

# Swamp Oak Removal

*Casuarina Glauca*

## Cove Oval | Swamp Oak Removal

Cove Oval, Hallett Cove, has a significant infestation of Swamp Oaks (*Casuarina glauca*) along the boundary of the eastern oval. As Swamp Oaks are a declared species under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*, Council will be undertaking a staged removal of these trees. Stage 1 will coincide with the planned playground upgrade. Following removal, appropriate local native trees and shrubs will be planted instead. Additional stages of tree removal will be scheduled in future financial years.



### LEGEND



**Stage 1  
(High Priority)**  
Weedy tree removal to be carried out in conjunction with playground upgrade



**Stage 2  
(Medium priority)**  
Weedy tree removal to be scheduled for a future financial year.



**Stage 3  
(Low priority)**  
Weedy tree removal to be scheduled for a future financial year.

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## Frequently asked questions

### Project timeframe / stages

Council plans to remove the Swamp Oaks along the northern boundary of the oval in the 2025/2026 financial year. New trees will be planted as part of the playground upgrade in 2026/2027. Additional stages of tree removal will be scheduled in future financial years.

Weed poisoning will be carried out in this financial year for Stage 1 tree removal.

### Why is Council removing the Swamp Oaks at Cove Oval?

Swamp Oaks are a declared species under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* due to their suckering nature and must be appropriately controlled. At Cove Oval they are causing damage to playground area and impacting the large River Red Gums. If not controlled they will cause damage to the oval and the club house.

### What is the process for removing the Swamp Oaks?

The removal is a 2-stage process:

1. Smaller trees will be cut and swabbed, and larger trees will be drilled and filled with an appropriate herbicide by licenced operators.
2. 4 to 6 weeks later 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, many of which are fast-growing and form dense canopies.

### Will other plants be removed?

Yes. Any species present that could be harmful to the ongoing success of the planted verge may be removed where appropriate. Healthy, native established trees will remain.

If you have any queries, please contact Biodiversity Coordinator Jacob Lemon via email [council@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@marion.sa.gov.au).