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Mr Richard Olive

Dear Mr Olive

**INSTALLATION OF MEDIAN STRIP AND TREES BETWEEN DERHAM STREET AND ROSS STREET, PORT MELBOURNE**

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your question that was tabled at the council meeting held on 14 September 2009.

The project you refer to has not proceeded. It was originally conceived as a traffic calming and beautification project; however the project is not budgeted for action this financial year. Council officers will reassess this prioritisation within the next six months, including a residential survey to determine support within the community for median enhancement works.

A key action in the Council Plan is the development of a comprehensive tree policy, this is currently in development. Consequently, a streetscape analysis is being undertaken for every street in the municipality. This information will be used to prioritise streetscape renewal projects and to develop a street tree upgrade program. Your street and the planting of trees will also be considered in this process. The policy is due for completion in June 2010.

As part of the development of the Tree Policy, Council is hosting a series of tree summits to obtain feedback from the community. I would encourage you to attend one of the summits to provide any feedback you might have in relation to trees.

The details for the summits are as follows:

- 18 November between 6:30pm and 9:30pm at the St Kilda Town Hall
- 25 November between 6:30pm and 9:30pm at the Port Melbourne Town Hall

Should you wish to attend a summit please contact Assist on 9209 6777 or email [Ospace@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Ospace@portphillip.vic.gov.au) to register.

Should you require any further information please contact Dwayne Carter, Coordinator of Parks Services on 6209 6218.

Yours sincerely

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