## Coast Park Stage One

## Semaphore Park to West Lakes Shore

## Landscape Design Update

Construction of the Coast Park Path Stage One is underway, and works are progressing well.

Coast Park Stage One incorporates a 1.3-kilometre Shared Use Path between Third Avenue Semaphore Park and Wara Wayingga-Tennyson Dunes Conservation Reserve.

The Shared Use Path will be accessible, approximately 3m wide and constructed of a hard surface (concrete), providing convenient, safe access for people of all ages and abilities to walk and cycle along the coast.

We previously advised that roots extending into the construction area, from the introduced Casuarina trees, would be cut and treated prior to construction of the path, in line with specialist advice and that some Casuarina trees not required for important dune stabilisation may be removed.

We recently engaged an arborist to undertaken further assessment and provide recommendations for the management of the introduced Casuarina trees.

Based on specialist advice it has been determined that all Casuarinas between the western side of the path and the dune fence line from Noora Place to Third Avenue, Semaphore Park will be removed.

While Casuarinas may provide some shelter to nearby residents, they are an introduced and invasive species with an aggressive root system that can cause damage to nearby infrastructure and the natural environment.

Removal of the Casuarina trees is expected to commence on Monday, 24 July and be completed by the end of July 2023. Hours of work will be between 7am and 5pm weekdays and between 8am and 2pm Saturdays as required.

We are currently updating the landscape design to include additional native dune species to be planted in the areas where Casuarinas have been removed. This will improve dune stability and enhance local habitat and amenity.

Once completed, updated landscape plans for this section will be made available on the project website.

It is anticipated that planting of the new vegetation will occur in spring.

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