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To the Resident,

Tree vandalism on Branagan Drive, Aspendale Gardens

Our Urban Forest Team manages over 100,000 trees in Kingston, and we often receive feedback that they are valued community assets. We regularly inspect our trees to ensure they are in good condition, remain safe and continue to provide a range of health and environmental benefits for wildlife and the community.

We were disappointed to discover that three young nature strip trees on Branagan Drive have recently been deliberately vandalised (see example images overleaf).

Interfering with Council trees is an offence under our Local Laws. The incident is being investigated by our Local Laws team and has also been referred to Victoria Police. We encourage anyone with information that could assist the investigation to come forward.

The vandalised trees will be replaced in the coming weeks as part of Council's ongoing nature strip tree planting program. Replacing these trees requires additional Council resources that could otherwise be used to expand our tree planting program. Council staff will continue to monitor the area. If further vandalism occurs, protective tree guards and signage will be installed and remain in place until the replacement trees are successfully established.

Reporting information

If you have any further information about the matter, please contact Council's Open Space team via kingston.vic.gov.au/contact-us



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Example of recent tree vandalism in Aspendale Gardens

