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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CEDUNA

Ceduna Foreshore Trees

Ceduna encountered a severe storm in December 2016 which resulted in many trees along the Ceduna foreshore being uprooted or severely damaged. Council engaged the services of an experienced arborist to conduct an assessment of all of the trees along the Ceduna foreshore to determine any remediation required to mitigate public risk arising from the damage to the trees.

The arborist completed the assessment in January 2017, providing a detailed report to Council.

The arborists report recommended pruning or pollarding of 53 identified trees and recommended the removal of 18 identified trees, to reduce the risk of personal or property damage arising from the poor condition of the trees, most of which are Aleppo Pines.

The assessment also recommended the progressive removal of all the Aleppo Pine Trees in the long term, due to their poor amenity value as they age, their tendency to structural failure under adverse conditions and the natural suppression of lawn growth under their canopy.

At the ordinary meeting of Council held on Wednesday 19 April 2017, Council considered the arborists assessment report for the Ceduna foreshore trees and resolved to take timely action to remove the 18 trees and prune the 53 trees as identified and recommended in the report.

Council is committed to replanting the Ceduna foreshore area in an orderly and planned manner, utilising local specialist advice regarding suitable species, consistent with Council's adopted Ceduna Foreshore Master Plan, to ensure that the amenity provided by trees along the foreshore is maintained and improved over time.

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