

Frequently asked questions

Why do the trees need to be removed?

We understand the value our community place on the fig trees in Council Street. However they are not suitable street trees, and are causing risk to people and property. They need to be removed so we can replace and upsize the aging stormwater drainage to reduce the risk of homes being flooded. We have an obligation to keep our community safe.

Will there be any impacts on fauna?

An independent ecologist has recommended the trees be removed now, minimising the impact on local fauna. An ecologist will be on site for the duration of the work, ensuring animals are correctly handled and cared for if required.

What will the street look like after stage one is complete?

The tree stumps will be ground down to street level. Asphalt will cover the stumps to provide additional parking. When we come back to replace and upsize the stormwater drains, we will be able to remove the rest of the tree roots underground. Once the new drains are installed, and the road is replaced, new street trees will be planted.

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Council Street renewal, Cooks Hill

Stage 1



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Newcastle City Council is renewing Council Street in Cooks Hill. This project aims to improve stormwater management by renewing and upsizing the drainage infrastructure, replacing the deteriorated footpath, roadway, kerb and gutter, and improving traffic circulation.

What to expect during tree removal:

- Road closures and detours
- Work hours between 7am - 6pm
- Reduced car parking during tree removal
- Noise from tree removal machinery
- Increased truck movements
- Power outages

Stage 1

31 January
to 2 February
2018

Stage 1 involves the removal of street trees. We will return later in February to cover tree stumps with asphalt to provide parking until we return for stage 2.

Stage 2

Start April
2018

Stage 2 involves moving utilities such as water, gas, telecommunications and electricity, and replacing and upsizing stormwater drainage, new road surfacing, footpaths, kerb and gutter, and planting of street trees.

Works include

- Tree removal to install new stormwater drainage
- Plant new street trees and landscaped vegetation
- Removal of existing road block
- Change traffic flow to one way from Darby to Bruce streets (east to west)
- New road and footpath pavement, including sandstone kerb
- New separated bicycle lane between Darby and Bruce Street
- Intersection blisters for traffic calming
- Install bicycle racks on corner of Council and Darby Street
- Install new street lighting

Power outages

During tree removal between 31 January and 2 February, a number of Council Street properties will be disconnected for several hours to ensure tree branches are lowered to the ground in a safe manner. Following the removal of the tree, the power will be reconnected.

A qualified electrician will be on-site to ensure that properties are reconnected at the earliest opportunity.

Ausgrid will be protecting electrical lines from 22 January in preparation for the tree removal works.



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Road closures

To ensure public safety, a full road closure on Council Street will start the evening of Tuesday 30 January 2018, with the road re-opening on completion of the works late Friday 2 February 2018.

No on-street parking or access to driveways will be available during the road closure.

All residents on Council Street and Glovers Lane (north of Council Street) are encouraged to find alternative parking during this time. Only residents with off-street parking may be given vehicular access before 7am and after 6pm with approval by the on-site controller.

- Bruce Street will remain open to through traffic.
- Glovers Lane will remain open to through traffic for residents only. However, a traffic controller will be in place at the entry and exit to Glovers Lane to ensure vehicles safely enter and exit.
- Dawson Street will remain open to through traffic.
- The carpark at the rear of the Hotel Delany will remain operational, however at times the exit will be controlled to ensure trees in the vicinity are felled safely.
- Cars will not be able to enter Council Street from Darby Street.

Access to properties

To ensure your safety, residents must contact the on-site controller directly on 0401 362 097 to be escorted to and from their home between 7am and 6pm on 31 January to 2 February. Heavy machinery will be in use.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works.