

Media Response

18 September 2025



Please attribute the following responses to Greater Dandenong City Council Executive Director City Futures, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:

Can Council confirm whether it took down the tree? When and why?

The Lone Pine (*Pinus brutia*) located near the RSL memorial in Noble Park was removed in June 2025.

Council was closely monitoring the health and condition of the tree over the past two years. After several inspections this year, the tree was found to have died and required removal.

Was the removal of the tree consulted with the Noble Park RSL or the wider community?

The RSL along with surrounding residents were notified of the pending removal.

Was Council aware of the Lone Pine's significance?

Council is aware of the significance of the tree and is currently working with industry to secure a suitable replacement.

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Media Enquiry

16 September 2025

From the Dandenong Journal

I am following up on the Lone Pine in the Memorial Garden Noble Park.

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