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To the Resident,

Tree vandalism in Cassava Court, Dingley Village

Our Urban Forest Team manages over 95,000 trees in Kingston and we often receive feedback that trees are valued assets within our community. Council is also working to undertake annual tree planting to increase tree canopy in accordance with our *Urban Forest Strategy 2023*.

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 have been very disappointed to discover repeat cases of vandalism of nature strip trees in Cassava Court, Dingley Village. A young tree has recently been poisoned with herbicide (*see image overleaf*). This vandalism represents an unfortunate waste of valuable resources.

As part of our ongoing nature strip tree planting objectives, we will replace the recently vandalised tree in the 2026 planting season. Due to the recent vandalism, the area is also being monitored regularly by Council staff.

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 by:

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