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The property owner  
Armidale NSW 2350

Dear property owner

### **Notification of Shared Path Reconstruction**

#### **Western side of Taylor Street - Erskine to Merinda Place**

Armidale Regional Council will be undertaking Reconstruction work of the shared path (Existing Asphalt) on the Western side of Taylor Street which is in very poor condition. This path is a high foot traffic area which includes primary school children that attend Ben Venue Primary School.

This will be a staged project which will include;

1. Tree removal and replanting of suitable tree species.
2. Excavation and removal of the damaged and poor condition asphalt pavement.
3. Preparation and realignment of shared path.
4. Construction of a new concrete path.

The removal of seventeen (17) Claret Ash trees that have extensively damaged the existing shared path and associated infrastructure. An investigation, assessment and report on the condition of the identified trees has been undertaken by Council. The removal of the trees will be undertaken on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March this will reduce impact during normal work times. The removal of the trees is expected to take approximately one (1) day. Weather permitting.

#### **Why is Council undertaking this work?**

- Council is undertaking these works for public safety and to provide a long term solution to this site given its location and ensure the essential infrastructure is maintained and is fit for purpose.
- Unfortunately from time to time trees impacting essential infrastructure are required to be removed. It's not something we like to, in this instance it is necessary to ensure pedestrians and community safety and the longevity of the path, road pavement and kerb and gutter.

### How will the work affect you?

To minimise the impact to traffic which is heavier during the week the road closure for the tree removal has been scheduled for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March this will reduce impact in this area. The removal of the trees is expected to take approximately one (1) day. Weather permitting.

- **Staff will be on site from 7:30am. Noise from trucks and chainsaws will not commence until 8:00am.** Council staff will do their best to complete the work as quickly as possible.
- On street parking will be impacted. To allow council staff and contractors to complete their work successfully and minimise the impact to you, we ask that you do not park your vehicle in the street for the duration of the work.
- The Reconstruction of the shared path is subject to finalisation of an RFQ and acceptance of a Contractor, subject to approvals these works are proposed to take place during April School Holidays starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Every effort will be made to complete as much of the work as possible within this timeframe.
- **Should the work not be able to start in the school holidays you will be notified.**
- Movement of construction workers, vehicle and heavy machinery will occur during construction. There will be an increase of activity and associated noise. Monday to Friday work hours will be 7am to 5pm. Saturday 8am to 1pm.

### Changes to traffic during upgrades

- Taylor Street Parking lane on the Western side will be closed between Erskine St and Merinda Place intersections during works.
- For the safety of road users, pedestrians and onsite construction personnel, traffic management signage and controls will be in place throughout the project.
- Access to properties on the Eastern of Taylor should only be minimally disrupted with some delays during working hours.

Council appreciates your patience, understanding and cooperation during the completion of upgrades to the road network. Should you require any further information, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 136 833.

For further information please visit Council's Works and Projects page at [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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