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TOWN OF COTTESLOE

5 Alexandra Ave,  
Claremont WA 6010  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2013

CEO Town of Cottesloe  
Attn: Mr Carl Askew  
Cottesloe Council Chambers  
Broome Street  
Cottesloe WA 6011

**RE: Reinstating a Flame(Coral) Tree at 10 Alexandra Ave, Claremont.**

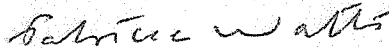
Dear Sir,

This is a request that you remove the Peppermint Tree recently planted on the verge opposite No. 10 Alexandra Ave, Claremont and replace it with a Flame (Coral) Tree.

The street is renowned for the decorative appeal of the Flame Trees presently there.

This new planting is an 'odd-man-out' and destroys the symmetry and pattern of the Streetscape.

Yours Faithfully,



Patricia Watts

E-mail Message

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**From:** [Bill Russell-Cargill \[SMTP:ctrust@bigpond.net.au\]](mailto:ctrust@bigpond.net.au)  
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**Cc:**  
**Sent:** 21/06/2013 at 1:31 PM  
**Received:** 21/06/2013 at 1:26 PM  
**Subject:** Flame Trees in Alexandra Avenue

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Dear Mr Trigg and committee members,

I am in full agreement with and completely support Mr and Mrs Finn of 11 Alexandra Avenue as well as all the other neighbours in this Claremont Hill location, that the replacing of a felled Flame Tree at No 10, with a non conforming Peppermint Tree instead of reinstating a new Flame Tree, is completely unacceptable and could be the start of a worrying precedent whenever Cottesloe Council decides to fell more, in their estimation, 'dangerous' Flame trees at will. The streetscape of Alexandra Avenue must at all costs be retained as lined with Flame Trees.

While on the subject of trees, I am also heartily against the removal of the Moreton Bay fig trees lower down in Congdon Street. Residents who buy in this area presumably choose to do so because of the attractive trees and therefore they have to accept that with that comes a fair degree of mess at certain times of the year. We pay hefty rates to Council to live in this beautiful area for good reason.

Yours sincerely  
Fiona Russell-Cargill  
26 Congdon Street

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E-mail Message

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**Cc:**  
**Sent:** 20/06/2013 at 7:37 PM  
**Received:** 20/06/2013 at 7:37 PM  
**Subject:** Street Tree Alexandra Ave

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ATTN: Geoff Trigg & Carl Askew

We are the owners of 10 Alexandra Ave, Claremont. One of the reasons we purchased the house originally and this year spent considerable money renovating the house is the attractive nature of Alexandra Ave, due significantly to the flame trees. During the storm late last year our flame tree was one of the trees damaged. We appreciate the quick action by council staff in making the area safe. While we were disappointed to be told by an arborist from council that the tree was now unsafe and needed to be felled, we appreciated the effort made to make that decision.

What we are not happy about, however, is the replacement of the flame tree with a peppermint tree last week. We believe that this not in keeping with the existing streets scape and will therefore damage not only the ambience of the street, but potentially, the value of our house.

We would ask that you replace the peppermint with a flame tree in order to maintain the streetscape.

Please consider this request and provide us with a response. Should you need to clarify any matters or seek to discuss this further, please contact us on 0434168422.

Thankyou  
Vivienne Burnham and Francis Logan

## Geoff Trigg

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**From:** Justin Mannolini [justinmannolini@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 June 2013 2:39 PM  
**To:** Geoff Trigg; council  
**Cc:** Yvonne Hart; Sally Pyvis; Katrina Downes; Greg Boland  
**Subject:** Reinstatement of lost Flame Tree on Alexandra Avenue

Mr Geoff Trigg  
Mr Carl Askew

Dear Sirs,

We wish to express our strong objection to the replacement of a flame tree on Alexandra Avenue which was lost during the storms several months ago with a juvenile peppermint tree.

As you know, the flame trees on Alexandra Avenue are a heritage feature of the street and we consider the replacement of the flame tree with a peppermint tree to be completely inappropriate and out of keeping with the streetscape. There are no other peppermint trees in the street.

We understand that the flame trees do require maintenance and this is costly, however the residents of the street also put effort into maintaining the verges and trees including in most cases reticulated watering which is at residents' own costs. We expect that a feature like the street trees, which draws so many people to want to live in the street and indeed underpins property values (ask any real estate agent with knowledge of the area), should be maintained and protected by the council. This is why we pay our rates!

We have been very concerned over the last few years by the council's apparent disregard for the proper maintenance and pruning of the trees with the result that many limbs became overgrown and dropped material into the street including on parked cars. Now it appears all trees have (belatedly) been pruned back to the curb line, which should address any residual liability / insurance issues arising from damage to parked cars. Hopefully the trees will continue to be properly maintained.

Whether it is the flame trees on Alexandra Avenue, the Norfolk Pines on John Street or the wide verges of Broome Street ... it is features like this which make Cottesloe a special place to live and need to be preserved even if it comes with a cost.

The peppermint tree is, I'm afraid, a substandard and frankly unacceptable replacement.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Justin & Amanda Mannolini  
9 Alexandra Avenue

## Geoff Trigg

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**From:** Moya [moya@alti.com.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 June 2013 6:28 PM  
**To:** Geoff Trigg  
**Cc:** council  
**Subject:** Reinstating Flame Tree art 10 Alexandra Ave

May we state in the strongest terms that we fully support the efforts of all residents in Alexandra Avenue to have a Flame Tree placed at No.10 to maintain the consistency of this beautiful street.

To allow a different tree to be planted would be planted anywhere in the street would permanently ruin the streetscape and constitute a "thin edge of the wedge" for the potential ruin of this historic precinct.

The avenue of like trees, in this instance 'Erythrina' must be maintained at all costs for many reasons but not least because of its beauty and uniqueness.

Ken & Moya Miller  
7 Alexandra Ave,  
Cottesloe

Sent from my iPad

## Geoff Trigg

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**From:** Robert Johnson [robert.johnson@bgeeng.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 June 2013 5:31 PM  
**To:** Geoff Trigg  
**Cc:** Yvonne Hart; Sally Pyvis; Greg Boland  
**Subject:** Replacement Street trees in Alexandra Avenue

Dear Mr Trigg

We have been residents at 3 Alexandra Avenue since 1983.

An outstanding feature of the streetscape and a significant part of the character of the area, known parochially as Claremont Hill, are the mature Coral trees ( also called Flame Trees) that line the streets.

We are aware that there has been some loss of the mature trees in recent times due to a number of reasons and replacements are being considered or even undertaken.

We write to express our support for the replacement trees to be the same Coral tree species that have been part of the character of the area for many decades. This support extend to replanting of any recent replacements that are of a different species to the Coral trees.

We trust these comments are in order and we are happy to meet on site to discuss the matter at any time.

Regards

Robert and Margaret Johnson

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## Geoff Trigg

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**From:** Ian Macliver [iam@grangeconsulting.com.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 June 2013 6:49 PM  
**To:** Geoff Trigg  
**Cc:** Yvonne Hart; Sally Pyvis; Greg Boland  
**Subject:** Tree Planting - Alexandra Avenue

Attention Geoff Trigg

Dear Mr Trigg,

We are writing to express our very strong opposition to the recent planting of a Peppermint tree in place of a Flame tree which was damaged in a recent storm.

The Flame trees are an integral part of the character of our street and their presence was one of the key factors in our decision to purchase our house in 2000. We continually receive complimentary comments from visitors about how lovely the street looks because of the Flame trees.

I trust that our views and those of others in the street will be given due consideration.

Kind regards

Ian & Chantal Macliver  
8 Alexandra Avenue

Sent from my iPad



E-mail Message

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**From:** Susanne Finn [SMTP:susannefinn@inet.net.au]  
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COTTESLOE/OU=COTTESLOE/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COUNCIL]  
**Cc:**  
**Sent:** 17/06/2013 at 5:45 PM  
**Received:** 17/06/2013 at 5:45 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Attn: Mr Askew - Replacement Street trees in Alexandra Avenue

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Attn: Mr Carl Askew

Please see below email forwarded to Council from Mr Rob Johnson 3 Alexandra Ave.

Many Thanks

Susanne Finn

From: Robert Johnson [mailto:robert.johnson@bgeeng.com]  
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cr.boland@cottesloe.wa.gov.au  
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**Attn: Mr Geoff Trigg**  
Engineering Services Manager  
Cottesloe Council,  
Cottesloe WA 6011

Paul & Susanne Finn  
11 Alexandra Ave  
Claremont WA 6010

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**CC: CEO Cottesloe Council - Mr Carl Askew**

Dear Sir,

**RE: Flame tree at 10 Alexandra Ave, Claremont**

Recently you replaced a fallen Flame tree in our street, at 10 Alexandra Ave, Claremont, with a small 1.0 metre juvenile Peppermint tree.

After speaking with many other residents of Alexandra Ave, Claremont the feeling has been much the same in that it is very important a Flame tree be reinstated to maintain the Streetscape of Alexandra Ave particularly for the reasons below:

- a. The balance of the Streetscape and natural beauty of these majestic trees needs to be maintained. Their exotic flowers attract a plethora of birds including Rosellas to the area throughout the year and add to the environmental balance of the area even though it is so close to a busy Highway and Rail line. It is a beautiful respite from the noise and bustle of nearby busy Claremont.
- b. A widely known 'Heritage verge Streetscape' being at least 50 years old and should be preserved. Heritage homes in the street are complimented by these trees.
- c. The Flame trees are renowned as 'Claremont Hill' and Alexandra Ave icons; similar to the Pine trees in John Street, Cottesloe and Peppermint trees in View Street, Peppermint Grove.
- d. Property values undeniably are influenced by this Streetscape as regularly confirmed by Real Estate Brokers selling in the area i.e. Mack Hall and Chris Shellabear.
- e. Residents in the area, some for 20, 30 and 40 years were attracted by these beautiful trees and the unique Streetscape.
- f. Council stopped pruning them tightly when power lines were moved underground. This affected their performance in a storm.
- g. Council are aware these trees needed pruning on a regular basis to avoid storm damage.
- h. The majority of these trees have managed well in many storms over the last 40 years.
- i. Several years ago a fallen Flame tree was replaced by another Flame tree to preserve the continuity of this beautiful Streetscape, setting a precedent.

- j. A Resident in the street was requested by council some years ago to pay to have a Flame tree moved rather than replace it when a driveway was built during renovations. This indicates the Council's awareness as to the value of these trees.
- k. Residents in the street were not surveyed as to their feelings having the fallen tree replaced with a juvenile non-similar species of which does not currently exist in the street.

In summary, Residents of Alexandra Ave are proud of their streetscape and believe to change the continuity is not appropriate. It makes the street look 'scrappy' and not what the majority support. It is also worrying that residents in the street were not surveyed as to their feelings having the fallen tree replaced with a non-similar species.

It is distressing to look at a juvenile Peppermint tree along a street lined with beautiful mature Flame trees.

We imagined rates are paid to maintain our beautiful street and enhance the aesthetics of our living environment on 'Claremont Hill'. It is a small and unique streetscape that Council needs to consider as such and support the residents of 'Claremont Hill' to maintain this by reinstating a Flame tree in front of 10 Alexandra Ave, Claremont.

Yours Faithfully,

Paul & Susanne Finn

## Geoff Trigg

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**From:** Dave Derwin  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 June 2013 10:49 AM  
**To:** Geoff Trigg  
**Subject:** Alexandra Ave and Parry St

Hi Geoff.

Coral Tree belongs to the genus *Erythrina Indica* and is native to Africa, India and parts of South east Asia and is often incorrectly referred to as a Flame tree because it has bright red flowers

Illawarra flame tree belongs to the genus *Brachychiton Acerfolius* and is native to the sub tropical areas of the east coast of Australia.

The coral is well noted to shed branches in windy conditions and in hot dry conditions.

During the last big storm we lost 5 trees due to trees losing major branches that rendered the trees no longer safe.

1 of these trees crushed the roof of a car and would have caused serious injury had someone been sitting in the car at the time.

Another fortuitously landed in between 2 parked cars causing some minor scratching to the front of one car, a metre either way would have caused major damage to either vehicle.

2 of the 5 lost trees actually fell over and were uprooted from the base (both on Parry St).

Over the years these trees have sustained numerous branch failures due to lopping for power line clearance, the trees are now full of weakly attached epicormic growth which will continue to fail.

On a side note, every time depot staff try to prune these trees they are met by angry residents telling them to go away and to leave the trees alone.

Currently in Alexandra Avenue there are ...

- 32 Coral Trees
- 1 Jacaranda
- 1 Stone pine
- 1 London Plain
- 1 Peppermint (newly planted).
- 3 spaces that need trees.

Currently on Parry St there are....

- 14 Coral Trees
- 1 silky oak
- 2 London Plain
- 1 Jacaranda
- 4 Peppermints (1 newly planted)
- 3 Spaces that need trees

Regards

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