Weedy Tree Removal

Mitchell Street Reserve, Seaview Downs | Weedy Tree Removal

Mitchell Street Reserve has Swamp Oaks (*Casuarina glauca*) which are a declared species under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019.* The reserve also has multiple Itchy Pod Trees *(Lagunaria patersonia)* which have a seed pod which can cause skin irritation and allergic reactions particulalry in children and pets. Council plan to undertake the removal of these trees, subject to available budget.



LEGEND

Swamp Oak
Casuarina glauca
Tree poisoning to occur 25/26
Removal of tree to occur 26/27

Itchy Pod Tree
Lagunaria patersonia
Removal of tree to occur 26/27

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Frequently asked questions

Project timeframe / stages
Council plans to poison the Swamp Oaks during the 2025/2026 financial year and remove both the Swamp Oaks and Itchy Pod Trees during the construction of the reserve upgrade in the 2026/2027 financial year.

Why is Council removing the trees?
Swamp Oaks are a declared species under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* due to their suckering nature and must be appropriately controlled. At Mitchell Street Reserve they are causing damage to the site and impacting the large native trees.

Itchy Pod Trees have seed pods that can cause significant skin irritation and allergic reactions in the community, particularly for children and pets.

What is the process for removing the trees?
The removal is a 2-stage process:

1. Trees will be drilled and filled with an appropriate herbicide by licenced operators.
2. Once the tree and root mass has died, the trees will be removed from site.

The herbicide application method is directly applied to the trees and therefore has no airborne impacts. The removal work will be undertaken with exclusion zones marked out with signage, bollards and flagging.

Will new trees and shrubs be planted in place of the Swamp Oaks?
Yes, appropriate local native trees and shrubs will be planted in cleared areas.

Will other trees or plants be removed?
No, we will retaining all native trees and biodiversity planting that has been established at this site.

If you have any queries, please contact the Open Space and Recreation Planning Team (08) 8375 6600