



MEDIA STATEMENT

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REMOVAL OF BUNYA PINE TREE

A Bunya Pine tree on the premises of the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office (TCEO) in New Town has been removed due to safety concerns.

The tree recently dropped several large oval-shaped pinecones, measuring 350mm in diameter (larger than a football), and weighing approximately 6kg each, onto several parked cars causing considerable damage. The dropping of pinecones presented an ongoing safety risk to staff and visitors to the site, who could have been struck by one of the falling pinecones.

Nearby residents (one of whom has an identical species of tree on their property) were notified of the impending removal of the tree by letter and email. Prior to the tree's removal, the TCEO contacted the Hobart City Council for advice. Council advised that the Bunya Pine tree was not listed on its Significant Tree Register, nor was it heritage listed.

A qualified arboriculture company removed the tree from TCEO property earlier today. All necessary precautions to minimise risks associated with the removal process, and disruption to neighbouring properties were taken.

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