

**13. BROAD PARK EXTENSION -
APPLICATION TO REMOVE MACROCARPA**

RR 9027

The Parks Manager reported, presenting a resident's request to move a macrocarpa tree from the unformed proportion of the Broad Park extension. The report was considered at the February meeting of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board when a deputation from the property owner, Mr Tony Van Eekelen of 93 Broadhaven Avenue was received.

Mr Van Eekelen sought the removal of the tree for the following reasons:

1. The tree overhangs the section by 7 metres.
2. Parts of the tree occupy space of the proposed house.
3. Although the tree is evergreen, foliage is dropped all year round and will gather on the roof, block gutters and aid in discolouration of the plaster finish.
4. All morning sun will be blocked on the eastern side by the tree.
5. Risk of tree collapsing on the new home will cause unnecessary worry.

The request to remove the tree was not supported by the Community Board or the Parks Unit. The Parks Unit considers that the tree concerned is safe, is of significant value to the landscape of the area and is a landmark in the Ballance/Broadpark Street area. It complements the older trees in Broad Park and the younger ones nearby in the lee of the sand dunes. It is the only large tree between Broad Park and Bottle Lake Forest Park.

A survey of 35 nearby residents revealed that 28 favoured its retention while the remaining seven supported the application to remove the tree.

After considering the staff report, the results of the survey of residents and submissions from the Chairperson of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the applicant, the Committee concluded that most of the resident's concerns could be met by trimming the tree away from the boundary. The Committee took the view that as the tree was in a healthy state and a significant landmark in the area it should be retained.

The Committee **resolved** that the tree not be removed but be trimmed back from the boundary by the Council.

(Note: Councillor Sheriff declared an interest in the above item and abstained from the voting and discussion thereon.)