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INTRODUCTION

Mona Vale is a prominent garden park within the city open space system, consisting of numerous mature trees and shrubs, lawns and associated summer displays of roses, annuals and perennials. Mona Vale attracts many thousands of visitors annually, both local and from overseas.

TREE REMOVALS

During recent years, several large trees have been removed, due to the decline in their condition once they have passed beyond maturity. This is normal as specimens age, and with the number of young and medium aged trees throughout the garden it has become a cyclic process.

TREE ADJACENT TO HOMESTEAD

A mature copper beech (*Fagus sylvatica* ‘Purpurea’) located adjacent to the front entrance of the Mona Vale Homestead, has been in decline for the past two years. During the summer of 1998/99 the tree declined to the stage where only 60% of the foliage grew. Upon further investigation and with spring growth due, it is apparent that this tree will not recover.

Although this is a large tree in a prominent position, it is to be removed and the area suitably planted in readiness for the approaching summer.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.