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Montagu Park Camping Ground – Delayed Start

Circular Head Council is planning to open the Montagu Park Recreation Reserve later this month following a delayed start to the season.

Circular Head Mayor Daryl Quilliam said the reserve should be open by Monday 25 November following urgent tree removal in the area.

“Following the discovery of a fallen tree in the reserve Council has taken a further assessment of other trees in the area in the interest of public safety,” Mayor Quilliam said.

“This assessment found a further 19 trees that need to be removed as they pose a high risk to people using the reserve.”

Mayor Quilliam said while a number of other trees had been identified as medium risk, these will be managed following the end of this camping season.

“In the interim Council will be ensuring campers are given information about what’s planned to manage the risks posed by tree coverage,” Mayor Quilliam said.

“In the longer term, Council will be working on a long term plan for the reserve, which will obviously consider tree management.”

Meanwhile, Council is continuing negotiations for an operator of the reserve in preparation for the camping season.

“While we are prioritising making the reserve safe for the public, we are also looking to finalise an operator for the park to ensure the park can reopen by the end of the month,” Mayor Quilliam said.

The removal of the trees will cost about \$15,000.

Further updates will be provided to the public in due course.

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