation in its natural state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ With a focus on carbon pollution, the task of maintaining the best natural and self maintaining agent of carbon absorption should be considered a top priority.</li> <li>▪ If it is still decided to remove vegetation the following should be considered.</li> <li>▪ In the first instance the removed species should be replaced with a similar size native, not necessarily in the same location.</li> <li>▪ If this is not feasible the replacement maybe a shrub or similar, again a suitable native. In the Grafton area a Susan Island spp would be preferred.</li> <li>▪ A program in place to remove Camphor Laurels as a street tree, there are other exotic species which produce large amounts of seed that get washed out into the river then onto riverbanks. These should be targeted.</li> <li>▪ Suitable spp maybe found in the Bushland Nurseries lists.</li> <li>▪ There should be an education program, not only by CVC but other councils even State and Federal Governments regarding preservation of NV and the advantages of using native species in domestic and commercial plantings.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>		<p>an environmental weed concern identified in spp list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Norfolk Island Pine remains due to community/heritage significance</li> <li>▪ Only select locations for view maintenance have been identified.</li> <li>▪ Street tree plantings will identify a standard of no less then 80% spp diversity when planning planting sites.</li> <li>▪ Natural regeneration will be encouraged to allow natural spp diversity in areas not within view maintenance locations.</li> <li>▪ Vegetation will not be removed without suitable replacement spp identified and established.</li> <li>▪ Consideration towards cultural/heritage values when managing the urban street environment incorporated into the CV UTMS.</li> <li>▪ If significant sites are identified these will be managed in accordance with Heritage Act 1977 No 136 and other relevant legislation.</li> <li>▪ Inclusion into the UTMS specifics relating to a nursery program for plants propagated specifically for street tree planting, plants selected will have good root</li> </ul>
<p>Imelda Jennings Resident <a href="mailto:Imelda.grant@bigpond.com">Imelda.grant@bigpond.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Important species selection are native and indigenous to the area.</li> <li>▪ Trees which provide good shade should be given preference.</li> <li>▪ Does not see NFPine as a desirable spp to have within selection</li> <li>▪ Would like Council to have forward progressive direction and recognise the value and importance of native plants.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Native spp only to be used in plantings list</li> <li>▪ Remove Norfolk Island Pine from the list and other non natives.</li> </ul>	
<p>Lance Blemming  Clarence Landcare Inc.  <a href="mailto:Clarence_landcare@bigpond.com">Clarence_landcare@bigpond.com</a> PO Box 594 Grafton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regarding Yamba STMP Chapter 4 –Key Public Views, Balance of ecological restoration goals and important iconic views. Plan suggests removal of trees on Pilot Hill through to Dolphin Park to accommodate private and public views. The reasoning given that banksias are short lived and do not respond well to pruning is unsatisfactory from an ecological and social perspective to warrant there removal in these public locations.</li> <li>▪ Replacement with low growing spp will not replace trees values because of habitat and foraging availability of species that use them will be removed in the process. Instability of sloping sites may also be a problem with this scenario.</li> <li>▪ The plan could also look at Aboriginal cultural values of the foreshore and headland sites which are not always obvious.</li> <li>▪ Issue to consider and could mention in plan is the natural views and vistas created through storm damage and the cumulative impact of this occurrence, although it does mention the need to remove trees for health and safety reasons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Loss of habitat means loss of species diversity</li> <li>▪ Plan should include cultural values</li> <li>▪ Allow natural processes to create view</li> <li>▪ Native species list should be adopted.</li> <li>▪ Remove coral tree from list</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There is also net loss of vegetation occurring due to development in Yamba and CV..</li> <li>▪ Supports the retention and maintenance of iconic Norfolk Pine due to historical and social significance. However a change in thinking towards a more native landscape has occurred. Introduced species threaten native biodiversity and natural resource condition. Considerable amounts of funding are being spent on ecological restorative works along foreshores, headlands and public reserves, often these works are carried out by volunteers in the community supported by government authorities.</li> <li>▪ The species list should be revised to reflect the above mentioned stage of thinking. exotic species does not replace native species values.</li> <li>▪ 25-30 of the 45-60 species listed are exotic review of species list recommended..</li> <li>▪ Remove coral tree as this is a weed of the NC.</li> </ul>		<p>formation and trunk structure, seed collected locally and replacement plants available if required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The UTMS updated to include mention of maintenance and replacement of plants as part of a work schedule for staff .</li> <li>▪ Rewording of the YSMP under heading – Street Tree Trials-( last sentence) pg 49 to reflect better the intended meaning</li> </ul>
<p>Office of Environment and Heritage</p> <p>NSW Government Locked Bag 914 Coffs Harbour 2450</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Further to the 2nd May 2011 submission council commended for efforts in taking to appropriately managed vegetation in urban areas.</li> <li>▪ Controls will allow appropriate assessment of impacts of tree removal lopping and pruning on matters such as biodiversity and riparian land as well as heritage values and of urban trees.</li> <li>▪ Actions taken to manage trees in urban areas of upmost importance given lack of provisions in the standard instrument LEP regarding assessment of impacts of tree removal across all LEP zones in the absence of a DCP with tree protection provisions.</li> <li>▪ Pleased to note on pg 71-72 of the Tree Management Strategy that CVC is currently in the process of developing a DCP for the preservation of trees and vegetation (Part E of the DCP) for the whole LGA</li> <li>▪ Preparation of a LGA wide DCP is strongly supported by OEH and look forward to reviewing when available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Important to have actions to manage trees in urban areas</li> <li>▪ LGA has limited provisions in the LEP regarding assessment of impacts of tree removal.</li> </ul>	