



## **Council Addressing Problem Trees in Caravan Park**

There has been some discussion about removing trees in the caravan park which have unfortunately grown to a height where there is the potential for falling limbs to cause damage during storms or extreme hot weather.

In addition to the potential impact damage from falling limbs, the larger trees also have massive root systems that have prevented essential works to be undertaken on underground water, sewerage and electrical services. The large tall trees drop considerable tree litter that impacts growth of other species, grass and shrubs.

Whilst it is recognised that large tall trees can pose a danger, the suggestion that all the trees should be immediately removed has been quashed with a plan to encourage better tree management through regular pruning and an eventual replacement over time.

The plan involves the selective trimming of trees to reduce potential hazardous branches and the planting of more suitable varieties of trees that will, in the future, permit the removal of unsuitable trees without impacting greatly on the amenity of the caravan park.

It is anticipated that over the next 10 years or so, through a program of regular trimming and regrowth it may then be possible to remove the larger tree species to allow room for regrowth of shorter less aggressive varieties.

Therefore, you will notice the tree trimmers operating in the Caravan Park over the next few weeks and once this initial trim is completed and any dead branches and trees removed essential sewer, water and electrical upgrades will be able to proceed.

If you have any concerns or would like more information please contact the Shire Office.

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