

Q&As – Maintenance and tree removal on Woodland Street, Essendon (May 2026)

1. Why are you doing this work along Woodland Street?

The road surface, kerbs and gutters on Woodland Street have been damaged by tree roots, creating an uneven road surface and uneven kerbs and gutters. To repair the road and make it safe for road users, we need to remove trees from the centre median as part of a full road rehabilitation and replacement of kerbs and gutters.

2. Did you look at other options to repair the road and save the trees?

Yes. We considered other repair options, but independent advice showed the tree roots would continue to affect the road and associated infrastructure.

3. What is road rehabilitation?

A road rehabilitation (as opposed to resurfacing) is the most extensive form of road maintenance, which involves strengthening a failing road by adding additional pavement material, and may also include removing the failed material and treating to restore the pavement and surface.

4. Are you able to save any trees in the centre median

There are currently 31 trees planted in the centre median along this stretch of Woodland Street. Through the arborist investigations we have been able to identify 11 trees that we expect to be retained. Four trees will be assessed onsite during works to determine if they can be retained, while 16 trees need to be removed.

5. Are you going to replant trees in the centre median?

Yes. All 16 trees will be replaced with a species of eucalyptus tree (*Corymbia citriodora* 'Scentuous' - Lemon-scented Gum), which will retain the native tree character of the area while significantly reducing the risk of future damage.

6. Won't the remaining trees create the same issue when they mature?

We have used arborist advice to determine which trees can remain and which need to be removed to reduce the risk of ongoing damage.

7. What are you doing with the trees that are being removed?

We will repurpose the trees that are being removed for use as habitat logs and mulch in local parks and gardens.