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Massey Street Reserve Vegetation Management

In response to the Circular Head Chronicle and Tarkine Coast front page Wed 14 August 2019 in relation to the fire risks at the reserve.

Council General Manager Scott Riley says “Council will consider vegetation management options at the Massey Street Reserve before the 2019/20 bushfire season”. According to Mr Riley “Fine tuning the vegetation management at the reserve to manage fire risks and improve the area at lowest cost to the community will be a focus for Council.”

Council has a program of abatement to look at fire hazards in urban areas. This is undertaken in preparation for each fire season and is typically coordinated with climatic conditions so that slashing and maintenance can occur before the highest periods of risk.

“The area has been assessed by the Tasmanian Fire Service in past years and a combination of the maintained defendable spaces and management of undergrowth on public and private land is part of managing bushfire risks in this area” says the General Manager.

Council has sought and obtained conditional permission to remove a selection of trees so there is a better view of the estuary and coast from the lookout. These works are not funded in this year’s budget and will be considered amongst other priorities for the community.

Further media enquiries may be directed to Matthew Seward on 6452 4824

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