

Community Bulletin

Preston Reservoir

Tree removal and landscape master plan

July 2014

Project Update

Due to health and structure problems, the row of Monterey Cypress trees lining the east of High Street must be removed and replaced. This forms a key part of the Preston Reservoir landscape master plan.

In late 2013, Heritage Victoria informed Melbourne Water that Preston Reservoir, as part of the Yan Yean Water Supply System, had been added to the Victorian Heritage Register under the provisions of the Heritage Act 1995.

As a result, Melbourne Water has obtained a permit from Heritage Victoria to alter a 'heritage place', which includes the removal and replacement of these trees.

What does this mean for the project?

The existing landscape plan, with input from Darebin Council, indicates Black Sheoak (*Allocasuarina littoralis*) as the replacement species for the High Street frontage. As part of the Heritage Victoria permit process, this species is now under review. A condition of the heritage permit requires a tree planting plan that identifies an 'appropriate alternative conifer' to replace the Cypress.

Melbourne Water will continue to liaise with Heritage Victoria and the local community to explore both exotic and native replacement tree varieties.

What's happening and when?

We will commence works to remove the eastern row of trees along High Street beginning early August 2014. These works are expected to take approximately 10 working days.

Our contractor will mulch light foliage on site, while trunks and larger branches will be transported off site for disposal.

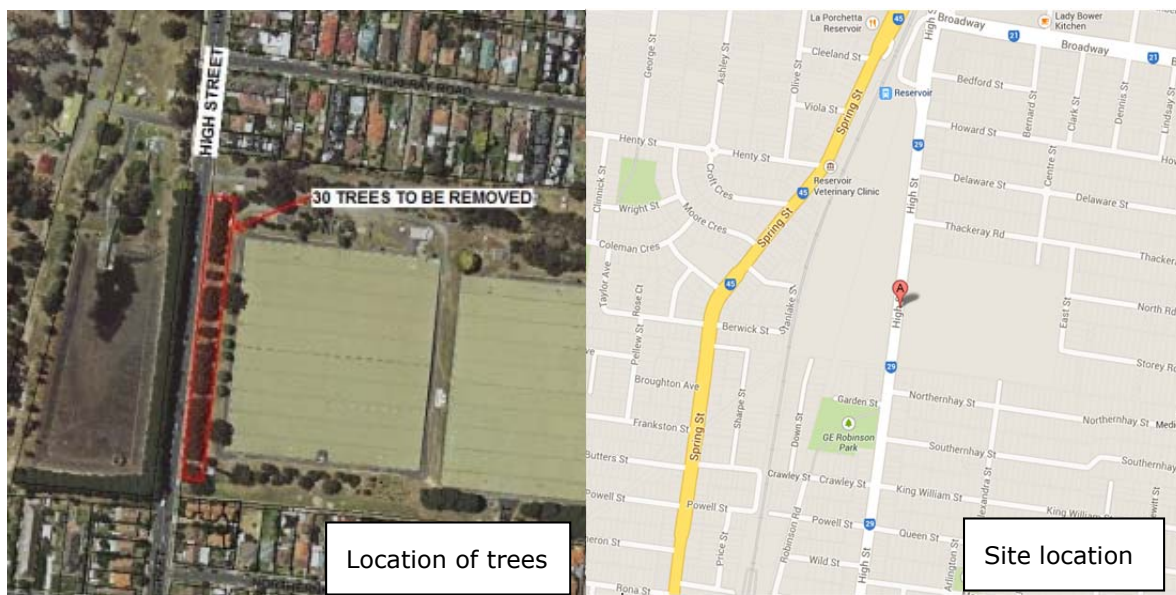
Will there be any impacts?

There may be some unavoidable noise and dust associated with the works. This will be restricted to the hours of 8am to 5pm, from Monday to Friday.

To protect public safety, there will be traffic management in place with one southbound lane intermittently unavailable during works.

Melbourne Water understands there will be a temporary but significant visual affect and loss of amenity to the area. Trees will be planted as soon as practical after a decision has been made on the type of trees to replace the Monterey Cypress trees.

Melbourne Water apologies for any inconvenience and will minimise any impacts as much as practicable.



For more information about this project call Charlotte Blakey on 9679 7083 or visit the project page www.melbournewater.com.au/prestonreservoir.

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