

Court Reference COR 2022 007408

Findings of: Coroner Audrey Jamieson

Deceased: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date of death: 28 December 2023

Cause of death: 1a: Head Injuries sustained from impact by a large falling branch from a gum tree

Place of death: [REDACTED] Burnells Road Upotipotpon 3669

Strathbogie Shire Council

(i) With the aim of preventing like deaths and promoting public health and safety, I recommend that the Strathbogie Shire Council consider disseminating information/reminders to property owners about the importance of regularly checking trees on one's property.

In response to the recommendation, Council will consider and implement a range of community education and awareness initiatives, which may include:

- Providing seasonal reminders through Council's website, newsletters and social media channels encouraging property owners to regularly inspect trees on their land for signs of damage, disease, instability or dead limbs.
- Sharing information about engaging suitably qualified arborists where concerns are identified or where trees are large, ageing or located near dwellings, play areas or accessways.
- Incorporating tree safety messaging into existing emergency preparedness and storm season communications where appropriate.
- Exploring opportunities to provide educational material or links to relevant guidance from industry and government agencies relating to tree health and maintenance.

Person responsible for the consideration of the recommendation:

Leanne Carbonneau
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