Wheatsheaf Road
Tree pruning trial

Merri-bek
City Council

During our consultation on the proposed Wheatsheaf Rd development we received feedback from a few traders that the current Ornamental Fig (*Ficus microcarpa* 'Hillii') trees planted in the footpath occasionally hinder sightlines, limit the visibility of shopfronts and obstruct patrons exiting their vehicles.

The Fig trees are currently pruned annually using a topiary pruning technique. In the long-term these Fig trees will be removed to allow for the planting of larger trees along Wheatsheaf Road. Given this outlook, Council is proposing to trial a different pruning technique on the Fig trees to create a slimmer tree that looks more like a stout green pole.

This trial aims to monitor how the trees respond to the more extensive pruning method and understand the community's response to the work.
If successful, the Fig tree pruning may be rolled out to other shopping strips across Merri-bek.

When will the tree pruning works takes place?
Saturday, 13 April 2024.

How will the pruning impact my business?
We estimate the pruning will only take one day to complete. Traders may be affected by the temporary closure of car parking spaces immediately adjacent to their business for a few hours.

Separate from this tree pruning trial, Council's streetscape improvement construction works for Wheatsheaf Road are on-track to commence around August 2024, subject to authorities' approval.

For more information about this Council project go to www.conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/wheatsheaf-road

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