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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 13 APRIL 2022**  
**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

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The following Questions with Notice have been received from Cr Jablonski: -

**TREE REPLACEMENT**

1. *Is Council intending to replace the trees that have been pulled out in Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley and if so what is the proposed timeline?*
2. *What is the proposed budget for tree replacement for the 2022/2023 year?*

**Response from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services: -**

Council will be replacing newly planted trees that have been vandalised as soon as quality nursery stock is delivered.

Selective tree removal and replacement programs occur in accordance with Council's Management of Public Spaces Tree Policy. This is a staged approach which replaces poor performing trees to reinvigorate the urban canopy and remove trees impacting Council's infrastructure.

The risk to public safety (including road users) and property will take priority in tree removal decisions in emergency situations.

Species selection for tree planting is based on site suitability, aesthetics, functional and biological attributes, performance and the potential to contribute to the landscape character.

Council considers requests from residents to plant street trees in accordance with the above policy.

The budget for public spaces tree replacement for the 2022/2023 financial year is incorporated within the overall Parks and Gardens maintenance budget.

Council spent approximately \$18,000 on tree maintenance/replacements during the 2020/21 financial year, with approximately \$9,000 spent to date this financial year.