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The Resident
Castle Drive
LENNOX HEAD NSW 2478

Dear Resident

Re: Castle Drive Fig Tree – Notice of Ceremony

I write to provide you with an update regarding the removal of the fig tree on Castle Drive and to invite you to a local healing ceremony to be held next week.

At the Extraordinary Council meeting this week, Council again discussed the matter of the fig tree removal on Castle Drive, and the result is to proceed with the tree removal. This decision was made due to the recognition that there was no reasonable alternative but to proceed with the removal. The date of removal will be subject to contractor availability, and should occur in the coming weeks.

Prior to the removal, Council will arrange a healing ceremony held at the site of the tree on Castle Drive, and is writing to invite local residents to attend. The ceremony will be held at 8am on Friday 25 May and will include an Aboriginal smoking ceremony as well as the blessing of cuttings taken from the tree. These cuttings will be available to the community once they have been propagated at Council's nursery.

Once again, following the tree removal, Council will be inviting feedback from residents in respect of the tree replacement options and rehabilitation of the site.

I trust the ceremony will be of special significance to the local residents, and hope that you will join us to mark the occasion. If you have any enquiries in regard to this matter please contact Cheyne Willebrands, Manager Open Spaces and Resource Recovery on 1300 864 444.

Yours faithfully

John Truman
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