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Murray Bridge Cemetery Tree Removal

Community Update

June 2017

The Rural City of Murray Bridge is continually improving the aesthetics and environmental appeal of our parks and our reserves, including cemeteries.

Council has recently planted new advanced *Pyrus ussuriensis* (Manturian Pear trees); various groundcovers; and native flax lilies along the boundary of the Murray Bridge Cemetery. This new landscaping will enhance the new stormwater harvesting catchment site that was upgraded in 2016 on the western boundary of the Murray Bridge Cemetery (refer to Image 1).

Council proposes to remove the existing mature Cypress trees that are located along the western boundary of the Murray Bridge Cemetery (refer to Image 2). These trees are damaging graves and monuments through the intrusion of roots. The trees also drop a lot of pine needles over the grave sites. Past pruning practices of the Cypress trees overhanging the graves is unsightly due to the nature of this tree species.

Image 1. Newly planted trees along stormwater basin



Image 2. Proposed trees to be removed



It is proposed to remove the offending trees in June and July 2017.

If you require further information, please contact Council's Group Leader Open Space, Darrin Lovegrove on (08) 8539 1170 or email d.lovegrove@murraybridge.sa.gov.au

Regards

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