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To the Resident,

Significant tree vandalism in Embankment Grove, Chelsea

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 six young nature strip trees on Embankment Grove have been deliberately vandalised, having been cut 5-10cm from ground level. This will result in their deaths (see example images overleaf).

As part of our ongoing nature strip tree-planting objectives, we will replace these vandalised trees. The area will also be regularly monitored by Council staff to detect any further vandalism.

Damaging Council's trees is an offence under our local laws, and we are interested in receiving further information, including photographs or CCTV footage, that could assist with our ongoing investigation.

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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