

Council Works Notification

Alstonia Scholaris (Milky Pine) Tree Removal

Works location: Queens Gardens, North Ward

Distribution date: Wednesday, 30 August 2023

Townsville City Council recognises the value and important role of trees in the urban landscape. In managing the City's Public Tree Network, Council must balance various risks against the social, economic, and environmental benefits Public Trees can provide.

Council's Principal Arborist has completed a detailed inspection to one of 17 Alstonia Scholaris (Milky Pine) located in Queens Gardens.

The decision to remove the tree is based on the certified Arborists report that confirms that the tree is beyond remedial care and no further arboricultural management practices can be recommended to safely retain the tree.

To ensure the safety of the community and associated infrastructure, the tree will be removed, and the stump will be ground to 200mm below the ground surface level with all surface roots removed. Suitable trees will be planted in the vicinity of the removed tree but not in the exact location to replace the equivalent lost canopy cover.

Prior to removal of the Alstonia Scholaris (Milky Pine) Council will propagate saplings.

Normal work hours are from **6am to 4pm Monday to Friday**. In exceptional cases, work may be required outside these hours.

Tree removal works are scheduled to commence on **Monday, 11 September** and is expected to take **five (5) days** to complete (weather and project conditions permitting).

Works may involve:

- Removal of tree and mulching
- Operation of machinery
- Noise

Council has appointed a local qualified contractor to undertake the removal of the tree.

Contact: Open Space Manager, Townsville City Council

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