

Media Release

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Rectification works for CBD Revitalisation Project

Alice Springs Town Council will undertake rectification works to remove and replace 11 trees that were originally planted as part of the Alice Springs CBD Revitalisation Project – Shade and Cooling Initiatives, following independent assessments by qualified arborists.

The trees were planted under the original project prior to ASTC assuming responsibility for their ongoing management and maintenance. The independent assessment found the trees had developed structural issues, including leaning and uneven growth, making them unlikely to mature into the large, healthy shade trees intended for these locations.

While the removal of trees is never a decision taken lightly, ASTC is acting on the independent advice to address the issue early and give replacement trees the best opportunity to thrive.

ASTC will replace the affected trees with Desert Kurrajong (*Brachychiton gregorii*), a native species well suited to our CBD landscape. The species is drought tolerant and capable of developing into large, healthy shade trees that will contribute to the long-term success of the CBD.

Where practical, removed trees will be transplanted to more suitable locations or repurposed through other landscaping applications. Tree removal works will commence on Saturday 24 October and will continue through November, with replanting to occur shortly after. These works will take place during the early morning to minimise disruption to businesses, pedestrians and traffic. Revised traffic conditions will be in place when necessary.

Trees play an important role in creating a cooler, greener and more welcoming town centre. By acting on the independent advice and addressing the affected trees now, ASTC is focused on ensuring the CBD landscaping can provide healthy, sustainable shade and lasting benefits for residents, businesses and visitors.

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