

Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project

Construction of the Sunshine Coast Airport's new runway is well under way.

Work to trim or remove some trees in the Marcoola area will soon start.

This trimming and management of trees is required to ensure there are no obstacles on the ground or surrounding infrastructure that could be a safety hazard for arrivals and departures from the new runway.

The clearances required for the new runway are regulated by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and are consistent with international standards for airports.

Vegetation management near runways is standard practice at airports across the world and has been occurring in the vicinity of the Sunshine Coast Airport since it opened in 1960.

Project summary

Council contractors will trim trees in Keith Royal Park and on the footpaths along Keith Royal Drive, Rex Terrace and Taylor Terrace.

In recent months the project team has been working with a number of residents in and around Keith Royal Park where the trees are located.

Five street trees have been identified for removal, as well as a number of trees on private land.

A professional arborist team has been contracted and any private landholders impacted have been contacted by Council.

If we have not spoken to you personally, no trees on your property will be impacted.

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Tree trimming program – Marcoola

Timing

Works will be conducted on public land **Thursday 26 September and Friday 27 September 2019**, weather permitting.

Work hours will be between 7.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Traffic Management

Traffic management measures will be in place if required to ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

Your safety is important to us

A safe zone will be created around the trimming works.

We ask for your patience during this time and please heed any instructions and signage in the area.

Caring for our environment

Trimming activities in Keith Royal Park and surrounds have been designed to have minimal lasting impact.

The majority of trees being trimmed are swamp paperbarks, a species that is resilient to trimming.

To offset required trimming works, Council arborists have completed a street and park replanting plan. Fifty five (55) locations where trees on public land are to be planted are shown on the map below.

If any of the locations marked on the figure below are near your home and you have a preference of species, please contact council on (07) 5475 7272 to discuss.

Weather permitting, the proposed tree planting is scheduled to commence on Monday 14 October 2019.

