

Tree Vandalism

Understanding the value of trees and caring for Country is paramount in keeping the Woronora Valley healthy and beautiful.

Apart from trees providing cool shade, some species release water from the leaves to their family friends beneath them, especially in very hot conditions. The ground cover is kept cool and watered with a fine mist spray. If we, ourselves stand beneath these trees we can experience the cool from the fine mist spray and the shade from the leaves and branches.

Trees provide not only homes for our native animals but food for us all. Trees hold the soil together and they slow down runoff and topsoil erosion. We construct our homes using tree material, in fact as our wise Elder Uncle Max Dulumunmun Harrison taught us... 'Everything comes from a rock or a tree'.

First Nation people have a healthy respect for Country with stories for each plant and animal. They have been successful custodians of Country for 80 million years. Country disrespect and destruction means human illness and death. It is our responsibility to take care of Country and own a healthy respect for the trees and plants who give us the clean air and oxygen we breathe.

Recently for a second time, trees in the Village Green, soon to be named Norm Dixon Reserve, have been senselessly vandalised. Sutherland Shire Council planted these trees for our community, and we need to show our appreciation and respect by caring for Country.

Calling on all Woronora residents to continue to respect our trees and be diligent in reporting and stopping any harm to them.

Report to: Snap Send Solve OR SSC.

