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Tree Removal at Irishtown Rec Centre

In response to community feedback, Council decided at the April Council Meeting to remove a line of ageing macrocarpa pine trees at the Irishtown Recreation Centre adjacent to Irishtown Road.

This work will address a long-term issue of community safety in Irishtown and reduce the risk to community and road users, and damage to public road infrastructure in the event of a tree collapse from ongoing vegetation decline. The trees are of a significant age and are in the last stages of their life cycle. Some are already dead and pose an ongoing safety concern to road users and users of the sports ground.

Work will begin on **6 September** and is anticipated to take up to 2 weeks in total. It has been timed to begin following the conclusion of the football season.

Tree felling should take approximately 3 to 4 days and the road will be closed during this time with no vehicles allowed to pass. Heavy vehicles should use alternate routes through Trowutta Road and Grooms Cross Road during this period. Remediation work will continue for several days after the tree felling and detours will be in place during these times. At other times there may be periodic lane closures.

Directional signage will be in place and traffic management personnel will be on site at all times. It is important that vehicles follow the alternate routes.

The timing of this work is weather dependent. Council and our contractor will attempt to minimise disruption to community and road users as much as possible.

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