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REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES AT MANUKA OVAL

Territory and Municipal Services today announced the urgent removal of hazardous trees at Manuka Oval.

“Territory Venues and Events (TVE) have undertaken a tree hazard assessment for all trees at Manuka Oval, as a result 22 trees have been identified as hazardous and requiring removal,” said Mr James Kiwi, Events and Operations Manager, TVE.

“A tree replacement strategy has been developed and includes recommended suitable replacement species and identified a planting framework. Replanting will begin in Autumn 2010.

“Tree removal will begin in the New Year and residents are invited to attend a public tour of the site on Monday 21 December at 5.30pm.

“The tour will include an inspection of the trees and an explanation of the tree replacement strategy. The arborist and landscape architect responsible for the respective tree assessment and replacement strategy will be available to answer any questions residents may have.

“As the Manuka Oval precinct has been nominated on the Interim Heritage Register, the application to remove the trees was considered by the ACT Heritage Council, who have provided their approval for the tree removal. The Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment has been made aware of the proposal but has not been given any assessments or detailed information,” said Mr Kiwi.

Many of the trees comprise of the original plantings circa 1924 to 1927. Of these, the White Poplars (*Populus alba*) in particular are in serious decline due to the impacts of age and drought. A 22 metre White Poplar recently fell over without warning and landed next to the eastern toilet block.

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