

Why should I hire a Qualified Arborist?



Trees provide an enormous range of benefits, some are often overlooked:

- Enhancement of local environment and ecosystems
- Provision of shade and shelter
- Reduction of pollutants and sequestration of Carbon Dioxide
- Improved well being

Pruning and removing trees can be a dangerous and technically difficult job, and should only be carried out by those who are trained to do so. Trees are also a great asset and can increase property values significantly as well as being large, complex organisms in their own right: poor maintenance of your trees can result in loss of tree health and / or structural stability. **Arborists care for trees** and provide services that can improve and enhance your tree's health, visual amenity and long term structural integrity.

What Services can a Qualified Arborist provide?

Consultation: Advice on everything tree related, from correct planting of recommended species to tree health, structure and stability.

Tree Health Care: Soil amelioration, foliar applications, pest and disease management.

Report Writing: Arborists' reports for Local Authorities regarding Development Sites (compliant with Australian Standard AS4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites), Tree safety and/or Impact Assessments.

Pruning: Professional pruning techniques (compliant with Australian Standard AS4373.2007. Pruning of Amenity Trees) to: reduce risk, reduce wind resistance, improve access over roads or to improve the structure of young trees.

Removal: Safe, controlled techniques to remove hazardous or dangerous trees.

Management Plans: Long term plans for long lived plants or pruning and management programs for Body Corporates, Shopping Centres and Schools.

Qualifications

As with all trades and professions, there are different levels of qualification for operators and consultants. If you are employing a consultant, they must be qualified to AQF (Australian Qualification Framework) Level 5 Diploma in Horticulture (Arboriculture) . If you want a tree removed or pruned professionally, your Arborist must be qualified to a minimum AQF Level 3 in Arboriculture or AFQ Level 3 in Horticulture (Arboriculture).

When engaging an Arborist (at any level), do not be afraid to ask to see proof of Qualifications, insurance and references. Always get more than one quotation and compare advice as well as price.

Be Aware!

Tree Loppers
are **NOT**
Trained Arborists!



Tree loppers are often untrained and not educated in correct pruning techniques, they are therefore not able to make informed decisions about your trees. Tree lopping is often sold as a "quick fix" for tree problems but this creates far more problems than it fixes.

Trees that are lopped are extremely likely to develop structural faults, and can become hazardous.



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