

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 825

Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services

1. What work is proposed to clean up the “Memorial Park” off Owen Dixon Drive and when will this work be undertaken, given that there have been recent reports about it falling into neglect.
2. What are the long-term plans for the park referred to in part (1), including the trees and the plaques which have been installed at the site.
3. What records exist of people who planted trees there and will these people be consulted about the future of the park referred to in part (1), given that this area was established some time ago and provided people with the opportunity to plant a tree in honour of people they knew who had died.

TARA CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

1. The Palmerville Memorial Forest was a project between Landcare Australia and Conservation Volunteers Australia in the mid to late 1990s and is not managed by the City and Environment Directorate.

Representatives from City Services and the Ginninderra Catchment Group met on site in 2021 to look at options for rectifying the forest. Horticultural maintenance works were discussed including removal of dead trees and dead material as well as mowing in the forest.

However, while some minor maintenance works were undertaken, no significant works have yet been undertaken as Landcare Australia advised that quotes received at the time were excessive.

2. Representatives from City Services again met with Landcare representatives at Palmerville Memorial Forest on Friday 30 January 2026.

Potential options for tree removal and maintenance, as well as future mowing and maintenance of the site were discussed, and Landcare Australia will be putting together a proposal for works.

3. The ACT Government is not aware of the record keeping processes of the time. Landcare Australia has advised that they will be contacting those who contributed to the forest to discuss their proposal.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Tara Cheyne MLA
Minister for City and Government Services

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