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MEDIA RELEASE

POISONING OF TREES?

Council has been notified that a number of trees are dying at the Dimboola Skate Park. Following Council's inspection of the trees and consultation with the supplier, it appears that the trees may have been poisoned. Mayor of Hindmarsh Shire Council, Cr Ron Ismay said "Council suspects deliberate poisoning of the trees, which is extremely disappointing. The trees were planted not only to provide future shade for the skate park, but also to enhance the environment."

This suspected vandalism has been reported to police. "Council is investigating the purchase and installation of mobile covert cameras" Cr. Ismay added. The cameras would be set up at various locations, providing evidence to support prosecution of any suspected vandalism in the future.

If you have any further information, please contact Wayne Schulze, Manager Operations on 03 5391 4444, mobile 0428 322 835 or by email wschulze@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Council is currently developing a "Tree Strategy". Cr. Ismay said, "Community members are invited to provide their ideas for suitable tree species for nature strips, open spaces and Council properties. We strive to keep our towns neat and tidy, to attract visitors to the area".

For further information on the tree strategy, please contact Janette Fritsch, Manager Strategic Assets & Planning on 03 5391 4444, mobile 0428 365 527 or by email jfritsch@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

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